

Prayer Focus 15th March 2020

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Dear God, When I am among the people whom I love – let there be joy;
When I spend time in silence and solitude – let there be joy;
When I go about my daily business – let there be joy;
When the sorrows of life weigh me down – let there be joy;
When circumstances do not go my way – let there be joy;
When I cannot see the path ahead of me – let there be joy;
Among the highs and the lows, the weakness and the strength,
In every season of life O Lord – let there be joy. Amen.

EBC & Local Focus:- Pray for the church AGM on Tuesday.

Pray for the Marilyn Baker concert on Saturday.

Pray for the protection of our more vulnerable members of the congregation from the coronavirus.

Pray for our local health care workers at this difficult time.

Street of the Week :- Priests Way

Community Prayer Diary:- Swanage Town Council: Our Mayor-Mike Bonfield, The Town Clerk- Dr Martin Ayres and our councillors

National & World Prayer Points:- Coronavirus is spreading rapidly around the world, officially declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11. More than 119,000 people have been infected and the death toll is over 4,200 people. The numbers are increasing daily, and the disease seems to be cropping up in many more places.

Almighty and All-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

we pray to you through Christ the Healer

for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19 across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss

of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress

and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast,
acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown. Amen.

Gracious Father, We lift up the people of Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe

who are still trying to rebuild their lives, a year after Cyclone Idai.

Please continue to heal the sick, comfort the brokenhearted,
and provide for those who are now facing devastating droughts across southern Africa.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.