

Please Pray... .. w/c 29 January 2012

PRAISE GOD:

- That He is worthy of glory and praise (Psalm 29 v 2)
- That He is enthroned as King for ever (Psalm 29 v 10)
- That He blesses His people with strength and peace (Psalm 29 v 11)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our prayerful and careful reflection on how we personally will respond to the 'Open for All' initiative, with its exclusive focus at this stage on the re-development of the Church Hall into the new All Saints' Centre
- Bishop James and Bishop Richard, thanking God for their ministry, leadership and witness across the diocese and region, and praying for God's strength and sustenance for Bishop James in his national role
- Deanery Synod as it meets on Thursday, praying for Kip Crookes as he chairs this meeting and holding before God the representatives from All Saints who will attend on our behalf
- Those couples getting married at All Saints this year who will be attending the Marriage Preparation Day on Saturday, thanking God for the opportunity we have to serve them and witness to them of the boundless love God has for them
- Preparations for the special service for baptismal families next Sunday, thanking God for the good encounters and relationships that we have with those who come to us for baptism, and praying that these may be developed into relationships of commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord
- The people and government of Syria in this ongoing period of heightened tension with the Arab league and the wider geo-political community, and for new ways of finding a peaceful resolution to be sought
- Today is WORLD LEPROSY DAY. We pray for God's peace and blessing on people affected by leprosy in Mozambique. Please guide and inspire Leprosy Mission staff in their continuing work to help change negative attitudes towards people affected by leprosy.
- The ministry and mission of those Christians who work or serve in the Houses of Parliament, praying for the many ways in which they can bring to bear the values of faith onto the issues that face our society and its governance
- Those who are sick, anxious or undergoing medical procedures at this time.
- Those who are bereaved, or who remember the anniversary of a bereavement at this time.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen