

Prayer Focus for St Helen's Parish Church – June 2017

Thursday 1st June	At the start of this month, let us pray for glorious summer weather to lift our spirits and show the glory of God's creation in the form of blossoming flowers, buds and leaves.
Friday 2nd June	Please pray for all students who are taking their A levels and GCSE's this month. May they stay strong and determined as they study and sit their exams, and may God help them to remain calm and peaceful
Saturday 3rd June	Thank you for your continued prayer support for the Saturday outreach team, and please continue to uplift them to the Lord as they work to spread the message
Sunday 4th June	Today, three services are held in Parish Church, at 9.00am, 10.45am and 7.00pm. The style of worship varies from traditional with hymns played on the organ (9.00am) to more contemporary worship at 10.45am and 7.00pm, so there will be a service to suit your particular spiritual needs.
Monday 5th June	We pray for all the victims of the horrific terrorist attack on the Manchester Arena on 22 nd May – for the families and friends of those who lost their lives, for the many people who were physically or psychologically injured, and for the citizens of Manchester, as they recover from another devastating attack. We pray that the evil ideology behind such attacks can be defeated and eliminated.
Tuesday 6th June	Let us pray for the families who normally come to Tots & Tinies on a Tuesday – may they find other places to take the children today while Tots & Tinies is having a half-term break.
Wednesday 7th June	We pray for our Missional Communities, including Shalom and EAT, which both meet today. May all the Missional Communities receive encouragement and support from their members and the whole church, with more people wanting to join, or try them out.
Thursday 8th June	Today is the General Election, so we pray for people to vote according to their consciences and beliefs. May the two MPs who are elected to serve our town be the right people to help their constituents locally and nationally.
Friday 9th June	Let us pray for the new government and all newly-elected Members of Parliament. We pray that they will all act with honesty and integrity, earning the respect of their constituents, the population of our country, and the leaders of other governments internationally.
Saturday 10th June	It is the Queen's official birthday today, so let us be thankful that her reign has been characterised by acknowledgement of her dependence on Jesus Christ. This has been central to both her public pronouncements and her private devotions, including these words she used in her 2015 Christmas Day message : "Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none." We thank God for the example she sets to so many.
Sunday 11th June	Today, the sermon at our morning gathering at 10.45am is on the theme of Worship and Spiritual Gifts, so please come to hear David preach.
Monday 12th June	Please pray for the Greater Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham, as he leads the city, and its people, in their recovery from the terrorist attack a few weeks ago. May they all find strength, courage and unity as they work together to rebuild lives, faith and confidence.
Tuesday 13th June	Please pray for everyone involved with Tots & Tinies today, as they resume after their half-term break. May all the team members feel refreshed and enthusiastic about continuing this important ministry over the next few weeks.
Wednesday 14th June	We thank God for our church wardens, Derek & Roy, for all our sides persons and members of the PCC, our children & family workers, Jess & Phil, our musicians, our office staff, cleaner and caretaker and the very many willing volunteers who do so much in so many different ways.
Thursday 15th June	We remember the people of our Parish, and we pray today for all those who live in Brynn Street, Clifton Street and Crab Street. Please also remember and pray for the all the homeless people in our Borough, many of whom are showing up more regularly at church. May we be led by the Lord himself to know how best to help them get back on their feet.
Friday 16th June	<i>Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.</i> 1 Peter 3 : 8

Saturday 17th June	Please pray for the businesses in our Town Centre and the rest of the Borough. May they thrive in difficult times, showing fairness and justice to their employers and customers.
Sunday 18th June	It is Father's Day today, so we thank God for the gift of fathers, and the gift of being a father, grandfather, step-father, father-in-law or Godfather. We also pray for those who mourn the loss of their fathers. Most of all though, we thank God for being the best father we could ever have.
Monday 19th June	Today the Card Making Group is held at Parish Church School, which is attended by parents/carers/dinner time supervisors. The main focus is to be a disciple of Jesus in a very real way to these ladies, to offer prayer support and to encourage them to start to talk about faith whilst making and decorating cards. We thank Anne Ward who runs this group, for her commitment, enthusiasm and love for these ladies as well as Jesus.
Tuesday 20th June	This date each year is World Refugee Day – the UN estimates there are over 50 million refugees in the world, of which 50% are under 18. Let us pray for them to be made welcome and safe in the countries which take them in, and that one day, they may be able to return safely to their country of birth, if they choose to do so.
Wednesday 21st June	On the summer solstice today, let us thank God for this season, with its longer days and warmer weather, and pray we may all enjoy some summer sunshine over the next few months.
Thursday 22nd June	Please pray for all our Missional Communities, including Shalom (Wednesday 10.30am-1.00pm), EAT (lunch at 12.00pm on Wednesdays), Aspire (Thursday 7.30pm), Breaking Bread (Friday 6.30-8.30pm), Network 72 (alternate Tuesdays & Wednesdays 7.30-9.00pm), Basecamp and Extension (both Wednesday at 7.30pm) and Rooted (2 nd Sunday at 12.15pm and alternate Fridays at 6.00pm). They are all seeking to reach out to those who don't yet know Jesus, and to grow in our love and service of Him, as we learn to be disciples.
Friday 23rd June	Let us pray for people suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, and other forms of dementia, and for their families and carers. May they find some peace and comfort, and an awareness of the love of God as they cope with their daily lives.
Saturday 24th June	<i>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. - 2 Corinthians 1 : 3-4</i>
Sunday 25th June	We uplift to the Lord all the children who attend LaunchPad during this morning's 10.45am service. May the children enjoy themselves as they learn something new about God and Faith.
Monday 26th June	<i>"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go" - Joshua 1 :9</i>
Tuesday 27th June	Please pray for the Tots & Tinies leaders, Monica & Gill, and the volunteers who help run the groups. Let us also pray that the children and their families may be able to see Jesus' love through the volunteers, and feel His presence as they play and talk.
Wednesday 28th June	We thank God for being here, with the congregation at our 1.20 Midweek Communion each Wednesday. May they continue to help and support each other, and may their fellowship thrive and grow.
Thursday 29th June	Today, the Jigsaw Children's Group meets at a new time, from 4.00-5.00pm, so we pray for good attendance, an enjoyable time for all, and for the Gospel to be preached in a real and exciting way.
Friday 30th June	As June draws to a close, we thank our Lord for everything this month has brought us – the summer solstice, the longest day, the warmer weather. We thank Him for the beauty and glory of His magnificent creation!