



LOVE NEWTON FLOTMAN

40 Days of Prayer



Aaronic Blessing

(Numbers 6:24–26, NIV)

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn His face toward you and give
you peace

Why 40 days?

Forty is a special number in the bible symbolising the hope of and preparation for God's activity. The people of Israel wandered for 40 years in the wilderness before entered the promise land. Jesus fasted for 40 days in the desert after his baptism before beginning his ministry. He spent 40 days preparing his disciples for his return to heaven after his resurrection.

At this time, St Mary's PCC have been exploring how our church premises (church and church room) could be of more use to the wider community. We want it to be more available for prayer and for other activities: This includes accommodating a potential village vending shop but also warm overflow space for Church Mice, Coffee Stop and a space to drop in for coffee and chat after the school run, among many other ideas. Obviously, we need to be able to provide this without "spoiling" the space in our lovely church for traditional and modern worship, weddings and funerals and this will involve some work on the fabric. We think we are close to finding a solution which could meet everyone's needs and make the church space usable seven days a week - which is not only good for those who live in the village now but essential if the church fabric is going to be preserved for generations to come. So we are seeking God's guidance about and 40 days is a good amount of time to commit to special prayer for our village and our future plans as a church. It is short enough to provide real focus but long enough to seek guidance and depth. This leaflet provides a menu - a consistent pattern you could use for prayer each day. It is suggested that you use this pattern from Monday-Saturday each week making Sunday a day of thanksgiving and coming to Newton Flotman Church to worship It then provides Prayer Pointers for each day:- a street or place in Newton Flotman which you could pray for an a particular area or subject in which to seek God's guidance or blessing.

A Menu for Prayer

Starter

Spend some time Praising God for who He is and what He has done

Then pray about areas of your life where you need to repent: Turn from anything you know to be wrong and ask his forgiveness and for Him to fill you afresh with His Holy Spirit.

Take time to quietly receive from God His forgiveness, His love and His Spirit.

Main Course

Pray for blessing on Newton Flotman and local area using the framework from Ffald yr Brenin (on separate sheet) and today's prayer pointers (inside)

Pray for blessing on our nation and the wider world including the Caleb Prayer (on separate sheet)

Dessert

Thank God for answered prayers

Read a bible passage and spend time listening to God.

DAILY PRAYER POINTERS

Number of Day/ Day in Lent	Seeking Guidance & Blessing	A place to pray for
21	13 March Practical: Solution to church room damp	Limekiln Close
22	14 March Care: Coming alongside families and parents	Dell Close
	15 March MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE 11am	Joy Avenue
23	16 March Discipleship: Those on the Alpha Course	Preschool
24	17 March Hospitality: For solution to improved heating of our premises	The Crescent
25	18 March Service: Care of the Church yard	Churchyard
26	19 March Care: Coming alongside those who are bereaved	Higher Green Cl
27	20 March Care: Coming alongside those who are alone or lonely	The Green
28	21 March Worship: Bless our new Authorised Worship Assistants	Short Street
	22 March PASSION SUNDAY TEAM SERVICE IN SAXLINGHAM 11am	
29	23 March Service: Bless our church school foundation governors	Primary School
30	24 March Service: Bless staff at our church school	Clabburn Close
31	25 March Hospitality: For sides people and their ministry of welcome	Longs Close
32	26 March Practical: For those who clean the church and church room	Sewells Close
33	27 March Service: Film Fun Friday	Longs Close
34	28 March New Initiative: Cafe Church in School	Rectory Close
	29 March PALM SUNDAY CAFE CHURCH IN SCHOOL 11am	
35	30 March Discipleship: For those preparing for confirmation	Sewells Close
36	31 March Practical: For repairs to church tower	Allotments
37	1 April Care: Coming alongside teens in our village	Duffields Mill
38	2 April Maundy Thursday - That we might Love One Another	Kingsway
39	3 April Good Friday - That we may share Christ's Sacrificial Love	Blunderville Manor
40	4 April For the flower arrangers as they prepare for Easter day	Limebank
	5 April EASTER SERVICES 8am (COMMUNION) AND 9am (FIRST SUNDAY)	



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	Number of Day/ Day in Lent	Seeking Guidance & Blessing for areas of the church's life and ministry	Places to bless
1	18 Feb	Ash Wednesday - "Purify my heart Lord"	Church Road
2	19 Feb	Healing: For those in need	Bus Stop
3	20 Feb	Care: Development of Church Mice Group	ARTS
4	21 Feb	Hospitality: Blessing for Coffee Stop	St Mary's Close & Walk
	22Feb	SUNDAY SERVICE AND SPECIAL AGENTS AT 11am	School Road
5	23 Feb	Hospitality: Design of space for wider use of the church	Brightons Road
6	24 Feb	Service: Vending Machine idea & all who want to help	Village Centre
7	25 Feb	Listening to God: Guidance of the PCC	Playing Field
8	26 Feb	Listening to God: For consultation village-wide	Exchange Road
9	27Feb	Potential reopening of village shop	Village Shop
10	28 Feb	Meeting at church today 10.30am to explain & discuss potential reordering for wider community use	Grove Wa, Grove Dale & Grove Rd
	1 March	COMMUNION @ 8am, FIRST SUNDAY @ 9am	
11	2 March	Service: Bless Andy & for an additional churchwarden	Christopher Close
12	3 March	Service: For those who make grant applications	Waterside Gardens
13	4 March	Stewardship: For generous hearts	Relish
14	5 March	Initial plans for church reordering considered by Norwich Diocesan Advisory Committee today.	St Mary's Church & Churchyard
15	6 March	For our application for funding for a community worker	Ipswich Road
16	7 March	For work with children - especially Special Agents	Seastar Superbikes
	8 March	SUNDAY SERVICE & SPECIAL AGENTS @ 11am	
17	9 March	Worship: Bless Evelyn, Andy & all our musicians	Olive House
18	10 March	Care: Visiting the elderly esp Olive House	Olive Avenue
19	11 March	Care: Giving lifts to those who need help to get to church	Flordon Road
20	12 March	Service: Bless Berice - & pray for a new treasurer	Alan Avenue



Framework for prayer based on the Friday Blessing from Ffald-y-Brenin

Heavenly Father, in the Name of Jesus we speak to every household in the Newton Flotman and we say:

“We bless you in the Name of the Lord. We bless the relationships within each household that there may be peace, love and understanding flowing between each one. Especially we bless your marriages that they may be strong and whole. We bless the relationship between each marriage partner that it may be loving, forgiving merciful and strong. In Jesus name, we bless every network of wholesome and supportive friendship.

We bless your health that you may be strong and well. In Jesus name we resist any sickness or disease which seeks to invade this area and to each person we say “Be well, be strong, be healthy”. To any who are unwell right now we say, “We bless you in Jesus name with a speedy recovery”.

We bless your wealth that you will have enough to live and enough to give. We bless the work of your hands that whatever you turn your hands to may be profitable. We bless every wholesome enterprise that is conducted by you that it may prosper and be successful. We bless the fields that crops and wildlife may flourish together. We bless flocks and herds that they may be well and strong and that they may multiply. We bless the roads and the railways that all who travel them may be safe and whole.

We bless local schools that they may be full of joy and peace for teachers and pupils. We bless the children’s capacity to learn and develop relationships and we bless them that simple trust in Jesus may grow and become enriched.

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Caleb Prayer

O High King of Heaven	Hebrews 7.1; Ps 47
Have mercy on our land	2 Chronicles 4.14
Revive your Church	Habakkuk 3.2
Send the Holy Spirit	Acts 2.33
For the Sake of the Children	Isaiah 49.25
May Your Kingdom come to our Nation	Matthew 6.10
In Jesus’ mighty Name	John 14.13-14
Amen.	So be it!

Bible Readings for Lent and Holy Week 2015

Ash Wednesday: John 8.1-12

Lent 1: , Matthew 18.21-25

Lent 2: Matthew 18.12-17

Lent 3: Ephesians 2, Matthew 18.1-10

Lent 4 Luke 7.36-50

Lent 5: John 12.20-33

Palm Sunday: Mark 11.1-11

Monday in Holy Week: John 12.1-11

Tuesday in Holy Week: John 12.20-36

Wednesday in Holy Week John 13.21-32

Maundy Thursday John 13.1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday: John 18.1-19, 42

Holy Saturday: Mark 15.42-47

Easter Sunday: Mark 16.1-8

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