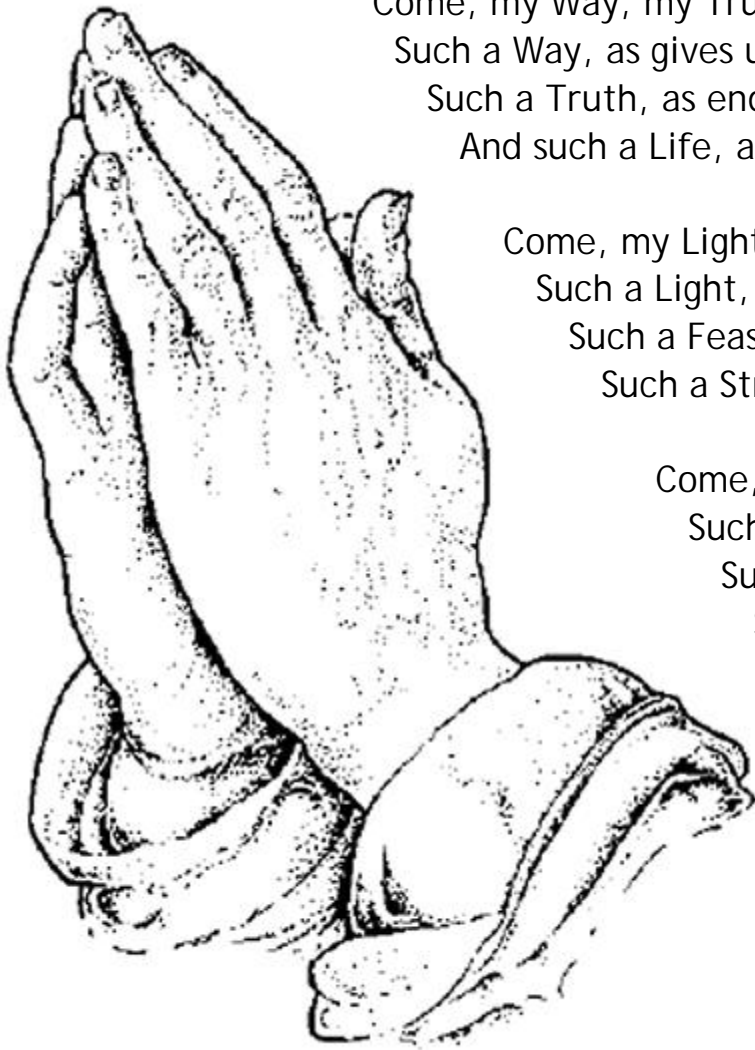




Prayer Leaflet

November 2007



Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
And such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a Feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in Love.
George Herbert (1633)

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin

Godmanchester

Relationship Not Religion

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.



Devotional writer Henri Nouwen wanted people to know God intimately through Jesus Christ. Once, when participating in a conference on art and the spiritual life, Nouwen was at a table where a woman complained that she had quit going to her church because she disagreed with its policies.

Henri leaned over and said to her, "All that is distraction. I don't mean

to denigrate or even dispute your complaints, but those are beside the point. The only thing that really matters is your relationship with Jesus."

Nouwen knew the importance of a personal relationship with the Saviour. Although he is invisible to our eyes and our hands cannot touch him, that doesn't mean he's not there. Electricity is invisible, but it is a source of vast power. So it is with Jesus. We keep in touch with him through prayer, diligent study of his Word, and the guidance of his Holy Spirit.

Nouwen advised, "Just take 5 minutes a day every day for 2 weeks to sit quietly and ask to be with Jesus, and ask for his presence. And then come and tell me what's important."

The heart of Christianity is a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Will you take 5 minutes today to seek his presence?

Our Prayers in November are especially requested for:

In the Church

Events – Boyan Concert (18th); Crossroads Concert (Dec 1st) – please pray for these events, and those who will attend them.

The Church – that people may be enabled to understand and absorb differences, so encouraging unity.

Mothers Union – for all MU enterprises reps in dioceses & deaneries. Lord uphold them as they balance their busy lives with the demands of others. Make them aware of the part they play in the bigger picture of the world wide MU.

Pastoral Care Team – give thanks for the work of the team and for all those who visit and minister to our parish community.

Evening Bible Study – give thanks for an enjoyable and helpful group.

The Charity Committee – for guidance for this month's meeting as the committee select the charities the Church will support next year.

Choir – that they keep their enthusiasm while working towards the concert on December 1st.

St Mary's 0s-5s Group – give thanks for the groups growth in strength and numbers this term. Give thanks also for the generous gifts from the church which enable the group to continue its work in the community. Pray for the provision of new committee members to help our small team of four Mums.

Flower Guild – that more members of the congregation will come forward to join us and enjoy arranging flowers in our lovely church.

In the World

Christian Solidarity Worldwide – Heavenly Father, we thank you for your Word which reminds us to remember those in prison as if we ourselves were in prison. We lift up in prayer all those who are unjustly imprisoned and ask that in their darkest hours you would draw close to each and every one, pouring your love and peace into their hearts.

The charity the Church supports through the collection plate in November:

This month the Church supports several of the **Service Charities**.

This month, in our Street Prayer Mission, we'll be praying for:

Week commencing Sunday 4 November:

Croftfield Close; Peate Close.

Week commencing Sunday 11 November:

White Hart Lane; Hilsden Drive; Anderson Crescent; Kisby Avenue.

Week commencing Sunday 18 November:

Saxon Close; Pipers Lane; Laroc Close; Lavender Grove; Cow Lane.

Week commencing Sunday 25 November:

Porch Close; Grainger Avenue; Littlefield Close; Sears Close.

Please remember the residents of these streets, those known to us, and especially those, as yet, unknown to us.

Some Prayers for November:

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

