

## Prayers for when you can't get to church

Father of all creation, I thank you that you have given us a world rich in resources, and invited us to share in your creative spirit. Help me to accept with joy the abilities you have given me, neither wasting nor misusing your creation. May I act with reverence and love towards all things and so reflect the great love you have for your creation.

**Amen**

*David Adam*

Father of mercies, I pray for all whom I love, for your love for them is greater than mine, and you want for them only what is for their good. So have them in your keeping, O Lord, and give them now and always the blessing of your peace, for Jesus Christ's sake.

**Amen**

O God, lead us from death to life; from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

**Amen**

*Satish Kumar, adapted from the Upanishads*

God bless all those that I love; God bless all those that love me; God bless all those that love those that I love and all those that love those that love me.

**Amen**

### For your prayers this week

**Those who need our Prayers :** Stuart Holland; William Shave; Betty and Tony Steele

Michael Farmer; Trisha DeVillie; Pauline and Keith Spalding; Mark Clements; Carole Baker;

Pauline Hall; Caroline Seal

**Year's Mind:** Pamela Delaney; Sheila Hempstead; Winston Fenning; Allan Spreckley;

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**Those Recently Departed:** Alma Wilson; Molly Aldous

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### 25th October 2020

Welcome to this Issue of the Pew Sheet. During these difficult times our aim is to produce a weekly sheet which follows the normal pattern of prayers and readings that would be heard in our Sunday Service. We hope it will be a comfort and help.

### Collect

God, our light and our salvation:  
illuminate our lives,  
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,  
and looking on your beauty  
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Our online services will continue via YouTube. You can find the link on our facebook page, or type in: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for 'St Mary's Bacton Church'. A link will be posted in the weekly email too.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7.30pm – Service to remember loved ones at Old Newton Church. A reflective service to remember those we love but no longer see.

Star Trail – from 29<sup>th</sup> November we want as many people as possible to put up STARS in their windows or gardens- the brighter the better! We will then encourage people to hunt as many stars as possible round our villages.

### Sunday 1st November

9.30am Bacton church  
11.00am Cotton Church  
3.00pm Gipping Chapel  
6.30pm Wyverstone Church

**Remember:** if you should be shielding or isolating, please do not come.

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## Readings for this Sunday: Bible Sunday

### Psalm 119. 9-16

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

### Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

### Matthew 24: 30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

### Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,  
whose Son, the light unfailing,  
hath come from heaven that he may deliver the world  
from the darkness of ignorance:  
may the eyes of our understanding  
be opened through these holy mysteries  
that we, knowing the way of life,  
may walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**