

April 2025

SJB PRAYER DIARY



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St John's Prayer Diary

Prayer is fundamental to our faith and to the life of St John's. It has to be an essential part of our relationship with Jesus. In 2025, as we focus on going deeper with God, let's commit to praying regularly for our church, our community, and our world.

Each week, there will be a focus for each of these things, and we look forward with hope to seeing God answer our prayers.

To help guide us in our prayers for our world, every week countries will be featured in which Christians are the most persecuted or facing the most difficulty.

Please do join us to pray together at our monthly meetings: sjbchurch.co.uk/prayer

If you feel God say anything, or you have any good news stories to share, please get in touch: hello@sjbchurch.co.uk



week beginning 7 April

Our Church

Pray this week for those who are continuing on or stepping into PCC and Wardens roles. We pray for them to be filled with the Holy Spirit and led by God's grace and wisdom.

We give thanks to God for all who serve within the life of St John's.

Our Community

We pray for the school as they attend their Easter services at the church, and for Uplands School who will also be visiting.

Pray they know the love of God and that their hearts will be open to the Easter story.

Our World

This week we pray for those who have never heard about Jesus; unreached people groups.

Definition: 'an ethnic group without an indigenous, self-propagating Christian movement'

There are 17,269 unique people groups, and 7,188 considered unreached, which equates to 42% of the world population. We pray for:

- people to go, linguists plus others
- Bible translations needed
- Use of satellite and radio



week beginning 14 April

Our Church

We pray this week for all the Easter services and events.

We pray for all the brilliant volunteers making these events happen, that they will have all they need, and that they will connect with God through serving.

Our Community

We pray that those coming to our Easter week events who don't yet know Jesus will feel open to hearing the Gospel, and also safe enough to ask questions about faith.

We pray against any barriers to people attending.

Our World

This week we praise God for the work of Tear Fund, and pray for them and the work they do:

- Humanitarian response eg disasters
- Community development, partnering with churches and organisations - empowering communities to lift themselves out of poverty.
- Advocacy and influencing - helping individuals and churches to speak out re poverty and injustice; challenging unjust policies at every level.



week beginning 21 April

Our Church

We pray for more opportunities to share our faith, in our own contexts outside of church.

We pray for more boldness to share the Gospel and our testimonies, and for renewed zeal for the Lord.

Our Community

We give thanks to God for placing us in this community, and ask for his guidance on how we can serve it.

We pray for anyone who is lonely, that they can find connection, and that our eyes will be open to those who might be struggling.

Our World

This week let's continue to pray for Ukraine, under constant bombardment from Russia.

- For exhausted soldiers on the front line
- For the towns and cities most under fire
- For President Zelenskyy, and his family.
- For the church, for believers to stay focussed on Jesus, and to share their hope.
- For justice to prevail for the future of this nation



week beginning 28 April

Our Church

We thank God for all our volunteers across the many areas or serving across St John's. We pray that they will delight in the gifts God has given them.

We pray for those who are unsure of where they fit, that God would reveal it to them.

Our Community

We are in a largely student area, and so this week we pray for students who are heading into exam season. We pray for peace and protection over their mental health. We pray blessing on christian uni societies that may be supporting them.

Our World

This week let's focus on the big picture, on world leaders. We remind ourselves it is God's world and despite what appears now, He is in control and will work his purposes out. We pray that God will move and restrain the influences of the Evil One.

We pray for men and women of courage to be raised up speak truth to power, and to stand for justice.