

MAY PRAYERS

"The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation."

(2 Samuel 22 v 47)

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A psalm of praise: Praise the Lord all flowers and trees, sing his praises wasps and bees: Daffodils and small primroses, show your thanks in groups and poses: Skip and hop you baby rabbit, make his praise your daily habit: Worship him you clouds and fogs, wag your tails you happy dogs: Dig for joy all moles and worms, and worship him in happy terms: Come forth from your cosy lair, and join the throng, O little bear: Praise the Lord, O night and day, the moon's pale light, the sun's bright ray: Shout his praises old and young, keep thanks and praises on your tongue: Lift up your voices large and small, sing praises to him who made us all! (Written by Mary Wakelin, age 10 years and read by William)

Prayers of thanks

- * For the love and service of Tony in the many years he has been with us
- * For all who help with the worship every week.
- * For the work of Vicki and her team at the Hub; congratulations on receiving the 'Civic & Community Award' given by Gravesham Borough council
- * For the volunteers at the MHA coffee mornings
- * The beginning of the holiday season when we all get much needed rest

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God is love, his the care, tending each, everywhere. God is love, all is there! Jesus came to show him, that we all might know him: God is good! God is truth! God is beauty! Praise him! (StF 403 v 1)

Prayers of concern

- * The continuing conflict between Russia and Ukraine.
- * All who are concerned for friends and relatives at home or abroad.
- * All finding it hard to cope with the rising cost of living, often resorting to Food Bank.
- * All who are grieving, especially the family of Jean Rayner.

All those known in our own hearts

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Sam following surgery; Jennifer; Dorothy; Bob; Alan & Pauline; Marian; Barbara; Rosalind; Don; Chris & Bob; Mitchell & family; Anne, Vic & Chris; Perry; Rory; David R; Rebecca; Elizabeth; Elaine; Sharon & Fiona; Marion; Lynda; Zena, friend of Margaret; Paul; Glynnis Scott; Christine; Vi; Heather & John;

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God who created light, you sent Jesus Christ, your Son, to be our light, to illuminate your words of truth: God who created the waters, you made Jesus to be our font of living water, to sustain us and provide for us, that we may never thirst: God who created plants and vegetation, you sent Jesus to be the bread of life for us, to feed our bodies and souls, that we need never die: God who created land, you made Jesus to be our sure foundation, the solid rock on whom we build our faith. Amen

(Methodist prayer handbook 2010)