

Sunday 28 March – 3 April

The Persecuted Church

This time of year is the most important time within the Christian year – as we celebrate Easter and what God has done for us. We celebrate the impact of the risen Jesus on our lives today; we celebrate Jesus' ascension and commission to us to carry out his work in the world today. Then we celebrate Pentecost and the arrival of the Holy Spirit to help us fulfil God's will in the world.

Each week, as well as praying for the local area of St Helens, we will also be reflecting on some of the biblical accounts of the events from Easter to Pentecost. As we read these accounts, may they help us to work out our own roles in proclaiming Jesus in our own area, and fulfilling God's work in this area today.

This week, of course, is often referred to as Holy Week, which ends with the events of Jesus' death on Good Friday. Read Mark 15: 21-47.

“Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, ‘So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!’ In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves” (Mark 15: 29-31)

Jesus, especially during his death and the events leading up to it, endured much persecution. He was executed on the grounds of trumped up charges, and mocked by his persecutors while he was on the cross. Yet today in our world, many Christians are persecuted simply because of their faith. According to the World Evangelical Alliance the persecution of Christians is the largest human rights violation issue in today's world. Over 200 million Christians in at least 60 countries are denied fundamental human rights solely because of their faith. As we reflect on the persecution of Jesus this week, may we also be led to pray for these Christians today.

A special prayer for persecuted Christians today

Loving Lord Jesus, we intercede for our brothers and sisters all over the world who suffer because of their faith in You. May they know the reality of Your promised presence and be courageous and strong in the face of arrest, imprisonment, torture and even death. Amen.
(taken from www.care.org.uk)

Please also pray for:

* Countries where persecution of Christians is particularly rife. Pray especially for Christians in India, China, North Korea and other countries you know where it has been reported that Christians have been harmed and even murdered for their faith.

* The churches in these countries. Thank God for their strength and perseverance to carry on in the face of adversity.

* The leaders of these churches, that God would continue to strengthen them in difficult situations.

* Christians who have been imprisoned because of their faith. Pray that they may find the help and encouragement they need.

* Charities and organisations such as Release International and Christian Solidarity Worldwide that work to highlight and draw attention to the persecution of Christians in the world.

* Give thanks that we, who live in the Borough of St Helens, have relative freedom in the way we conduct our faith in the world and the way we are able to talk about our faith. Pray that God will help us to be thankful for our freedom and use our freedom wisely.

Sunday 4 – 10 April

The Local Church Part 1

At the beginning of this week we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the fact that Jesus is alive today. Read Matthew 28: 1-10

"The angel said to the woman 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him. Now I have told you'" (Matt 28: 5-7)

Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses were filled with joy when they were told that Jesus is alive, and I'm sure that when they heard the news they just wanted to go to Galilee straight away so they could see Jesus again. Yet the angel commanded them to go to the disciples first and tell them.

This week, all the churches in St Helens will be celebrating Easter with lots of joy. Yet as churches, we are called not just to celebrate Easter, but to go out and proclaim to others that Jesus is alive. This Easter – let's pray that the churches in St Helens may proclaim the joyful message of Easter to our town.

Please pray for:

* All the churches across the Borough as they put on services and events to celebrate Easter today. Pray that many people will be attracted to the services and events and find out for themselves what Easter is all about.

* Pray that as churches today, we may clearly inform people about what Easter really is all about, and how Easter impacts our world and our lives today.

Janet Roberts from St Paul's Church, Blackbrook, has asked us to pray for:

* Please pray for our Annual General Meeting which will take place on April 25th. Please pray for God's guidance and that the right people are put in the right positions.

* Please pray for our newly appointed student youth/children's worker who will be starting in September.

* Please continue to pray for our Year of Mission, as we continue to plan events alongside local schools and churches.

Trevor Prescott from West Street Independent Methodist Church, has asked us to pray for:

* We have started a Saturday morning club for children with learning difficulties and their friends. Please pray that adequate support funding can be found, that sufficient numbers of

helpers will come forward, and that the whole experience will be found enriching by the children.

* We are again taking part in the Year of Continuous Prayer. Can we have prayer support for our "special week", May 9th to 16th, that the special events will have an impact on the local community and also that the year as a whole will bring a deeper commitment to prayer by our own members.

Tim Hyde from St Helens Baptist Church, has asked us to pray for:

* Please pray for us as we will be starting our building alterations in the next couple of weeks after several years of planning. This first phase will take twelve weeks and we will be meeting at the St John's Ambulance HQ on Standish Street while the work is being carried out. Please pray for smooth running and that they might benefit from the experience of worshipping in a different place.

Finally

* Please pray for Marjorie Conroy, the Town Centre Chaplain, as she currently suffers from ill health. Pray that her health will soon improve.

Please pray for the town centre churches

4th April – Christian Life Centre and the Salvation Army Hostel

5th April – Barton Street Mission and Bethel Mission

6th April – St Helens Baptist Church and Wesley Methodist Church

7th April – Holy Cross and St Mary's Lowe House

8th April – St Helens United Reformed Church (Ormskirk Street)

9th April – St Helens Parish Church, St Mark's North Rd and St Thomas' Eccleston

10th April – Redeemed Church of God

Sunday 11 – 17 April

Youth

Read Luke 24: 13-35 – The story of the road to Emmaus.

"When he was at table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him"

(Luke 24: 30-31)

This was the moment when Cleopas and his friend recognised who Jesus was. It wasn't just a visual recognition, though, it was the point when they actually recognised who Jesus really was. Their eyes were opened to seeing Jesus not just as their friend and leader, but as their Messiah.

Today, why not think back to the moment when your eyes were opened to seeing who Jesus really is? Who came alongside you and helped you to recognise Jesus? Take a moment to thank God for those people who helped you to recognise Jesus.

This week our main focus of our prayers is for the youth of our area, and also the work of Youth Aflame, as they seek to walk with the young people of St Helens and help them to recognise Jesus for themselves.

Youth Aflame have asked us to pray about the following issues:

Café church

Since the inception of Youth Aflame we have had a growing relationship with the young people who meet in the town centre of an evening

Last year, on the last Friday of October, our good friends at Parish Church allowed us to use their lounge, and open the church doors as a try-out of café church with them. The plan was, and still is, that there is no plan – just let God lead the way. The results have been astonishing. From the initial nervousness on the young people's behalf at entering a church at all, the café church is now attracting quite a following. People are gathering very early to get in and are often reluctant to leave at the end of the evening.

For us on the Youth Aflame team we have been enormously privileged to have the opportunity to talk to these young people openly about what bothers them, what makes them happy, of matters spiritual and earthly, without them feeling that there's a hidden agenda on our part. In honesty we would have to say that we don't know exactly where God is leading us with this yet, but we are certainly enjoying the ride!

- * Please pray for God's guidance for the leadership team behind this venture as we seek to move this forward
- * Give thanks that so many young people feel happy entering the doors of the church and see the church as a place for them.
- * Pray that relationships will develop with the young people, and that the young people continue to use the café as an important place for help and support in their lives.

Easter with St Helens College

Youth Aflame will be partnering with St Helens College to put on an event in the new Arts Theatre to celebrate Easter.

- * Pray that this event will be a success and that young people may hear the message of Easter in a relevant way.
- * Give thanks for this opportunity.

St Helens Festival

We are now starting to think and pray about our two days at the St Helens Festival in July. So far we have two bands forming from the young people who come to the Café Church nights and people from the Timothy Project who have recently held a mission and training day at the Christian Life Centre... Watch this space for more information as our plans develop.

- * Give thanks for the opportunities Youth Aflame have within the St Helens Festival
- * Pray for the planning involved for this year's event. Pray for the bands, speakers and events, that they may attract more young people this summer, and that more young people's lives will be changed as a result.

Please also pray for:

- * Give thanks for the many young people in St Helens who make a positive contribution to our area, and who often are not reported in the press.
- * Pray for the young people in our area who are struggling, those who face family problems, those who live in poverty, and those who are in trouble. Perhaps you know of a young person yourself who is in need of help; take the time to pray for them specifically now.

* Pray for the churches, as we seek to engage with young people in our area. Pray for wisdom, that we may know how to engage and walk with young people in our area.

Please pray for the churches in Billinge, Blackbrook, Haresfinch and Carr Mill

11th April – Billinge Family Church

12th April – St Aidan's Billinge and St Mary's RC Church

13th April – St David's Carr Mill

14th April – St Patrick, Clinkham Wood and St Peter and St Paul RC Church

15th April – Haresfinch United Reformed Church

16th April – St Mary's Blackbrook

17th April – St Paul's Blackbrook

Sunday 18 – 24 April

The Local Area

Read John 20: 24-29 – the story of Thomas

"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe'. Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and My God!'"
(John 20: 27-28)

I feel that poor Thomas is always a bit put down here. I think if we ourselves were in Thomas' shoes, we would respond the same way as he did. After all it's not every day that someone comes back from the dead and you can't blame Thomas for thinking this event is all some sort of set-up by the rest of the disciples. Yet as Thomas realised, Jesus was God – and with God anything is possible.

For us today, sometimes when we see things going on in our locality and in the world which are not right, we too can lose hope. Yet we need to remember that God is all-powerful and that through our prayers He can move hopeless situations into situations of hope.

This week, we are focusing our prayers on St Helens and the local area, and particularly some of the problems that our area faces, remembering that no matter how dire our situation can sometimes seem, God can bring hope.

Carole Hudson, Chief Executive of St Helens Council, would like us to pray for key issues in our town that the council are looking to address:

* There is concern about the increase in the number of children being referred to social services through parental neglect or abuse. Please pray for our vulnerable young people within our borough.

* Please pray for those people of the Borough who have lost their jobs due to the recession and who are struggling with debt.

* Please pray for those people in the Borough with mental health problems who need help and support

* Please pray for all those people in the Borough that are carers

* Please pray for all the young people in the Borough who will leave school and university this summer and please pray that God will help us to find them work for the future.

Chief Superintendent, Chris Armitt, from Merseyside Police, has asked us to specifically pray:

* For victims of domestic abuse in St Helens. Please pray that they may find the strength to come forward and report what is happening to them in order that they may be supported and the abuse brought to a stop. A lot of domestic violence victims find it very difficult to come forward and often do not do so until things have become very serious.

* For Chris Armitt himself, and all who work for Merseyside Police in St Helens. Pray for them as they tackle the key problem issues which are affecting St Helens at the moment. Give thanks for their work so far, and for the help they give to communities throughout our Borough.

Also, our SHINE Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Reps (LSP groups are strategic groups with all the major institutional groups in St Helens e.g. council, police, health service etc) meeting to discuss key issues in St Helens) have asked us to pray about the following issues in St Helens:

* Pray about the high rate of teenage pregnancies (16-17 years olds) currently happening in St Helens and the issues that raises for the young mothers themselves, the children, and the burden that it can place on wider families. Pray for the LSP groups as they look to tackle this issue.

* Give thanks for the implementation of health checks across the borough and for the impact that is helping people to tackle their obesity problems in their lives.

* Pray for the number of 17-19 year olds in our area who are currently battling alcohol and drug addiction. Again pray for the LSP groups as they look to tackle this issue.

* The number of children ending up in care within our borough is increasing. Pray particularly for social services as they seek to protect children in our area.

* Give thanks that on the whole, St Helens schools have received good OFSTED reports and our borough schools are well thought of.

Please pray for the churches in Eccleston and Windle

18th April – Christ Church Eccleston and St Luke’s Eccleston

19th April – Eccleston Methodist Church

20th April – St Julies

21st April – St Andrews

22nd April – St Teresa

23rd April – Newtown United Reformed Church

24th April – St Thomas of Canterbury.

Sunday 25 April – 1 May

Families and Children

Read John 21: 1-14 – The story of Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish

“He said, ‘Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some’. When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord.’” (John 21: 6-7)

It is no coincidence that the disciples recognised Jesus in this story through the same action that he had done when he first met the disciples in the same place a few years previously. Although they couldn't see the man, they recognised that it was Jesus through his miraculous actions.

Today, we recognise people partly by what they do. So here's the challenge: as Christians, are we recognised by what we do? Take the time this week to reflect on that challenge and pray about it.

This week, we are going to focus on praying for families and children across St Helens.

Barbara Jones, from St Helens Council, has asked us to pray for:

"See how much the Father has loved us! His love is so great that we are called God's children – and so, in fact, we are." (1 John 3:1)

God has placed us in families to be cared for, nurtured and loved. In families we are trained, supported, protected, guided, and our relationships are built on unconditional love and trust that will last throughout our earthly life. Sadly, this is not always the case and families are put under pressure, relationships deteriorate and some break down altogether.

Please pray for families who are:

- * Going through difficult times
- * Coping with illness or disability in their family
- * Feeling the pain of family breakdown
- * Not sure they are loved and valued for who they are
- * Tired and exhausted
- * Experiencing unemployment

* Give thanks for families who are finding happiness and fulfilment in their relationships. They are providing a loving and secure environment for their children, and are supporting other families they know who are going through difficult times.

** Loving Father, we pray for your protection on all families in St. Helens, that parents and children will feel your love surrounding them and your care protecting them at all times. Bring your peace into every home and strengthen relationships between parents and children at every stage of their lives. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

Please pray for the churches in Haydock and Earlestown

- 25th April – Earlestown Baptist Church*
- 26th April – Blessed English Martyrs RC Church*
- 27th April – St James the Great, Haydock*
- 28th April – St Mark's Haydock*
- 29th April – Christ Church United Reformed Church*
- 30th April – Haydock Independent Methodist Church*
- 1st May – Haydock Methodist Church*

Sunday 2 – 8 May

Local and National Government

“Then Jesus came to them and said ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.’” (Matthew 28: 18-20)

On Thursday this week, the polling booths will be open for the local elections and as I write this, probably the general election too. Therefore this week is a pivotal moment which will affect our society both locally and nationally. As Christians we believe that this is God’s world and that he has ultimate authority here; which is why it is important for us as Christians to pray for our elections and those who are elected. May we this week commit ourselves to praying for our town and country as we elect those who will represent us in Local and National Government.

Please pray for:

- * Ourselves, that all of us may take seriously our right to vote, and that we may use our vote wisely this week.
- * All politicians who are standing for a particular post this week. Pray that God would strengthen them during this hectic and emotional week. Pray, too, for their families too as they cope with the pressure of this week.
- * All those elected, both to Local and National Government, that they may faithfully serve those who have elected them into their position, and that God would give them wisdom to use their position for good.
- * Local Councillors who will be elected this week to serve on the Council of St Helens. Pray that our town may flourish under their government.
- * All politicians who are appointed may be open and sympathetic to what Christians say and the work that they do in our society.
- * Thank God for the good work that our politicians do in serving the community – much of which is unreported and done quietly out of the public eye.

Please pray for the churches in Newton-Le-Willows

2nd May – All Saints C of E Church and Emmanuel, Wargrave

3rd May – Newton Christian Fellowship

4th May – St David’s RC Church and St Patrick’s RC Church.

5th May – St John’s C of E Church

6th May – St Peter’s C of E Church

7th May – St Mary and St John RC Church

8th May – Newton Methodist Church

Sunday 9 – 15 May

Christian Aid Week

Read Luke 24 v 50-53 – Jesus ascends into heaven

“They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God” (Luke 24: 52-53)

On Thursday of this week many of us will be celebrating Ascension Day, when Jesus ascended into heaven. Yet what I find interesting, is what the disciples do once Jesus has ascended into heaven. After returning to the city of Jerusalem they were full of great joy and praised God continually in the temple.

This week may we ourselves, after we've reflected on what God has done for us, take some time out to thank and praise Him for what He has done in our own lives, because all too often we forget to thank God for what he has done for us.

This week is also Christian Aid Week, and so this week we take the time to pray for Christian Aid and the work they do.

Christian Aid Week 9-15 May 2010

Christian Aid Week is Britain's longest-running fundraising week and has been a firm fixture in the calendar of many thousands of people each year since 1957. It is famous for the distinctive envelope that drops through the letterboxes of millions of homes each May – and for the massive impact that the week has made in the fight to end the scandal of poverty around the world.

For example, people such as Catherine Nyaata, in the slums or informal settlements of Nairobi, Kenya, have been given a significant boost as they try to work their way out of poverty. Thanks to Christian Aid partner organisation MNU, members of Catherine's community have been able to install five toilet and shower blocks. 'They have brought us more dignity. Previously there was none,' says Catherine.

Christian Aid is an international development agency with a vision – an end to poverty – which it believes can become a reality. It works through partner organisations in around 50 countries for profound change that eradicates the causes of poverty, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality.

The theme for Christian Aid Week 2010 is "POVERTY – Let's End It." This year we hope to raise over £14 million – enough to effect massive change. 300,000 people will go door-to-door in their local communities, making sure that the Christian Aid Week envelope reaches as many people as possible.

For further information about Christian Aid visit www.christianaid.org.uk
(Source: www.christianaid.org.uk)

Please pray for:

- * The partners of Christian Aid around the world who work hard to not only improve the lives of others but to empower them and enable them to live beyond existence
- * The organisers of Christian Aid week, throughout the UK, in the Northwest and in St Helens.
- * The many volunteers who make Christian Aid week happen
- * The collectors as they go door to door, may they feel a part of God's plan
- * Please pray that the people who receive the envelope feel blessed in knowing that no matter how much they give, even if they cannot give at this time, Christ gave all for them and loves them.

Finally

Take a cup of water.

Think through a normal day in your life and take a sip of water as you reflect on each different way that you use water.

If you still have water in your cup, think about how you use water on special occasions or on holiday and keep sipping.

When your cup is empty, look at the emptiness and imagine what your life would be like with extremely limited water.

What would you prioritise?

How would you cope?

Turn your thoughts into a prayer.

Please pray for the churches of Parr and Rainford

9th May – Holy Trinity, Parr Mount

10th May – Parr Methodist Church and the Salvation Army, Tickle Avenue

11th May – St Vincent de Paul RC Church

12th May – St Peter's Parr and St Philip's Derbyshire Hill

13th May – Corpus Christi RC Church, Rainford

14th May – All Saints Rainford

15th May – Rainford United Reformed Church and Rainford Methodist Church

Sunday 16 – 22 May

Education

Read Acts 1: 12-26 – The Choosing of Matthias.

“They all joined constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers” (Acts 1: 14)

One of the great hallmarks of the first Christians, as is evident in Acts 1, is their determination to pray together. I love the phrase “they all joined constantly in prayer”. The phrase hints at the fact that their prayer life was the thing that united them all together.

One of the key roles of SHINE is that through this Prayer Diary and through Prayer Events, we as many different churches become united and joined together through our prayers for one another and for the area. May we, like the first Christians, be united together through our prayer lives, and so may be united with God and be in tune with his will today.

This week we unite in prayer to pray for the issue of education within our Borough.

Paul Johnson, Chaplain at St Helens College, has asked us to pray for:

* This period of the year is always a difficult one for students at College because they can see the end of their programme approaching and they can often see the mountain of assignments, which need completing, getting higher! Stress levels can go through the roof and this often results in sickness, arguments at home and other pastoral issues. Please pray that students will be willing to access the support services that are available to them in College and that the work will be done with as little stress as possible.

* At this stage of the year, staff are under increased pressure too. Success rates (exam/course results) and Value Added scores (how much a students has improved in their

time with us) are very high on the agenda and people do feel a high sense of responsibility for their students. Please pray that staff will hold a good balance of doing their best to support learners whilst maintaining a good sense of order and priorities for family and friends too.

* Please pray for the Baisakhi event on April 14th. Baisakhi is the Sikh harvest festival. We will be holding an awareness raising event about Indian culture. Alongside this, there will be an event, which has been arranged with students, to raise awareness of poverty issues linked to the slums of India. There will be opportunities to raise money for the work that UNICEF are doing to support children and young people who are living in extreme poverty. Please pray that students and staff will be moved to support people who are far worse off than themselves.

* Please continue to pray for the management of the College as decisions are made concerning the provision for 2010/11 and into the future. Pray that funding will be good and that the College will be able to continue offering a wide and successful selection of courses for the people of St Helens and beyond. Pray for the Chaplaincy Team (Paul Johnson, Craig Lawrenson and Frank Hinds), that we will be able to offer good support to staff and students. Pray that the Journeys Course will continue to be an effective vehicle in helping people to explore their own faith and that, as a result of the course, some people will take steps nearer to Jesus.

Please also pray for:

* The many teenagers across St Helens preparing for GCSE and A Level examinations. Pray for them – that they cope with the pressures that these examinations bring.

* Give thanks for all who work in our schools across the Borough, for the work they do with our children and young people and for the way they encourage our children and young people to reach their potential.

* The head teachers and senior staff across the Borough, as they continue to make strategic decisions for their schools and the future.

Please pray for the churches of Prescot and Thatto Heath

16th May – Our Lady Help of Christians RC Church and St James, Eccleston Park

17th May – Prescot Methodist Church and Whiston Methodist Church

18th May – Prescot Salvation Army and Prescot Community Church

19th May – Balmer Street Methodist Church, Nutgrove Methodist Church and West Street Independent Methodist Church

20th May – St John's Ravenhead and St Matthew's Thatto Heath

21st May – St Austin's

22nd May – Toll Bar with Prescot United Reformed Church

Sunday 23 – 29 May

The Local Church Part 2

Read Acts 2:1-13 – Pentecost

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2: 4)

Today we celebrate Pentecost – often referred to as the church's birthday. It is the day when the Holy Spirit, which Jesus had promised them, first came onto the disciples, and

empowered them to fulfil what Jesus had commanded them to do – to go out and proclaim Jesus to the ends of the earth.

That commandment is still at the heart of what God wills for the church to do today. So this week, let us pray for each other, that we, as churches in St Helens, may proclaim Jesus throughout our area and beyond. We pray for ourselves as the local church – come Holy Spirit!

A prayer for our churches

Dear God, we pray that you would send your Holy Spirit on your churches in St Helens today. Renew and refresh us and empower your churches to do your will here in this place. Come Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dave Caldwell, the new Chairman for the Town Centre Fellowship, has asked us to pray:

Dear Lord, I pray with all my heart for Christian unity in our town, may the Holy Spirit bind us all together in your love. May we work together to bring about your kingdom here on earth as one body in Christ, to spread the good news that God our Father has through the Son, revealed eternal life. Give us the strength and the courage to reach out to bring those who struggle with life, into the light of true happiness, won for us all by the death and resurrection of our blessed Lord. Amen

Angela Metcalf, from the Hope Centre, has asked us to pray for:

- * Please pray that service users who have found accommodation would keep making positive steps to moving on and that God would prevent them from going backwards and would lead them to Himself.
- * Please pray for the Thursday night outreach – praying God would have His way with that too
- * Please pray for the Anew Group - Due to this weekly support group meeting at the centre, they are becoming more aware of the influence that God has on the lives of the staff and are beginning to ask questions. Please pray that God would open their hearts and ears and begin to reveal Himself to them.
- * Please pray for all of our learners that they too will experience God's love through the trainers delivering their courses. The BREATHE confidence course lends itself more to this as there is a Spiritual well-being aspect that we touch upon.
- * Please pray for the Life Skill Trainers to be given God's wisdom when having to support learners through traumatic life experiences.
- * Please pray that the Hope Centre Team would daily know the power and presence of God in their lives as they continue to be salt and light as God intended us to be.

Vincent Whitworth, from the Parr Team, has asked us to pray for:

- * Please pray for the Beacon Y Club, a youth club set up at Holy Trinity Church for the young people of the Fingerpost area. Give thanks for the number of young people who come along and pray that the club continues to thrive.
- * Please pray for the Friday lunchtime Dining Club at St Peter's, Parr. Pray that more people from the community will come and enjoy a dinner at the club and that the Dining Club would be a place where relationships between St Peter's and the local community are built.

Please pray for the churches of Sutton and Rainhill

23rd May – All Saints Sutton, St Michael’s Sutton and St Nicholas’ Sutton
24th May – Clock Face Methodist Church, Sutton Methodist Church and Sutton Village Church
25th May – Church of the Nazarene and Peasley Cross United Reformed Church
26th May – St Ann & Blessed Dominic and St Theresa.
27th May – St Bartholomew’s RC Church and St Anne’s C of E Rainhill
28th May – Rainhill Pentecostal Church and Trinity Church Rainhill
29th May – St James’ Methodist Church, Rainhill

Church Prayer Requests

One of the goals of SHINE is to get churches to meet and pray for one another. As you will have noticed – we do put individual church prayer requests into this diary so that we can pray for each other.

In particular – if there are any specific events which your church is organising and you’d like pray for that event – then please e-mail us at office@shine.org.uk. The next prayer diary is our April/May edition – please e-mail us your prayer requests by Friday 7th May.
