



PARISH OF COFTON HACKETT AND BARNT GREEN
 PRAYER DIARY March 2021
 prayer each day

Mon 1st the supply of Covid vaccine to the global South where new variants and strains could emerge, as in South Africa

Tue 2nd God's guidance of our prayer and study during Lent

Wed 3rd citizens across the world fearing military or terrorist attack

Thu 4th prisoners enduring additional restraints under lockdown

Fri 5th all people in communities still affected by flooding

Sat 6th those suffering in Myanmar after a military coup; ethnic minorities; Christians in the country who fear persecution in a strong Buddhist culture; our continued prayer and compassion for the Rohingya people

Sun 7th Christians in China persecuted for congregating for worship

Mon 8th the people of Lebanon, where the health service is close to collapse and a 24-hour Covid curfew has made earning impossible and prevented outdoor exercise

Tue 9th girls who have missed school during the pandemic and will not return; girls forced into early marriage

Wed 10th rough sleepers in this country; solutions to this country's housing crisis

Thu 11th clinical teams delivering normal medical care; hospital staff working under difficult conditions to care for covid patients

Fri 12th citizens of Northern and Southern Ireland as the Brexit process takes place

Sat 13th the people of Tigray, Ethiopia, fleeing fighting and beyond the reach of assistance, with communication impossible

Sun 14th thanks for the nurture of our families on Mothering Sunday

Mon 15th "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."
(James 4:13-15)
 from Alex Walker: his and Mari's work in South Africa

Tue 16th the people of Yemen who are malnourished and in danger of widespread famine; international leaders working for a lasting peace; governments reconsidering arms sales

Wed 17th Peter Kent working in Paris to enable people to find Jesus

Thu 18th our members who have been poorly or undergoing treatment: thanks for God's care through their friends and families and His listening to prayer

Fri 19th the fifth mark of mission for the Church: "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth"

Sat 20th the people of northern Mozambique fleeing to Tanzania from insurgency linked to Islamic State, against a background of the coronavirus spreading

Sun 21st church congregations in the UK welcoming Christians from Hong Kong

Mon 22nd remembering all who live in poverty as we go through Lent

Tue 23rd refugees around the world: our country responding to their needs; personnel operating the UK's policy of hostility

Wed 24th thanks that the Church aims to be carbon neutral by 2035

Thu 25th thanks for encouragement from friends, family, one another

Fri 26th the future of our worship here

Sat 27th all mourning the loss of a loved one

Sun 28^h on Palm Sunday the joy of the Messiah; the heaviness of his suffering;

Mon 29th in Holy Week remembering the extent of God's love for us

Tue 30th Rob as he moves forward into retirement

Wed 31st hope and possibilities of longer days and warmer weather

Loving God, we thank you for the church in Cofton Hackett and Barnt Green, and for calling each of us to be a part of the Body of Christ in this place. We are grateful for all that you have done amongst us in the past, and look forward to the new things you will do in future. Help us all to play our part in the ministry, service, and outreach of your church. Guide the PCC as they prepare to recruit a new vicar. And, in your time and in your way, bring to us the woman or man whom you are *calling to serve as vicar here. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, the Servant King. Amen.*