



St Peter & St Paul's Church, Cranfield

# CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & DIARY

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## “Lord, teach us to pray.”

When I was at bible college one my tutors told me that he would often asked students: “Do you pray?” He was very keen to ask that rather than: “How often do you pray?” He didn't want to take it for granted that even Christians at a bible college were praying, and he wanted to make it easy for them to have a conversation about prayer. Because prayer is hard. Really hard. Jesus' disciples, the very people who were closest to him, found it difficult to pray, and asked him: “Lord, teach us to pray.” Perhaps some of our difficulty in prayer comes from assuming that it is something that will come naturally, but the disciples perceived that it was something that needed to be taught.

Sometimes when we teach children to pray we use various acronyms to help them. One such acronym is: **S.T.O.P** These letters stand for: Sorry, Thank-you, Others, Please. Another acronym is: **A.C.T.S.** This stands for Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication.

These remind children that prayer is not a wish-list or a set of wants we lay before God – we should pray prayers of repentance, prayers of praise, prayers of intercession, as well as prayers for ourselves. In fact the prayers of the bible cover every human emotion and situation.

Over the next six weeks in our sermon series we're going to be spending some time thinking about prayer. We'll look at six model prayers from the Scriptures: two from King David, two from the Apostle Paul, and two from Jesus. As we consider these prayers together, it's my prayer that we will all grow in both our individual and corporate prayer life. So why not join in praying this month: “Lord, teach us to pray.”

Rev. Isaac Pain

## DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2021

Day	Time	Service/Event	Venue
Friday 1st	1:30pm 7:30pm	Craft Group Home Group via Zoom – Contact Linda Pearson ( <i>l.d.pearson@btinternet.com</i> – Tel. 751358)	Cranfield Church Zoom
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	9:00am 10:30am	Holy Communion - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (with Baptism) followed by Prayer Meeting	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Thursday 7th	9:30am 4:00pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid	Village Hall Cranfield Church
Friday 8th	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church
Saturday 9th	6:00pm	Cranfield University Student Welcome Meal	Cranfield Church
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	9:00am 10.30am	Holy Communion - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (with Holy Communion)	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church
Wednesday 13th	10:00am	Holy Communion Service	Cranfield Church
Thursday 14th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Chapter	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 15th	1:30pm	Wedding: Jason and Emma	Cranfield Church
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	9:00am 10.30am	Holy Communion - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service – (Harvest)	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Monday 18th	7:30pm	PCC Meeting – Cranfield Church	Zoom
Thursday 21st	9:30am 4:00pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid	Village Hall Cranfield Church
Friday 22nd	1:30pm 7:30pm	Craft Group Home Group via Zoom – Contact Linda Pearson ( <i>l.d.pearson@btinternet.com</i> – Tel. 751358)	Cranfield Church Zoom
Saturday 23rd	1:00pm 7:30pm	Wedding: Brian and Camilla Musica Concert	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
<b>Sunday 24th</b>	10.30am 4:30pm	Morning Service (with Holy Communion) Memorial Service	Cranfield Church Hulcote Church
Tuesday 26th	7:30pm	Deanery Synod	TBC
Wednesday 27th	10:00am	Holy Communion Service	Cranfield Church
Friday 29th	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church
<b>Sunday 31st</b>	10:30am 6:00pm	Morning Service (with Baptism) Evensong	Cranfield Church Hulcote Church