

In the last week a team from the three Bearsted churches visited homes in Mallings Lane, Mallings Drive, Water Lane, Roundwell, Sutton St, The Grove, Fremlins Rd and Plantation Lane.

We give thanks for the visitors and pray for every home in these roads for God's blessing and protection.

In addition these individual prayer have been requested.

 **Many people asked for good health and happiness for their families and expressed concern for different family situations. We pray for -**

- Daphne, a 93 year old grandmother living in Barty House, whose family feel she is giving up on life;
- Shane's friend and friend's mother who is struggling with dementia.
- Father-in-law Alan who is suffering from dementia and for the whole family.
- Mum, who is poorly, with early signs of dementia, and for father, pray for strength to cope.
- A lady's family that they keep strong in a difficult time and for a good outcome.
- A 92 year old widower who lives alone, he is well supported by his daughter and son-in-law who visit every day but he is still lonely and misses having a car
- Bruce's girlfriend's work situation, that more work will be forthcoming.
- Lynn who is very upset about her 95 year old father who lives in Deal, has dementia and wants to continue living alone.
- A mother and daughter estranged for seven years. That there will be reconcilliation and healing in the relationship.
- Lynn's daughter Laura who has difficult personal problems.
- A mother and daughter's relationship; for all mother-daughter relationships.
- Jasmine who is expecting a baby in August, that everything will go well as she lost her last baby.
- For good health, particularly those in advancing years, and living alone.
- My mum Jenny who is so special

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**✚ We give thanks that we are fearfully and wonderfully made but sometimes our health fails us. We pray for-**

- A work colleague whose three year old grandson has just been diagnosed with leukaemia;
- Diane's husband who had a stroke two years ago and is now suffering from age-related macular degeneration;
- A man whose skin complaint has flared up again, possibly through stress, may he find relief and healing, during a busy work schedule.
- Anne's sister Barbara who is going for heart surgery.
- Inga who is undergoing cancer treatment
- Mary who was injured in a physical attack. That she will have mental and bodily healing.
- Mick with Parkinson's, that he will learn to cope well.
- Julie who has terminal cancer, that she will be free from pain and that her end will be peaceful. For her family as they grieve her loss.
- David who has cancer which is most likely terminal. We pray for his treatment and for his family as they anticipate life without him.
- A wife who has just had a stroke
- David who is recovering from surgery.
- Janet's husband John who has had serious health issues since Christmas.

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**✚ We pray for those with special occasions and situations at this time. We pray for -**

- Shernolds School's Open Day on May 11th. Kerry gives thanks for all the very hard work put in by staff and others to contribute to the success of the day.
- The possibility of Jake finding an agent in order to further his acting career.
- A neighbour who lives alone and is on his own. We pray that he can continue to live in his own house as long as possible. And for his carers who look after him diligently and with love and care.
- Farmers, who continue to struggle to make ends meet, and are so reliant on good growing weather conditions.

- Sons and daughters with stress as they revise and begin their GCSE, A-level and university exams.
- One anxious young person, who doesn't know what career direction to take after studies; may they find peace in their decision-making.
- All elderly people living at home alone in our village, in particular one lady, who has had a series of falls and is struggling to get out. For safety and continued support with grateful thanks to friends and all the support services, carers etc, who make up part of the daily lives of these people.
- People who are alone and nervous.
- The community of faith here in Bearsted.
- Someone who is going through a very difficult time.
- Rebecca who is getting married this month.
- David, that he would get more work.
- Marie, that her faith will be strengthened.
- Alan's family.
- An imminent house move whilst major renovations are undertaken.
- A house move to go well

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**✚ As we look around us we see a world full of war and suffering. A number of people asked for peace and hope in the world. Many people are concerned about the British political situation both national and local.**

**We pray for -**

- Extreme hatred and violence in the world today to be overcome by God's love in people's hearts, and that people will be able to forgive.
- The people in India suffering as a result of cyclone Fani and also those in the aftermath of the Sri Lankan bombings,
- The health of the world's children, which is Reggie's prayer.
- A peaceful outcome to all the current political upheaval. For tolerance, patience and sanity as we near the end of BREXIT negotiations, and for a resolution.
- Considerate contractors on the Barty Farm development. That the new housing will not be too obtrusive.

- Sensible planning decisions in our village; the proposed new schools on the Bearsted Road and Lilk Meadow. May they be respectful and kind to the residents of Sutton St, who are anxious and concerned about access and the closeness of properties overlooking their homes.

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 **We remember with thanksgiving those who have died and pray for those left behind and -**

- For David who has lost his 97 year old Dad;
- For friend Graham on the death of his wife.
- For a church family who are going through a bad time. An elderly mother died last week and a son is having treatment for cancer.
- For the family of a Christian lady who are going through a sad bereavement.
- For a lady who is grieving the death of her sister just after Christmas. And as she grieves for five people she has lost in the last year.
- Remember Derek who died recently aged 93, and pray for those who are grieving his passing.
- For Ruth and Helen who were bereaved last week.
- For Grandma, who died a year ago this week, and for all those fellow sufferers of alzheimers and dementia, may they find peace.
- For the bereaved waiting for counselling, and we pray for more volunteers for CRUSE counselling

**We also remember those on our pew sheet whose anniversaries fall.**

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**✚ Finally, a number of people would like to thank God for their life, their health and their families, particularly when many in the world have very little. We thank God for -**

- The good health and happiness of all the Charlton family and pray that it will continue;
- A couple's 50 years of married life, celebrated last month.
- A grandmother, celebrating four wonderful grandchildren.
- A worshipper's wonderful family, for her friends, her health and the lovely local community. She feels so blessed and thankful for many things and particularly that her family love and support each other.
- Patricia's good health. Carolyn's family. Lynn's life.
- The celebration of a daughter's 1st birthday
- For the love and friendship a family unit can give, and support they provide in later life. And a thought for those who do not have the benefit of a family, for whatever reason.
- For good neighbours, keeping an eye and lending a hand where necessary.

Several residents gave Melissa their best wishes as she prepared to leave the parish. One man said, "I always see you walking about the village, I'm sorry you're going". Several parents know Melissa and Zoe through school, and several stops were greeted with excited children.

- So we give thanks for Melissa and all that she has brought to our church and community.

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**Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**