

We pray for the church around the world:

Especially those who are persecuted for their faith. We pray for compassion and kindness, inclusion and love for all. We pray for all who have not yet let Jesus into their lives.

We pray for our world: All the casualties of war and conflict; victims of natural or manmade disasters; those who are living in poverty or under oppressive regimes; for all who have no safe place to live in. For the earth and all the damage done to it by humankind. For more empathy and compassion.

We pray for our local community: [23: Runwell Terr, Prittlewell Sq.][24: Devereux Rd, Royal Mews] [25: Musicians, artists, poets and performers of the parish] [26: Clifton Terr, Milton Pl.] [27: Southend Care Bank; Milton Community Partnership and SAVS][28: Melrose House, Barons court School, all who are home-schooled] [1: Hamlet Rd, Princes St]

We pray For those who are sick or in need Margaret Jones, Terry, Maff, Ken, Valerie, Tony, Kat, Judith, Mark, Diana, Audrey, Chris Binks, Louis, Natasha & family, Rosetta, Janet, Jean Wren, Mark, Sarah, Laura.

And all on our long term list. Prayers for all sick in hospitals, hospices, care homes and at home. For those who are caring for them.

Recently departed:

All who have died with no-one to pray for them.

In Memoriam: February

Eileen Walker 18/2, Sandy Sandover 27/2, Ann Harvey 28/2

NOTE: Words for final prayer for the departed and for Hail Mary is in Mass Book

Dates for the Diary

Music Events:

1 March: Tumble Dryer Babies 7.30pm

Church Events:

1 March: City Day Exhibition and Activities 11-4pm

Keep in your Prayers:

Kaydee, Kelsey & Freya who will be baptised here this afternoon.

Parish of St Alban, Westcliff &
ST MARK, SOUTHEND

23 February 2025

2 Sunday Before Lent



The Elmelunde Master, **Creation of the Beasts, Fanefjord** [c16th century]

I love that this Danish fresco painted in pale greys and reds has a distinctly childlike appearance which suggests something of the delight that I can imagine God took in the creation of the world. Of course, this was not something that God had to do, but chose to do. And as we are created in the image of God, we can be assured that creativity is in our DNA! Of course, St Mark's is already a place of blessing for the creative arts in this community. We host local, talented musicians, encourage arts and crafts across all ages and, next week we will be taking part in the first City Day Anniversary with an exhibition of art and workshops for the public. I think we can say that we are doing our best to join in God's great art project! **Blessings, Mother Cherry**

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