

Our vision is that our congregations and churches should be...

**Growing in faith,  
growing in numbers  
& growing in loving service.**

**Prayer for Church Growth**

God of Mission  
Who alone brings growth to your Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit  
To give vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

If you have any suggestions for amendments or additions please contact the Parish Office.

Your personal prayer requests can also be passed on via the Parish Office,  
pinned to the Prayer board in church or emailed confidentially to  
[prayer@sth-stp.org](mailto:prayer@sth-stp.org).

This Prayer Cycle is also on our website: [www.sth-stp.org](http://www.sth-stp.org)

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**NEW ISSUE**

# Cycle of prayer

**"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert  
in it with thanksgiving."** *Colossians 4:2*

This monthly cycle of prayer is for your personal use as an individual or a family. It covers aspects of our church life, our village community and outreach supported by our church.

If you prefer to pray with others, you are always welcome at Morning Prayer – check our website for timings.

# Prayer Calendar

Please add these concerns for our village and our church to your own prayers each day.

Any Month 2017/2018

<b>1</b> <b><u>Tea Time Church</u></b> <b><u>to plant and grow a weekly, informal, contemporary congregation</u></b>	<b>2</b> <i>Everyone in our village who struggles with Poverty, addiction issues or isolation</i>	<b>3</b> The work of the... <b>Pastoral Focus Group</b> and Home Communion Team	<b>4</b> Our Rector, Curate, Readers, retired Clergy and their families	<b>5</b> That we would make the most of the contact we have with families through Christenings, Weddings and Funerals	<b>6</b> Development of midweek groups to grow our faith and the START! course	<b>7</b> <b>Our two Churchwardens</b> Linda & David and all the members of the PCC
<b>8</b> <b>Your neighbours &amp; those who live near you</b>	<b>9</b> Charity Partnerships: Azalea, The Children's Society, Orphans Know More and the Kimbilio Project, Congo Children's Trust	<b>10</b> Church cleaners, flower arrangers, volunteer drivers & behind the scenes workers.	<b>11</b> <i>Local Police and Fire service, Ambulance crews and everyone involved in healthcare</i>	<b>12</b> <i>For an opportunity today to speak about God's love</i>	<b>13</b> Our Organist, Choirmaster the choir (children, juniors and adults), other musicians, sound system operators & bell-ringers,	<b>14</b> The other churches in the village and our cooperation through Churches Together (including The Vine Mag)
<b>15</b> Pray for two or three individuals you know who are not Christians. Ask God for an opportunity to serve them this week.	<b>16</b> The work of... <b>The Wheathampstead Friends &amp; Wheathampstead Community Group</b>	<b>17</b> Our new vision to be a church <b>growing in... faith, loving service &amp; numbers.</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Women's Fellowship</b>	<b>19</b> Our collections for The Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership, and the Foodbank	<b>20</b> The Children's and Families Minister, leaders and volunteers for The Ark, Junior Church and IMPACT	<b>21</b> That along with the <b>Sidespersons and Welcomers</b> we would share in welcoming & including newcomers
<b>22</b> Our plans to redevelop the URC site on Brew House Hill – including a <b>Fitness Centre</b> in the old church building	<b>23</b> <b>Our support of individuals in need via the St Helen's Community Fund.</b>	<b>24</b> Fabric committee and working parties and contractors working to improve our two church buildings	<b>25</b> Mel, our <b>Parish Administrator</b> and all who help in the office	<b>26</b> <i>Visitors &amp; newcomers to our church &amp; the village, Gustard Wood and Mackerye End</i>	<b>27</b> For strong and fruitful relationships with <b>Beech Hyde &amp; St Helen's Schools</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Groups who use St Helen's &amp; St Peter's buildings including Outdoor Child, the Brownies and U3A</i>
<b>29</b> Macintyre Home, staff and residents, the Thursday Club and all who are elderly, isolated, vulnerable or lonely.	<b>30</b> <i>That we would find engaging and helpful ways of supporting Children and Families in their Journey of Faith</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Our politicians, Parish Council, District Council and MP</i>	<b>Your Notes &amp; Prayers:</b>			

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8.38-39*