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Date	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Give thanks with <b>Prince Adigheji</b> for the church family's love and support in prayers, and for the presence of God keeping and blessing us.</p> <p>Cathy and Paul Livesey request prayer for <b>Jessica</b> - going for an angiogram and CT scan on Sunday 21st, and for wisdom for doctors to make an accurate diagnosis.</p>
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Children's ministry</b> at St John's: Please pray that households have a good time reading the Bible together doing 'Meals with Jesus' during Lent. This week is half-term for most – pray it's a refreshing time for families while needing to stay at home. Please also pray for wisdom for Hannah Mugenyi as she teaches from God's Word on Sundays.</p> <p>Pray for <b>Wendy Goldthorpe and family</b> (Wendy was St John's administrator until last summer). Her parents and her brothers live together, her father has had a Covid vaccination but her mother hasn't; their son, Michael, works at a local care home and recently tested positive for Covid. Pray they'd know what to do in this situation and for protection from serious illness.</p>
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	<p>With the season of <b>Lent starting today</b>, ask God to renew us as we use this time to depend on him more fully, particularly in prayer. Pray our Lent Prayer Gatherings on zoom (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays) are a really fruitful time for doing this together as God's family.</p> <p>Please pray for <b>Nina Colley's</b> brother. Her niece Maureen passed away two weeks ago from Covid and her funeral is today. She leaves behind children who are in Nina's brother's care, and he's not taking this very well. They are all upset as they cannot go to him, because he lives too far away.</p>
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Pray for God's guidance for the <b>all-age team</b> and <b>Chris Hanning</b> preparing talks from God's Word for Sunday morning and evening services.</p> <p><b>Associate Mission Partner: London City Mission (Alan Black)</b> Please pray for LCM as they prepare for a training day on March 6<sup>th</sup> for churches to be equipped to reach out to those coming out of prison: "From Prison to the Pew".</p>

<p>Fri 19<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Joseph Akpan Bassey</b> asks for prayer to Almighty God that during this period of Covid he protects Joseph, his brothers and sisters, and his kids back home in Nigeria. Pray that, in a challenging task before him, God meets his needs in His Name. Joseph puts members of this parish in his prayers on a daily basis as well.</p> <p><b>Associate Mission Partners: Bene &amp; Rachel Medhurst &amp; family</b> Continue to give thanks that they have arrived and can work at the Hebron School in India. Pray especially that Rachel and Bene get used to their new roles within the school community, and as they teach children mainly in online classes.</p>
<p>Sat 20<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Pray for everyone feeling <b>lonely/isolated</b>, especially with the lockdown. Pray they'd know deeply the great comfort and kindness of God our Father through his Son Jesus and his Spirit dwelling in them.</p> <p><b>Mission Partner: Mara Diocese, Tanzania</b> Bishop George asks for prayer for inspiration to preach the gospel, for the pastors refresher course coming up soon, and for the diocese to remain peaceful and have unity in the institution.</p>
<p>Sun 21<sup>st</sup></p>	<p>Pray that, as we meet together for <b>services today</b>, God would shape our minds, hearts and actions to be more like our Saviour Jesus.</p>
<p>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>Give thanks for the St John's <b>PCC!</b> Pray that, as they meet this evening, they would depend on God and have fruitful discussions and decisions, for his glory and the good of the church and its mission.</p>
<p>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p>Thank God for the <b>Foodbank surplus distribution</b> at St John's (Tuesdays 2–4.30pm, Thursdays 10–12.30am). Pray that people who need it would hear about it, and that it could lead to Jesus-centred conversations and friendships.</p>
<p>Wed 24<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Please pray with <b>Mark Pickering</b> that church leaders and Christians with influence would promote accurate understanding of the complex issues regarding Covid, such as vaccines and lockdowns. Much harm is sadly being done by those who spread misinformation, both to individual Christians, and to the wider witness of the church.</p>
<p>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Pray for God to speak powerfully through his Word to <b>Eddie S-F</b> as he prepares his sermon for Sunday morning, and for preparations for <b>Open to Questions</b> on Sunday evening.</p>
<p>Fri 26<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Mission Partner: British Youth for Christ (Neil O'Boyle, national director)</b> Please pray especially for Neil's son Jake, who is now applying for his green card to remain in the U.S., an essential requirement since he is married to Grace who is American. Pray that God would provide and they'd trust him for this. Also pray God would lead Jake to an appropriate job in ministry.</p>

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Give thanks for our <b>Life Together</b> series in February. Pray we continue to grow in understanding and loving each other better and better as God's people in all our diversity, in all aspects of church life.
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	In our <b>Sunday services</b> , ask that God builds us all up in faith, love and hope in Christ.
<b>March</b>	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pray for all the <b>Leaders Council</b> as they come together tonight. Pray they would seek in all things to be led by God, and through that to serve the church.
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Please pray for the three guests who joined the <b>Just Looking course</b> recently (an introduction to Christianity), that they would know the joy of coming to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pray with <b>Dave Angel</b> that the second jab of the vaccine works well and we can get back to opening our doors to friends and family and to be able to cuddle our loved ones. Also pray for the people with addictions who are struggling at this time as their immune systems are very low.
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pray that God gives great insight to <b>Alan Black</b> and <b>Hannah Lockwood</b> as they prepare to preach this coming Sunday. Pray also that he guides <b>Eddie S-F</b> and <b>Andrew Beswetherick</b> in planning the services.
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mission Partner: Sports Chaplaincy UK (Matt Baker)</b> Give thanks to God for the success of the online international conference, the transition to bringing some of the training online, and that appointments are still being made.
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Continue to pray with <b>Lucia Sullivan</b> for all those working in healthcare. Although the numbers are dropping slowly, many staff are still under pressure, dealing with unwell patients (not just Covid ones). Please also keep praying for the older members of the community who may be struggling with loneliness and isolation, not helped by the grey rainy days and spells of colder weather. Many people feel it's like a prison sentence with no end date and not sure what life will be like afterwards.
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	As we meet for our <b>Sunday services</b> today, pray that the Spirit of God works powerfully in us together!
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Ask that God is at work during our monthly church <b>prayer meeting</b> tonight. May he give us real delight as we depend on him as our heavenly Father, praying for the needs of the world and church.

*“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.  
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.”* Ephesians 6:18