

**A REMINDER to you for the *CALL to DAILY PRAYER* at 6pm each evening to pray for our nation.**



In response to reaching the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, the Archbishops invite all to call on God in Prayer. More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love.

**We remember before God those who have died and we pray that God's love will surround all who mourn them, now and always ...**

*Gracious God, as we remember before you the thousands who have died, surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion. Be gentle with us in our grief, protect us from despair, and give us grace to persevere and face the future with hope in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.*



**We would love to hear from you with favourite prayers and reflections that are important to you. Please send them to [dawn@walmsleyparish.org](mailto:dawn@walmsleyparish.org)**

**If you would like to receive our weekly 'Walmsley Parish Newsletter', please contact me to send it to you. Love from your friends in Walmsley Parish xx**

**Prayers for w/c 7 February:  
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

**THE COLLECT FOR THIS SUNDAY:**

**Almighty God, You have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.**

*Captain Sir Tom Moore*



*Thank you.*

The British Army tweeted this message following news of the death of Captain Tom on Tuesday 2 February:



***It is with great sadness that we have learnt of the death of Captain Sir Tom Moore.***

***An exceptional man and soldier to the end, our thoughts are with his family and friends at this difficult time.***

*(Image by Charlie Mackesie)*

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***May the worries and the weariness of the day be lifted by the gift of sleep, and may you be given grace to rest in the arms of Christ through the night hours. May your body be restored, your mind stilled and your faith strengthened as you rest. Amen.***

These midday prayers are shared from Mothers' Union in their 'wave of prayer' this month:



**God's eternal Word** *Isaiah 40:8; Psalm 119:89*

The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of our God stands forever.  
Your word, O Lord, is eternal;  
it stands firm in the heavens.

*From the very beginning was Your Word  
which spoke this world into being,  
Your Word which thunders from the skies,  
Your Word which flows like mountain streams,  
Your Word which whispers in morning breeze,  
Your Word revealed through kings and prophets,  
Your Word revealed through Angels' praise,  
Your Word revealed in humble service,  
Your Word revealed through a tiny child,  
Your Word alive from the beginning of all things  
and to eternity.* ©John Birch

May we be forever sustained by the written Word,  
inspired by the spoken Word,  
and bear witness to the Living Word,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.



*(Extract from Psalm 104)*

*Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,  
and renew the face of the earth.  
...I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.  
May these words of mine please him;  
I will rejoice in the Lord.*

Beautiful daily words from Bill Braviner in his [#MorningPrayer](#):  
May we recognise the presence of God in ourselves and in others. Amen

*Lord, help us recognise your presence in our lives,  
our communities, in others and in the gentle wind of  
your Spirit moving in our world.  
Give us courage to point away from ourselves and  
towards you, and a passion to immerse ourselves and  
all people in your love.*