

Prayers for the First Half of the Summer Term 2018

w/c 09.04.18 - The Message of Easter (Christian gift = Hope)

“Because of his great mercy God gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope...”
1 Peter 1:3

God of Glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(This is the alternative collect, or special prayer, for Easter Day.)

w/c 16.04.18 – My favourite passage from the Bible is...

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”
Hebrew 4:12

Holy Spirit, Jesus treasured Scripture. He knew it off by heart, he could quote it and understand it, and he always treated it with respect. Through your power, help the bible come alive to me and have significance for my life. Amen.

w/c 23.04.18 - St. George & St. George's Week

“Jesus said, ‘If one of you wants to be first, you must be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served; he came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people.’”
Mark 10:44-45

God of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love in the heart of your servant George that he bore witness to the risen Lord by his life and by his death; give us the same faith and power of love that we who rejoice in his triumphs may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

(This is the ‘collect’ – or the church’s special prayer - for St. George’s Day.)

w/c 30.04.18 – Citizenship (British values)

“...but our citizenship is in heaven...” Philippians 3:20

Loving Lord Jesus,
may we see you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly;
day by day. Amen.

After Richard, Bishop of Chichester

w/c 07.05.18 – The power of positive thinking (Christian gift = Wisdom)

“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:13

Loving God, sometimes I find myself thinking thoughts that make me feel sad and low; the negativity can be like a whirlpool sucking me down to the depths. Please stop me finding the bottom and pull me up, towards the light and warmth of your love. Amen.

w/c 14.05.18 – Fruit of the Spirit

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, Gentleness and self control.”

Galatians 5:22-23

May the strength of God pilot us.

May the power of God preserve us.

May the wisdom of God instruct us.

May the hand of God protect us.

May the way of God direct us.

May the shield of God defend us.

May the host of God guard us

against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. Amen.

St. Patrick's Breastplate

w/c 21.05.18 - The Church (Christian gift = Koinonia)

“You, too, are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, the cornerstone being Christ Jesus himself.”

Ephesians 2:20

God, who at Pentecost taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:

grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and to rejoice in the comfort of his presence. Amen.

The collect, the Church's special prayer, for Pentecost.