

Prayers for 25th October 2020 from Jan Teale

For many, many years now I have described the Bible as a guide book to life. I've conducted quite a few family services over the years with this as the theme. I truly believe that the Bible is our 'go-to' book for help and guidance at any stage of our lives.

Would you set out on a long and difficult journey without checking first in an atlas or, more likely these days, a Sat Nav to show you the way to go. Surely the Bible can be the same thing for us on our journey through life?

This Sunday is Bible Sunday and celebrates in many ways the numerous versions of that wonderful book containing such wisdom and guidance. Normally I try to write the prayer for this Bulletin myself, but the collect for this special day can't be beaten, so let's pray:

Blessed Lord,

Who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

Help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that,

Through the patience, and the comfort of your holy word,

We may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,

Which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,

Who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever. Amen

And we pray for the recently departed and for all who are ill or may be sad and lonely, especially those who have lost family and friends recently and for whom life will never be the same again.

We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this week: Effie Robinson, Henry Albert Edmondson, John T Savage, Roy Stephen Fellows, Miriam Oldham, Edith Young, Thomas Andrew Ramsden, Ronald Matthewman, Richard O' Gram and Nellie Kingston, Amen