




ST JOHN'S & ST MARTIN'S
WONERSH BLACKHEATH
PARISH CHURCHES

PRAYER TOPICS
June 2024


Pray because Christ died to give us access to the Father. Pray because God is worthy of our praise. Pray because we need His forgiveness, cleansing, guidance, and protection. Pray because others need our prayers.

Suggestions to start off your prayers for some issues the Lord cares about...

<p>Saturday 1st June</p>	<p>Pray for tomorrow's services, asking God to draw in new people and to demonstrate His presence in power.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 am Morning Worship (David) • 10 am Blackheath Holy Communion (Paddy)
<p>Sunday 2nd June</p>	 <p>Pray for David our vicar. Give thanks for his ministry. Ask God to inspire all his preaching and leading of services, and all his pastoral work, especially with individuals so they will encounter Jesus. Pray for the several funerals he is currently arranging.</p>
<p>Monday 3rd June</p>	<p>Pray for the upcoming General Election, that God will overrule in the result, for His honour. Pray for the campaigns over the next month, that truth will be the core value for all the parties. Pray that false information will be defeated on the internet, on television, in the press and in people's minds.</p>
<p>Tuesday 4th June</p>	<p>Pray for the situation in Palestine and Israel. Hamas deliberately started it and prolong it, backed by Iran. Israel has been behaving badly for years, and is now behaving very badly, though its overall objective, to stop Hamas permanently, seems just. Is it achievable? Talk to God as you feel led. Seek His kingdom.</p>
<p>Wednesday 5th June</p>	<p>Pray for the European Parliament elections taking place from tomorrow until 9th June. In many countries the far right parties are likely to dominate – a threatening prospect for national elections later on. Pray for God's mercy.</p>
<p>Thursday 6th June</p>	<p>Pray for the work of Wonersh surgery. Give thanks for its service to the community. Pray for the staff, that they will be encouraged in their work. Pray for the partners as they direct the practice. Pray for increased funding for NHS primary care.</p>

<p>Friday 7th June</p>	<p>Pray for our local councils, at parish, borough and county levels. They are there to serve their communities. Ask God that this may be the priority of every councillor. They are greatly constrained by central government, and funding is especially tight at present. Pray for wisdom for them and all their staff.</p>
<p>Saturday 8th June</p>	<p>Pray for tomorrow's services, that God will meet each person's deepest need as we come together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 am BCP Communion (Colin) • 10 am Morning Worship with Baptism (David)
<p>Sunday 9th June</p>	<p>Pray for our new mission partner GLO (Great Lakes Outreach). Founded in 2003 by Simon Guillebaud as a Christian charity serving Burundi, it works through local partners. Burundi borders the northern end of Lake Tanganyika... this has risen 12 feet (3.6 m), causing terrible floods. Pray for aid to reach the tens of thousands affected. Pray for GLO's partners.</p>
<p>Monday 10th June</p>	<p>Pray about domestic abuse. With one in four women in the UK experiencing domestic abuse during their lives, there must be women in our area suffering from it. And it is a national problem. Pray for victims to be kept safe and to be able to leave their abusers – on average it takes seven attempts.</p>
<p>Tuesday 11th June</p>	<p>Pray for the Mission Team meeting tomorrow evening. Chaired by Caroline Stearman, other members are Alice Bounsell Hughes; Anne Heine-Carmichael; Alex Vinall; Chris Nazir Ali; Keith Bateson and vicar David when available. Ask God to guide them.</p>
<p>Wednesday 12th June</p>	<p>Pray for Chatterbox tomorrow morning at Lawnsmead, and every week during term. Pray for the mums and toddlers who come, for Clare as she leads it, for the volunteer helpers. Ask God to reveal His love and to draw whole families to Christ.</p>
<p>Thursday 13th June</p>	<p>Pray for the UK government. Although new political initiatives are not normally permitted during the run-up to a general election, the machinery of government has to continue. Pray for all government employees and for God's mercy.</p>
<p>Friday 14th June</p>	<p>Pray for teenagers and young adults in our parish and community. Ask God to protect those who come from Christian families against loss of faith and temptation. For the others there is little to speak to them of Christ. Ask God to do so directly.</p>



<p>Saturday 15th June</p>	<p>Pray for tomorrow's services, asking that we will all be empowered to commit ourselves to God afresh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 am Holy Communion (Paddy) • 6 pm Blackheath Evensong (Patsy)
<p>Sunday 16th June</p>	<p>Pray for Ukraine. At present the Russians have the military advantage and the west's support is patchy and late. Pray for God's mercy and protection on Ukraine, and military success.</p>
<p>Monday 17th June</p>	<p>Pray for our Connect Groups. They exist to build up our relationship with the Lord, and with each other, with the Bible as basis. Ask God to encourage us and challenge us. "His kingdom come".</p>
<p>Tuesday 18th June</p>	<p>The UK General Election campaigns are halfway through. Pray against foreign cyber interference and all other misinformation. Pray for protection of all candidates. Pray for a good voter turnout. Pray for the best outcome for our country.</p>
<p>Wednesday 19th June</p>	<p>Pray for tomorrow's 10.30 am service, and for our seniors' ministry in general. Pray for Charlotte Richards and the others involved in arranging and leading services and playing music. Also for the pastoral side of the work.</p>
<p>Thursday 20th June</p>	<p>Pray for our local mission partner, Wonersh & Shamley Green School. Pray for the Holy Spirit to influence everything done there, so that the children's lives will have a godly foundation.</p>
<p>Friday 21st June</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>Pray for our mission partner with Viva, Mim Friday. Ask for a renewed filling with the Holy Spirit. Viva is working hard with CRANE at the moment to establish some in-country sources of income. A little school has started. A farm is being turned into a children's play and therapy space. The Music Studio is looking for commercial contracts. The CRANE Library is open for business. Pray that these ventures would get up and running, and that the proposals where they are still waiting for a decision will be granted.</p> </div> </div>
<p>Saturday 22nd June</p>	<p>Pray for tomorrow's services, for God to bring us all closer to Him and to each other, and to equip us for the week ahead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 am CW Communion (Colin) • 10 am Morning Worship (Liz Hayley leading, Jane Boswell preaching) • 6 pm <i>Be still with God</i> (Julian Meeting renamed) at St Martin's (Charlotte Richards)

<p>Sunday 23rd June</p>		<p>Pray for Paddy Beresford, for his own walk with the Lord, and for his work for <i>Jews for Jesus</i>. From tomorrow to 27th he is leading a retreat for staff in Berlin, and 1st-3rd July a similar retreat in Budapest. Pray that God's presence will be experienced at both, for His glory.</p>
<p>Monday 24th June</p>	<p>Continue to pray about the aftermath of Brexit. As long as both main parties say they will not change the treaty relationships, there will be no closer ties with Europe. Our present relationship is economically damaging. Ask God for mercy.</p>	
<p>Tuesday 25th June</p>	<p>Pray for new families showing an interest in church, that they will discover Christ's love for them personally, both directly and through the way we treat them. Ask God for deep friendships.</p>	
<p>Wednesday 26th June</p>	<p>Pray about climate change. Pray that the major countries in the world will implement radical policies to change from fossil fuels to renewable energy, enough to make a useful difference.</p>	
<p>Thursday 27th June</p>		<p>Pray for Wonersh URC. Ask God to give the members a new ability from the Holy Spirit to gossip the gospel. Also to prepare people to listen and respond. Pray for Graham Hoslett as part-time minister.</p>
<p>Friday 28th June</p>	<p>Pray for our Sunday children's groups as they meet in the vicarage during church, and then join the rest of us towards the end of the service. Pray for the team to teach with God's love.</p>	
<p>Saturday 29th June</p>	<p>Pray for tomorrow's service, for those present or watching on YouTube. Ask the Holy Spirit to give us true repentance and abundant life – streams of living water to bless others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 am Holy Communion (David) 	
<p>Sunday 30th June</p>	<p>Pray for the millions of persecuted Christians around the world. Pray for their protection and for courage in their witness. Ask that they will be both wise and gentle. Pray that the wider church will not forget them, and for God's guidance and blessing in all efforts to help them. Ask God to glorify His name.</p>	



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