

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

**Poem** by Minnie Louise Haskins

Heavenly Father, we come now, asking not for our will to be done, but yours, to the glory of your name. Father, we bring you this in prayer in the name of Christ. **Amen**

**If you have any suggested items for inclusions in the March Prayer Diary, please pass these to Faith Truran by 20<sup>th</sup> February. 01993 708645  
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Loving God

We come together, seeking your guidance, hungry to know your will and understand your purpose.

You have called us to be your people  
**help us to hear your voice**

We come bringing the life of our fellowship before you – our practical and spiritual needs, our hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, successes and failures.

You have called us to be your people  
**help us to hear your voice**

Give us faith and wisdom to discern your will, vision and courage to respond to it, openness to other opinions, and a spirit of love where we disagree.

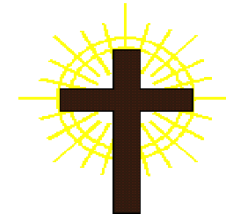
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Save us from closing our ears to that which we do not want to hear, from becoming so fixed in our ways and opinions that we become spiritually deaf and from limiting your word or denying your call through our unwillingness to listen.

You have called us to be your people  
**help us to hear your voice. Amen**

# Prayer Diary

February 2012



*St. Bartholomew's  
Ducklington*

Great is thy faithfulness,

Great is thy faithfulness,

**Morning by morning new mercies I see.**

**All I have needed thy hand hath  
provided –**

Great is thy faithfulness,

Lord, unto me.

Gracious God, Lord of all, we thank you that we can come to you in prayer, that for all your greatness, and wonder, and holiness, we can speak with you as to a friend.

Amen

## February 2012

Let us pray .....

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> : for the **Vision and Values evening** at the **Primary School** and our foundation governors.

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>:for our children and young people and those who work with them in our church, especially the **Youth Group** and the **progressive supper** tomorrow.

Frid 3<sup>rd</sup>: for the **Julian Group** meeting today and for Barbara in her new home.

Sat 4<sup>th</sup>: for the **Men's Breakfast** this morning.

Sun 5<sup>th</sup>: for the **All Age Worship** and the many families who attend.

Mon 6<sup>th</sup>: for the **Queen** as she celebrates the **60<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of her accession to the **Throne** and becoming **Head of the Commonwealth** today.

Tues 7<sup>th</sup>: for the **elderly and housebound** members of our congregation as they sometimes struggle to get through this time of year.

Wed 8<sup>th</sup>:for all those who involved in our **Pastoral care**.

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>: for the **PCC meeting** tonight as they discuss the church budgets. Pray about our own giving.

Frid 10<sup>th</sup>: for **Bob Edy** and all those involved in the ministry of our Church community.

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>: for families as half term starts this coming week.

Sun 12<sup>th</sup>: for our **Christian Brethren** throughout the world who suffer persecution for their beliefs.

Mon 13<sup>th</sup>: for the **Baby and Toddler Group** meeting this morning at the Baptist Church.

Tues 14<sup>th</sup>:for the work and members of the **Mothers' Union**.

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>: for **military wives** and their families.

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>:for those involved in **Churches Together**.

Frid 17<sup>th</sup>: for those meeting for **coffee and prayer** this morning at the Rectory.

Sat 18<sup>th</sup>: for the **Witney Street Pastors** out working tonight.

Sun 19<sup>th</sup>:for **David Wilbraham** as he preaches today and for his work as **chaplain in the Police Force**.

Mon 20<sup>th</sup>: for all of our **Bell Ringers** who practice tonight and ring for the **Glory of God** on Sundays.

Tues 21<sup>st</sup>: for each other as we prepare for **Lent** starting tomorrow.

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>: for the **Communion service** at the Congregational Church tonight as we celebrate the start of Lent.

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>: for the **Men's Group** and **Ian Craig** as he speaks to the group.

Frid 24<sup>th</sup>: for our **Political Leaders** as they try to resolve the current financial crisis.

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>: give thanks for the **coming Spring** and the hope it brings.

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> :for all **those preparing for confirmation** next month and the groups meeting today and in the run up to the service.

Mon 27<sup>th</sup>: for all those involved in the **Lent groups** starting this week.

Tues 28<sup>th</sup>: for the **Palestine/Israel situation**, the work of the Amos Trust and all those who seek to bring peace between these two nations.

Wed 29<sup>th</sup>: for all those involved in the **European Court of Human Rights** that any changes will be fair and ethical. Also for the work of **Amnesty International**.

Heavenly Father, grant us now your blessing on the days ahead. Help us to make the most of the opportunities that lie before us, to live each day to the full, and to stay faithful to you through good and bad, serving Christ in all we say and do.

Teach us to trust you for the future, for in His name we pray.  
Amen.