

St John's Woodbridge and St Andrew's Bredfield

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Discovering God and Sharing the Love of Jesus

John 13

30th Jesus knew that the time had come

At the start of Holy week, we prepare by reminding ourselves of Jesus' last days on earth. Pray for Charles and Kate. Pray for those affected by the continuing wars across the globe and their expansion. Pray for peace. Pray for those in or affected by domestic violence. Pray for the Hub.

31st Having loved his own

Sit and ponder on the love that Jesus showed by his sacrifice on the cross. Pray that we can be effective in reaching out to young and old with the love of Jesus. Pray for Toddlers at St Johns. Pray for our work with children and families.

1st ...he now showed them the extent of his love

We are called to tell people about Jesus and his saving grace. Pray for God's word to be heard throughout the world. Pray for the world, the United Nations and national governments. Pray for deliverance for those caught up in human slavery and trafficking. Pray for the organisations tackling these problems.

2nd He poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet (John 13:5)

Jesus shows us how to serve with humility. Give thanks that through our Lord Jesus our sins are forgiven, as we confess and repent of them. Pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet and organisations trying to help them. Pray for prison ministry in its various forms and that those in prison will turn to the Lord. Pray for the Maundy service this evening.

3rd Love one another

Ask the Lord to help you obey this commandment. Pray that we will be bolder in reaching out to those around us. Pray that we will persevere in reading and learning from God's word, obeying and seeking his direction for our lives. Pray for the Walk of Witness and Reflections at the Cross today and for the Easter services on Sunday.

Weekend: Pray for your family, your neighbours and loved ones

Matthew 28: 1 - 10

6th He is not here, he has risen

Praise the Lord with all your body mind and soul, giving thanks that he has conquered death. Pray for the pastoral care within our churches. Pray for our churchwardens and the PCCs. Pray for those offering to stand for election at the Annual Meeting next week. Pray for the efforts to combat climate change. Pray for those affected by conflict in the world. Pray for the Hub.

7th Go quickly and tell...

Who can you tell of the Lord's great love for them? Pray for those who find it difficult to accept God's love. Pray for Christian Aid and its work throughout the world. Pray for Toddlers at St_Johns. Pray for our children and young people. Pray for families coming together over the holiday period. Pray for the Children's Society.

8th Afraid yet filled with joy

Close your eyes and imagine God's glory surrounding you. Pray that all you say will give joy to the Lord and encourage others. Set a time to sit quietly each day, so that the Lord can speak into your heart. Give thanks and pray for those who preach the gospel. Ask our Father to help us listen to the concerns of those around us. Pray for those whose health investigations and treatment have been delayed.

9th Jesus met them...they worshipped him

Spend some time in worship of our Lord and Saviour. We need to tell our friends and neighbours of the great joy of knowing and following Jesus. Pray that we will be open to God's guidance and be prepared to share his good news. Pray for those God has placed on your heart. Pray for our office staff and volunteers. Pray for our Life Groups. Pray for Just42.

10th Do not be afraid. Go and tell

Ask God to give you the strength to go and tell others about his love. God comes alongside us and supports us when we call upon him, but we need to give him time and space. Pray for the healing of relationships and hurts, some of these due to historic or current racial or domestic abuse. Pray for the emergency services. Pray for the Men's Breakfast. Pray for the services on Sunday.

Weekend: Pray for your family, your neighbours and loved ones

John 20: 19 - 31

13th Peace be with you

Offer to the Lord anything that disturbs your sense of peace and ask for his healing touch on your life. Pray that we will be a church that welcomes all. Pray for the people of Ukraine. Pray for the people of the Middle East. Pray for peace. Pray for the work of The Children's Society. Pray for the Hub. Pray for our government and that decisions made will be for the benefit of all.

14th As the Father has sent me, I am sending you

We have been commissioned by our Lord. How do we obey this? Pray that Jesus will be welcomed in our homes and those of our family and friends. Pray for our Mission Partners – David and Manuela, John and Gillian and their families. Pray for Toddlers at St Johns. Pray for all our ministry to families and children. Pray for healing of any broken relationships. Pray for the recruitment of a Youth Pastor.

15th Receive the Holy Spirit

Welcome the Holy Spirit into your life and that of our churches. Give thanks for all that we have heard about our Saviour and his sharing all aspects of our humanity. Pray that we will value and support one another. Pray for the hungry and homeless and those who seek to help them. Pray for those affected by war, earthquakes, forest fires, floods and other catastrophic events. Pray for the Wednesday congregation. Pray for the Bereavement Journey which starts today.

16th Stop doubting and believe

Open your heart and your voice in praise and thanks for your salvation. Pray for those who are fearful for the future. Pray for those struggling with pain and disability or struggling mentally or financially that they will be able to access appropriate help especially for debt counselling. Pray for young people seeking employment. Pray for those preparing for exams. Pray for the Bible Society.

17th My Lord and my God

Spend some time lifting your voice and your heart in praise, glorifying our God and Saviour. Let God fill you with joy in his presence and the desire to share that joy with those around us. Pray for yourself and the people of our benefice that we can step out in faith, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Pray for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, giving thanks for the past year and the plans for the coming year.

Weekend: Pray for the protection of your family and friends

Luke 24: 13 - 35

20th How slow to believe...

The Old Testament is full of prophecies about Jesus. Open our eyes to see how God's plan for our salvation from sin evolved. Pray for Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk District Council, for their work and that decisions made will be to the benefit of all. Pray for those who live or work in residential or care homes in this area. Pray for those receiving end of life care. Pray for the CPAS. Pray for the Middle East. Pray for the Hub.

21st (Jesus) explained what was said in the scriptures concerning himself

Pray that we will know how much God loves us and that he offers forgiveness to those who come to him in repentance. Pray that we can share this message with those around us, at home and in Woodbridge. Pray for Toddlers at St Johns. Pray for growth of the ministry in our benefice to children and young people. Pray for the NHS, social care and our medical centres. Pray for Open Doors.

22nd He took bread and gave thanks

Give thanks that we can celebrate the sacrificial death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour in the service of Holy Communion. Pray for Woodbridge and Bredfield, those who live and work here. Pray for Churches Together that we can find ways to support one another in sharing the love of Jesus.

23rd Were not our hearts burning within us...

Ask the Lord to fan into flames a love for his word. Pray for our Life groups in their sharing the Bible, in praying, in sharing and in caring for one another. Pray for those in our congregation who are reluctant to join a Life Group or have yet to find one.

24th The Lord has risen

Spend some time in the worship of God the Father, Jesus the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Pray that our love for one another will flow into the community. Pray for the ministry of healing and for sensitivity towards those struggling with long term ailments. Pray for our farmers, those involved in agriculture and those involved in food production. Pray for the Sunday services.

John 10: 1 - 10

27th The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd

Jesus hears and calls each of us by name. Who can you tell of all that God has done in your life? Ask Him to give you the opportunities and the words to say. Pray for the world and for God's will to be done. Pray for the Hub.

28th The sheep listen to his voice

Are we open to hearing God and responding to him? Lift your voice in praise to our God and Saviour. Pray for Charles and Kate and all who minister God's word in our benefice. Pray for Toddlers at St Johns and our ministry to children and young people.

29th He calls his own sheep by name

Give thanks that through Jesus we have become part of God's family. Pray for the homeless and the hungry. How can we help to bring them hope? Pray for the Wednesday congregation.

30th His sheep follow him because they know his voice

Pray that we will be protected from following or believing false teaching or media trends. Give thanks to God for Jesus and all he taught us through his words and actions. Pray for our government at national and local levels and the decisions made.

1st I am the gate for the sheep

The good shepherd protects his flock. When we come to the Lord and confess where we have done wrong, or missed doing right, he forgives us and restores us. Pray for the emergency services, health professionals and give thanks for their dedicated service. Pray for the services on Sunday.

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