

**All Saints Church Clifton**  
**Cycle of Prayer – April 2019**

Date	Festival	Prayers
1	Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest & Teacher 1872	1838 published <i>The Kingdom of Christ</i> , a discussion of the causes and cures of divisions within the Christian Church. He was much concerned with the role of the Church in speaking to social questions, speaking of "faith in a God who has redeemed mankind, in whom I may vindicate my rights as a man." He organized the Christian Socialist Movement, which, he wrote, "will commit us at once to the conflict we must engage in sooner or later with the unsocial Christians and unchristian Socialists." His work is one of the reasons why Socialism in England has been largely devoid of the avowedly anti-Christian overtones it had in many other countries.
2		Pray for those without faith, for those searching, for those who have experienced trauma that means they are unable to have faith. An estimated 2% of the world population are atheist.
3		Pray for all in healthcare administration – leadership, management and administration of public health systems, hospitals and hospital networks. Pray for smooth running, positive and effective connections between different structures and organizations, and the achievement of positive outcomes for the common goal which is the good health of society. Pray for parts of the world without these facilities.
4		Rats, usually the though brings negative associations. In the west rats are thought to have spread disease and damage goods and food supplies. The term is used as an expletive or to describe unscrupulous characters. Pray for all who are negatively and unfairly 'labelled' in this and other societies, may we become increasingly aware of the meaning and effect of language we use about others.
5		<i>Hope springs eternal in the human breast;  Man never is, but always to be blessed:  The soul, uneasy and confined from home,  Rests and expatiates in a life to come.</i> Alexander Pope, An Essay on Man
6		Pray for those in the uniformed services In our own country and throughout the world. May their actions always be shaped by mercy, peace, justice and the common good.
7	Lent 5 Passion Sunday	
8		Prayers in thanksgiving for the wonder of creation, for the teeming life on this planet and for our acknowledgement of the human responsibility for its continuation. Pray for other life forms within the universe (today is 'First Contact Day').
9	Dietrich Bonhoeffer Lutheran Pastor 1945	Dietrich Bonhoeffer was an anti-Nazi theologian and pastor during World War II. Best remembered for authoring the Christian classics <i>The Cost of Discipleship</i> and <i>Life Together</i> , Bonhoeffer was born in 1906 in Germany and began his journey in church leadership during the rise of the Nazi regime. "God loves human beings. God loves the world. Not an ideal human, but human beings as they are; not an ideal world, but the real world. What we find repulsive in their opposition to God, what we shrink back from with pain and hostility...

		<i>this is for God the ground of unfathomable love."</i>
10	Willian Law, Priest 1761	Pray for the good order of society. That those in positions of power or authority have wisdom and insight. Pray for beekeepers and all who are involved in many different ways with the life of bees.
11	George Selwyn, first Bishop of New Zealand 1878	Pray for the people of New Zealand, the students, academic staff and other staff of Selwyn College (Cambridge). Pray for the Church Missionary Society and its work (Bishop Selwyn was 'thrown out of the CMS because he was too 'high church and had Anglo Catholic tendencies).
12		Pray for those individuals who are 'different', who mark themselves out through behaviour, dress or in other ways as people who don't conform. Let us try to understand their statements or motivations rather than condemning them as 'not like us'.
13		Pray for citizens of the United States. Today Thomas Jefferson was born, he was the third president of the USA and the principal author of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike some other Presidents, especially today, he was a polymath, political philosopher and 'Man of the Enlightenment'.
14	<b>Palm Sunday (Liturgy of Palms)</b>	Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection
15	<b>Monday in Holy Week</b>	<i>God of love, my prayer is simple: your son, Jesus, suffered and died for me. I know only that I cannot have real strength unless I rely on you.</i>
16	<b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b>	<i>God of such unwavering love, how do I "celebrate" the passion and death of Jesus? I often want to look the other way and not watch, not stay with Jesus in his suffering</i>
17	<b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b>	<i>My saviour, do you invite me to share in the glory of the resurrection? Please stay with me as I struggle to see how accepting the crosses of my life will free me.</i>
18	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love
19	<b>Good Friday</b>	Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross
20	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory
21	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	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.

22	Monday of Easter Week	Pray for our planet. In particular all those who work to positively impact on the environmental and ecological issues we face at local and global levels (Earth Day)
23	Tuesday of Easter Week (George is transferred to 29 April)	<i>"What a piece of work is man, How noble in reason, how infinite in faculty, In form and moving how express and admirable, In action how like an Angel, In apprehension how like a god, The beauty of the world, The paragon of animals."</i> (Talk like Shakespeare Day – and reflect on the wonder of humankind).
24	Wednesday of Easter Week	Pray for all involved in continuing Brexit negotiations. Pray that the Church may 'rise up' (Isaiah 60:1) and take a positive lead in promoting reconciliation, both within communities where needed and between the nations of the UK that in these uncertain times, especially at this moment of economic uncertainty.
25	Thursday of Easter Week	Malaria is a mosquito-borne infectious disease that affects humans and other animals. Malaria causes symptoms that typically include fever, tiredness, vomiting, and headaches. In severe cases it can cause yellow skin, seizures, coma, or death. Symptoms usually begin ten to fifteen days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. In 2016, there were 216 million cases of malaria worldwide resulting in an estimated 445,000 to 731,000 deaths.
26	Friday of Easter Week	Give thanks for the work of Earth Scientists (Charles Richter) in enabling us to understand our planet and its rhythms. Especially we pray for all those living in or caught up in what we term as 'natural disasters' (and their after effects).
27	Saturday of Easter Week	Books have Power. Not simply to influence thinking and opinion but to increase awareness, excite and explore, communicate meaning and truth, shape a culture and so much more. Pray for authors and booksellers (especially our Independent book shops)
28	Easter Two	Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth
29	George, Martyr, Patron of England 304	A soldier of Palestinian/Greek origins and member of the Praetorian Guard. Sentenced to death for his Christian faith. Venerated by Christians and Muslims (commonly known as El Khudder and possibly buried in the mosque of Nabi Jurjis). Became an heroic figure in England during and after the Crusades and established by Edward III with the 'Most Noble Order of the Garter'.
30	Mark the Evangelist	Mark's identity not clear. But, putting authorship aside, the power of the first Gospel and the symbol of the Lion – roaring out the Good News. Pray that we at All Saints may 'Roar out the Gospel'