

WELCOME

21 FEBRUARY 2021

10:30 REV ANDREW SELLWOOD

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

# Prayers

## DAILY PRAYERS

### Sunday:

As we come to worship You today we give thanks that we can come at different points on our life journeys, to travel together in faith. Help us to grow a faith that overflows into active participation and service for the good of others.

### Monday:

Pray that we may always be an inclusive and welcoming congregation providing comfort and refuge for anyone brought low in these challenging times.

### Tuesday:

Pray for our politicians, both local and national. May they serve with humility and wisdom at a time when difficult decisions have to be made.

### Wednesday:

Give thanks for those who model a life of faith and bring out the best in us. May we let go of pride and pretence, embrace our strengths and accept our weaknesses. Grant to us this servant heart and may no act of love come to be regarded as beneath us.

### Thursday:

Pray that we may continue to live out to those around us the ability to live respectfully with difference and to welcome with good grace those in need whoever they may be.

### Friday:

Pray for all those experiencing difficulties in the changing business environment. Grant them an understanding of any new rules and procedures and the wherewithal to adapt.

### Saturday:

Bless our young folk at this time of restricted freedom. Guide them in any decisions which they may have to make concerning the future.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

10:30: Maureen Clarke  
Duty Elder: Bobby Hitchin

7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

10:30: Jode James  
Duty Elder: Caroline Hibbs

14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

10:30: Rev Andrew Sellwood  
& Tom Hackett  
Duty Elder: Wilfred Rhodes

## ZOOM LENT COURSE

Andrew's Lent Course continues online via Zoom this Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup> February) at 19:00. The text this week will be **Acts, chapters 3 & 4**. To book your place please email [andwood@ntlworld.com](mailto:andwood@ntlworld.com).

## ONLINE SERVICES

The Sunday Services continue to be streamed every week on YouTube and the church website ([gurc.net](http://gurc.net)) from around 10:25 every Sunday morning. You can watch live or catch up later.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

This year, the Elders plan to hold a Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> April). There will be two options to join in; either in person at the church, or via the livestream on our website/ YouTube. This meal reminds us of the traditional Passover Meal that Jesus took part in during Holy Week.

If you would like to join us, either in person or virtually, you **MUST** sign up by contacting Mary Redman on [mary@redlee.co.uk](mailto:mary@redlee.co.uk) or 01903 692218 by 24<sup>th</sup> March. We will then be able to provide you with a goodie bag complete with all the necessary items for this service.

## DAILY HOPE

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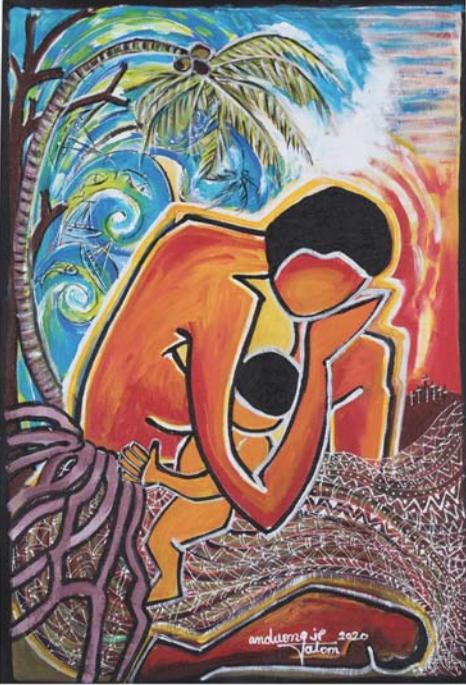
This is a free phone call that you can access at any time from the Archbishop of Canterbury. There are several options to help and encourage you in your daily life. It's worth listening to! **Eileen Rhodes**

## CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

During the year we also remember all in our Church Family.

**This week:** Bett Swierk, Rosemary Terry,  
and Ryan, Susie, Charlie & Joe Thomas

# Notices



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer service will be held on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021** at 2.30pm. Originally planned for St Mary's Church, due to Covid we will be conducting the short service over Zoom.

The theme is **Build On a Strong Foundation** (Matthew Chapter 7 vv 24-27) and the service was put together by women in Vanuatu.

Booklets for the service are available whether or not you are able to join the Zoom service. These include the order of service and also fascinating details about the host country.

Please contact Susie Thomas at [susie@mcmouse.co.uk](mailto:susie@mcmouse.co.uk) or (01903) 700141 if you would like further information, a service booklet and/or an invitation to the Zoom meeting.



If you would like anything to be included in Welcome please contact the editor.

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