



**St. Mary the Virgin, Baldock.  
St. Margaret of Antioch, Bygrave.**



# LENT 2021

Prayer – a  
conversation  
with God!



**A six week course meeting on Zoom on Thursdays at 7.30pm**

This course is not for experts! (And it is not led by one either!) People have such different experiences of prayer and there are so many ways of doing it that I hope we can hear from each other and fumble in the dark a little together, because God has a habit of shining a light in the darkness.

Each evening will be based around a question. We'll relate that to a passage from the bible and there will be lots of time for discussion. I hope to end with a different style of prayer each week led by a variety of different people.

*Come to one session or the whole lot. Every evening is independent of the others.*

This is the Zoom code

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85185425495?pwd=aUZwNXRLQjZjM1I6bGtZNXErdnFZdz09>

Meeting ID: 851 8542 5495

Passcode: 559388

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm** *(The day after Ash Wednesday)*

Does God answer prayer?

Today we'll look at a selection of short verses from the bible to show the sort of prayer that Paul in particular used.

Praying with objects



## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm

### What's the point in praying?

Psalms 42 and 43

Will wars ever cease?

What difference does it make praying for peace?

Contemplative prayer (Lectio Divina)



## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

### Should I pray for things I want?

Luke 4: 1 – 13

On whom does the spotlight fall?

Undertaking a prayer audit.

Praying together



## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

### Is prayer hard work?

Mark 1: 29 – 39

Is maintaining a relationship hard work?

Compline (possibly sung) and Morning and Evening Prayer



## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

### What does the Holy Spirit do?

Ephesians 6: 10 – 20

What does it mean to pray in the Spirit?

Silent Prayer



## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

### The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6: 5 – 15

How often do you think about it?

Praying with icons



Here are some of the questions and topics I hope we will talk about. Is there anything you would add to the list?

- What prayer isn't
- Platitudes about prayer – are they helpful? (e.g. God answers in his own time.)
- Speaking in tongues
- Praying with hymns
- Is it ok to bargain with God? (Think of the story of Sodom and Gomorrah)
- Is God more likely to answer your prayer if you have a strong faith?
- Can we influence God by our prayers?