

Short home blessing prayer

Spirit of God we welcome you into this place.
Come inhabit every room with your wonderful presence.
May all who enter this dwelling sense your everlasting peace and abundant joy, and may all who live here know and experience the fullness of your eternal love. We ask all this in the glorious name of Jesus, our saviour and protector. **Amen.**

Prayer from Zimbabwe

We have been given eyes to see and ears to listen
We have been given tongues... to speak for the innocent... and the guilty,
To praise, encourage and support,
To proclaim in season and out, the news that is good news.
We have been given hands to reach out and strengthen the fearful,
To protect the weak and lift up the fallen,
To embrace the dying,
To share burdens and wipe away tears...
To build up, not to tear down,
To fan the embers not to quench the smouldering wick,
To bless, not to strike,
To give not to withhold.
We have been given minds to judge... ourselves, not others,
Situations, not motives;
To seek solutions, not excuses, justice, not expediency;
To discern the essential from the merely desirable,
The good from the less good and the less good from the bad...
We have been given hearts to feel,
To interpret the hidden meanings beneath the words spoken,
To open doors closed by despair,
To discover the best in others and set it free,
To understand and to forgive... or to simply forgive...
To comfort the sorrowful, to love and thereby heal the scars.
We have been given all these things so that people around us
May neither doubt nor forget God's presence among them;
That in our touch, our words, our actions,
God may touch and speak and act and others, in turn,
May sense the presence of God when we pass by,
And seeing us know with little effort
That they can catch a glimpse of God.



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*'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer'*
Romans 12:12

**We hope this bulletin will encourage your prayer throughout this month—individually, in Prayer Triplets and in Life Groups.
Our weekly church prayer meeting is on Wednesdays at 9am.**

Welcoming new Risborough residents to our churches and our community

Moving into a new home is an exciting time because it brings new beginnings and hope for dreams fulfilled. Whether you are a newly married couple, a family starting a new journey in a new town or single and buying your first place, we at St Mary's want to share with new Risborough residents the excitement of renewed hope. We want to visit new Risborough residents as they move into the new houses currently being built. We pray that God's blessings will be felt in those new homes as people put photos on the walls, buy new furniture, invite friends over for dinner parties and celebrate holidays in our community of Princes Risborough.

"By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches."
Proverbs 24:3-4

**"Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain."**
Psalms 127:1



Where are the new housing developments in Princes Risborough?

'Poppyseeds', Poppy Road (10 homes) - Built & Completed

Poppyseeds is a small development of six 3-bedroom homes and four 2-bedroom apartments just off Wycombe Road/Poppy Road. Eight out of the ten homes have already been sold and people have moved in.

'Goodearl Place', Picts Lane (40 homes) - Under Construction

40 x 2, 3 & 4 bedroom homes (terraced, detached and semi-detached)
These new homes will be marketed off-plan from the beginning of August.

'Eaves Court', The Retreat (69 assisted living units) - Under Construction

On the site of the old Ker-Maria nursing home, Eaves Court will provide 69 x 1 & 2 bed Assisted Living Units which will include communal and welfare facilities with an onsite warden. The properties when built are intended for people who are at least 55 or 60 years of age.

'Churchill Retirement Lodge', Aylesbury Road (36 x1 & 2 bedroom apartments) - Under Construction

Just along from the Sprinz & Nash Vet Practice construction has just started to build 36 retirement apartments and the developers have confirmed that they expect the Lodge to be complete by Spring 2018 with people moving in in Summer 2018. These apartments are intended for people aged over 60 only, and the Lodge will include a coffee bar, roof terrace and landscape gardens including Owner's Lounge for family members to stay over and there will be an onsite Lodge Manager.

Leo Laboratories, Longwick Road, adjacent Hypnos factory, (96 homes) - Construction not yet started—summer 2018 at the earliest

When completed, this site will have 53 x 3 bedroom/17 x 4 bedroom/9 x 2 bedroom, 6 x 5 bedroom/5 x 2 bedroom/3 x 3 bedroom flats & 3 x1 bedroom houses.

New Developments are also planned in Longwick, with a total of 300 houses over the next three years or so.

160 Houses at the back of the Barn Road estate - first phase will begin construction in October 2017. Houses are also planned at the rear of the Wheelright estate backing onto Bar Lane.

Who should I be praying for?

- ◇ WDC Planning Department as they finalise the new Wycombe District Local Plan which includes the Risborough Plan;
- ◇ For the WDC Cabinet and Council as they receive the plan and agree it in late September;
- ◇ For the Statutory 6 Week Consultation Period, probably in the October – December period and for the following stages as the plan is considered by the Government;
- ◇ The Risborough Town Council and the Risborough Plan Steering Group throughout this period.

St Mary's provides a welcome to new residents

The Ministry Team at St Mary's, led by Louise Fell is already planning a welcome pack to be given out to all new residents as they move into our community. This pack will include a bag—with the St Mary's logo—containing information about St Mary's, along with useful items such as a tea towel, and of course not forgetting a bar of Anton's chocolate!

Please pray for the members of the Ministry Team over the summer as they work together on putting together this pack, and also pray for those who have volunteered to act as visitors, delivering the Welcome Packs to new homes and families. Our Curate Dan Beesley is spearheading this visitor's team and has a vision for sharing God's Love for All, whether they be newcomers to the area, or local people moving to a new home.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen.

