

Healing Ministry at St Mary's



A prayer for healing:

*Jesus our healer,
I commend to your gentle
hands those who are sick.
Ease their pain and heal the
damage done to them in
body, mind or spirit. Be
present to them through the
support of friends and in the
care of doctors and nurses,
and fill them with the
warmth of your love, now
and always.
Amen*

Jesus said:

“Come to me, all you
who are weary and
burdened, and I will
give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

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THE HEALING MINISTRY AT ST. MARY'S

The healing ministry of the church reflects Jesus' concern and promise for the whole person - body, mind and spirit. In his own ministry, Jesus gave high priority to healing the sick. This finds expression in our ministry at St. Mary's.

There are three opportunities each month to receive prayer for healing and the laying on of hands:

First Sunday at the 10.00am service

Members of the Healing Fellowship are available at the back of the church to pray with you after you have received Communion.

First Thursday at 1.00pm

A short healing service with the laying on of hands, about 20 minutes, to pray for personal needs and those of the world.

Third Sunday at 6.30pm

(4.00pm in winter)

In a simple setting, following the evening Eucharist, people are invited to come forward individually. There is no need to say anything unless so desired. As the ministers lay hands upon you and bless you, the rest of the congregation will uphold you in silent prayer. You may also receive this ministry on behalf of someone else who is not present.

Healing Fellowship

This is a group of about 25 people who are committed to pray as requested, for the sick and those in any kind of trouble. The group usually meets on the first Wednesday of each month following the 9.30am Eucharist, to pray together for healing.

Telephone Prayer-Chain

This is a quick way of circulating requests for prayer to members of the Healing Fellowship who will then pray daily.

Written Messages

You may leave requests in the Blue Book in the North Chapel, which is used daily by the clergy. In addition, in the South aisle, by the Chapel of Remembrance, there is a board on which you may pin messages asking for prayer.

Candles

You are welcome to light a candle on the stand by the Chapel of Remembrance on behalf of yourself or someone for whom you are concerned. Sometimes it is difficult to know how to pray, but the candle symbolises to God all that is in your heart.

Personal Visits

If you would like someone to come and pray with you privately, please contact the Parish Office, who will put you in touch with members of the Healing Fellowship who have been authorised by the clergy to offer prayers and the laying on of hands. Alternatively, speak to one of the clergy who will be happy to help you.

Can we help you?

We sometimes have concerns or problems which can build up and hinder the growth of our relationship with God. If there is anything on your mind, whether it be spiritual concerns, family relationships or problems at work or at home, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Rector or the Curate.

*For further information about the Healing Ministry please contact
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