



St Margaret's Church **tearfund**

Together we aim to:

Worship God, Proclaim Jesus,

Grow in the Spirit and Serve the World

*Following Jesus where
the need is greatest*

In Contact

13th June 2021

Luke 10: 25-37, Ruth 1: 6-22 **Tearfund** *Following Jesus where the need is greatest*

"Who is my neighbour?" was the question of a teacher of the law who wanted to justify himself and perhaps even catch Jesus out. The response is the beautiful and famous parable of the Good Samaritan who went across religious and cultural divides to offer practical love to a "neighbour" he had never met before, certainly did not live next door to, and gave generously to, (see Luke 10. 25-37).

It was this and other similar Bible passages, that, seeing a need in Nigeria and responding to it, led to the foundation of Tearfund in 1968. It now works in over 50 countries providing disaster relief and community development to some of the poorest of our "neighbours".

Tearfund has been supported by people from St. Margaret's for over 40 years and is one of the six major beneficiaries of our giving to missions. They produce regular magazines and prayer sheets which can be ordered on-line or by calling 020 3906 3906. But here are some recent prayer requests:

- Social distancing isn't possible for people living in refugee camps. Living conditions are crowded and crucial facilities – such as showers, toilets and taps – are shared between multiple families. Pray for God's hand of protection upon these people.
- Lift up frontline medical and aid workers as they work in extremely challenging conditions. Pray for their health and safety, and that they are able to reach those most in need.
- Lockdown means that many people are not able to earn an income, pushing people further into poverty. Children in particular are vulnerable to malnourishment. Ask for God's provision.
- Ongoing conflict and violence is making it hard to reach people with lifesaving information and support. It's also forcing people to flee their homes, making them even more vulnerable. Pray for peace.
- Home isn't a safe place for many women and children. Pray for their safety, and that support will be able to reach them, and help them through this crisis.
- Pray for the millions of people around the world who do not have access to basic healthcare. Pray for the success of the hygiene and sanitation programmes that are trying to keep these people healthy.

Three prayers:

Almighty God, we pray for all the places in our world that are being affected by the changing climate, places where crops fail and abundant harvests are but a memory. Lord, we ask you to help us to learn how to live sustainably for the benefit of people living in poverty. Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, hear us.**

Gracious Jesus, we pray for all those who will go to bed hungry tonight. Help us, Lord, to have compassion for the hungry. Give us grace to meet the needs of our broken world in your name. Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, hear us.**

Holy Spirit, equip and empower us as your global church. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ, in the church facing persecution and need. We pray that you will give them courage and strength. Lord, hear our prayer. **Lord, hear us in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Bible Verse for 2021:

I am about to do something new; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43: 19



Daily Hope is a free phone line which offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

Opt-in:

Please remember to contact Matt 432 1844 or the office 432 4606 if you still wish to receive the In-Contact and Worship Resources after Sunday 20th June.

Delivering to Streets prior to prayer:

This coming week: **Kingsway east side** (Barcicroft Road to Mauldeth Road)

Next Week Sunday 20th June:

20th June: This is Father's Day and it is also Duke's last day with us before moving to his first curacy in Rochdale. We thank Duke for his time at St Margaret's, which has been a great blessing to us, and pray that he will continue growing in his ministry to others.

Looking Ahead:

27th June: We will be re-starting our 3.00pm Communion service. From Sunday 18th July the 3.00pm Communion service will return to its regular pattern of being on the third Sunday of each month.

June 13th to 19th Pray for:

- ◆ People living in Westdean Crescent, Alston Gardens & Ashburn Avenue.
- ◆ Duke's final service when he preaches at Father's Day next Sunday (20th).
- ◆ Matt & Jo to have a refreshing holiday.
- ◆ Many to view IEM UK's National Convention on Zoom on Sat to learn about the work.
- ◆ Good response from leafleting streets we are praying for before that week comes.
- ◆ Wisdom for "Message" decisions about changes to their projects as pandemic ends.

Television & Radio this Sunday:

BBC1 10.30am Sunday Morning Live: Topical magazine show hosted by Sean Fletcher, covering the week's talking points and exploring the ethical and religious issues of the day. Alongside lively chat and special guests the show also shines a light on thought-provoking and inspiring stories from around the UK.

BBC 2 - 13.15pm: Songs of Praise. The Rev. Canon Kate Bottley heads off to the north east of England to join pilgrims on one of six new walking routes to Durham Cathedral and to hear about the many ways the experience can enrich people's lives.

BBC Radio 4 - 8.10am: The Rev Michaela Youngson leads a service on Storytelling - God's Story, Our Story, Every Story, woven together because God is interested in the smallest detail of our lives.

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