

**All Saints Church Clifton**  
**Cycle of Prayer – April 2018**

Date	Festival	Prayers
1	EASTER DAY	God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
2	Monday of Easter Week	Pray for those without faith, for those searching, for those who have experienced trauma that means they are unable to have faith. An estimated 2% of the world population are atheist.
3	Tuesday of Easter Week	Pray for all in healthcare administration – leadership, management and administration of public health systems, hospitals and hospital networks. Pray for smooth running, positive and effective connections between different structures and organizations, and the achievement of positive outcomes for the common goal which is the good health of society. Pray for parts of the world without these facilities.
4	Wednesday of Easter Week	Pray for the Perkins family – and remember David and Frances today. Rats, usually the though brings negative associations. In the west rats are thought to have spread disease and damage goods and food supplies. The term is used as an expletive or to describe unscrupulous characters. Pray for all who are negatively and unfairly ‘labelled’ in this and other societies, may we become increasingly aware of the meaning and effect of language we use about others.
5	Thursday of Easter Week	<i>Hope springs eternal in the human breast;  Man never is, but always to be blessed:  The soul, uneasy and confined from home,  Rests and expatiates in a life to come.</i> Alexander Pope, An Essay on Man
6	Friday of Easter Week	Pray for those in the uniformed services In our own country and throughout the world. May their actions always be shaped by mercy, peace, justice and the common good.
7	Saturday of Easter Week	Pray for Philippa and Chris and families and friends on their wedding day. World Health Day. We pray for all who work in the medical profession, carers and researches; those who suffer and are in need. Also, we pray for the health of our own planet.
8	Easter 2	Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth
9	Annunciation of our Lord	We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection
10	Willian Law, Priest 1761	Pray for the good order of society. That those in positions of power or authority have wisdom and insight. Pray for beekeepers and all who are involved in many different ways with the life of bees.

11	George Selwyn, first Bishop of New Zealand 1878	Pray for the people of New Zealand, the students, academic staff and other staff of Selwyn College (Cambridge). Pray for the Church Missionary Society and its work (Bishop Selwyn was 'thrown out of the CMS because he was too 'high church and had Anglo Catholic tendencies).
12		Pray for those individuals who are 'different', who mark themselves out through behaviour, dress or in other ways as people who don't conform. Let us try to understand their statements or motivations rather than condemning them as 'not like us'. Pray for parents of Rebecca Barrell (Di & Bob and James)
13		Pray for citizens of the United States. Today Thomas Jefferson was born, he was the third president of the USA and the principal author of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike some other Presidents, he was a polymath, political philosopher and 'Man of the Enlightenment'.
14		Give thanks for creation – but today look upwards toward the sky. Our air (clean air), the weather, birds and insects and all flying things, atmosphere, our planet and this solar system.
15	Easter Three	Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth
16	Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess 1923	Pray for woman who minister as Readers, Deacons, Priests and Bishops throughout all denominations and in all parts of the world. Especially pray for Wendy Bray, Liz Badman, Jessica Smith, Jane Too-dera and Ginnie Royston.
17		This is about the time that bats emerge from hibernation. Bats play an important role in many environments around the world. Some plants depend partly or wholly on bats to pollinate their flowers or spread their seeds, while other bats also help control pests by eating insects. Pray for all who are involved in bat research and conservation.
18		Pray for journalists and 'good' journalism. This is about getting facts as right as possible, helping inform, acting in good faith, adding value, providing a service, employing critical analysis. We need to be informed about our world and the decisions of respective governments – without 'good' journalism we would be informed about neither and may be misinformed about either or both.
19	Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr 1012	Pray for cyclists, and cycle manufacturers and retailers. Remember cycle friendly cities and places.
20		Pray for China. For the churches across Zhejiang Province which have had their crosses torn down. Pray for human rights lawyers who are targeted by the Chinese government for their work defending religious freedom. Pray for ethnic minority Christians who are doubly under threat: because they are ethnic as well as religious minorities. Pray for young people in China's middle class are under huge pressure to get a good education and a good job. Employment opportunities often depend on them joining the Communist Party – but this means they have to abandon their faith.
21	Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury 1109	Pray for Retreat Centres – may they be places for people to find space, to reflect, to pray and to worship. Pray for those who go on retreats to explore and deepen their journey with God.

22	Easter Four	Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you
23	George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304	Pray for our planet. In particular all those who work to positively impact on the environmental and ecological issues we face at local and global levels
24		In the on-going Brexit negotiations. Pray that the Church may 'rise up' (Isaiah 60:1) and take a positive lead in promoting reconciliation, both within communities where needed and between the nations of the UK that in these uncertain times, especially at this moment of economic uncertainty.
25	Mark the Evangelist 68	Mark's identity not clear. But, putting authorship aside, the power of the first Gospel and the symbol of the Lion – roaring out the Good News. Pray that we at All Saints may 'Roar out the Gospel'
26		Give thanks for the work of Earth Scientists (Charles Richter) in enabling us to understand our planet and its rhythms. Especially we pray for all those living in or caught up in earthquakes (and the after effects).
27	Christina Rossetti 1894	Anglo catholic poet . 'A Better Resurrection' <i>I have no wit, no words, no tears;  My heart within me like a stone  Is numb'd too much for hopes or fears;  Look right, look left, I dwell alone;  I lift mine eyes, but dimm'd with grief  No everlasting hills I see;  My life is in the falling leaf:  O Jesus, quicken me.</i>
28	Peter Chanel 1841	Marist Missionary and Martyr. Working in Oceania (Islands of the Tropical Pacific Ocean). Pray for the Society of Mary (Marist priests) and all missionary organizations
29	Easter Five	Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect
30	Catherine of Siena 1380	Fourteenth century mystic and political activist who spoke boldly. It was said she would 'speak truth to power'. Pray for all who speak boldly – risking their own lives and safety for what is right