

PRAY FOR GOVERNMENT



First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour

1 Timothy 2:1-3

TRANSFORMATION

OURSELVES | OUR CHURCHES | OUR COMMUNITIES

Theresa May
Prime Minister

Phillip Hammond
Chancellor

Boris Johnston
Foreign Secretary

Amber Rudd
Home Secretary

David Davis
Brexit Minister

Michael Fallon
Defence Secretary

Liz Truss
Justice Secretary

Kwasi Kwarteng
MP for Spelthorne

SPELTHORNE COUNCILLORS

Councillor Maureen Attewell

Laleham and Shepperton Green (Con)
Portfolio Holder for Community
Wellbeing

Councillor Colin Barnard

Shepperton Town (Con)
Portfolio Holder for Corporate
Management

Councillor Richard Barratt

Stanwell North (Con)

Councillor Ian Beardsmore

Sunbury Common 9Liberal Democrats)
Leader of Liberal Democrats

Councillor John Boughtflower

Ashford North and Stanwell South
(Con)

Councillor Steven Burkmar

Staines South (Unaffiliated
Independent)

Councillor Sabine Capes

Staines South (Con)

Councillor Rose Chandler

Ashford East (Con)

Councillor Colin Davis

Staines (Con)

Councillor Susan Doran

Stanwell North (Con)

Councillor Sandra Dunn

Halliford and Sunbury West (Liberal
Democrats)

Councillor Quentin Edgington

Riverside and Laleham (Unaffiliated
Independent)

Councillor Tim Evans

Halliford and Sunbury West (Con)

Councillor Kevin Flurry

Stanwell North (Con)

Councillor Penny Forbes-Forsyth

Staines South (Unaffiliated
Independent)

Councillor Mark Francis

Staines (Con)

Councillor Chris Frazer

Ashford East (Con)

Councillor Alfred Friday

Sunbury East (Con)
Mayor

Councillor Nick Gething

Ashford Town (Con)
Portfolio Holder for Planning and
Economic Development

Councillor Alison Griffiths

Sunbury Common (Con)

Councillor Tony Harman

Riverside and Laleham (Con)
Deputy Leader and Towards a
Sustainable Future Programme

SPELTHORNE COUNCIL STAFF

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Deputy Chief Executive

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Finance Officer

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Heather Morgan

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John Brooks

Head of Planning and Housing Strategy

Sandy Muirhead

Head of Sustainability/Leisure Services

Linda Norman

Head of Customer Services

COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Mrs Carol Coleman

Ashford (Con)

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Community Wellbeing

Mr Tim Evans

Lower Sunbury and Halliford (Con)
Cabinet Associate for Adult Social
Care, Wellbeing and Independence

Ms Denise Turner-Stewart

Staines South and Ashford West
(Con)

Mrs Denise Saliagopoulos

Staines upon Thames (Con)

Mr Robert Evans

Stanwell and Stanwell Moor
(Labour)

Mr Ian Beardsmore

Sunbury Common & Ashford
Common (Surrey Opposition Forum)

Councillor Ian Harvey

Sunbury East (Con)
Leader and Council Policy co-
ordination

Councillor Naz Islam

Ashford Town (Con)

Councillor Anthony Jones

Halliford and Sunbury West (Con)

Councillor John Kavanagh

Ashford Common (Con)

Councillor Vivienne Leighton

Shepperton Town (Con)
Deputy Mayor

Councillor Mary Madams

Laleham and Shepperton Green (Con)

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Portfolio Holder for Environment and
Compliance

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(Con)

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Sunbury East (Con)

Councillor Jean Pinkerton OBE

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Councillor Olivia Rybinski

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Riverside and Laleham (Con)

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(Con)

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Shepperton Town (Con)

Councillor Richard Smith-Ainsley

Laleham and Shepperton Green (Con)

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Sunbury Common (Liberal Democrats)

Councillor Howard Thomson

Ashford Common (Con)

Councillor Howard Williams

Ashford Common (Con)
Portfolio Holder for Finance and
Customer Services

**Every Councillor, Chief
Officer and Service Head
prayed for every day!**

MEPs

These Members of the European Parliament (MEP's) were elected in 2014 by proportional representation, represent the South East Region of the United Kingdom.

Richard Ashworth (Con)

Janice Atkinson (UKIP)

Catherine Bearder (Lib Dem)

Nirj Deva (Con)

Anneliese Dodds (Labour)

Nigel Farage (UKIP)

Raymond Finch (UKIP)

Daniel Hannan (Con)

Diane James (UKIP)

Keith Taylor (Green)

David Phillips

Head of Asset Management

Karen Sinclair

Head of Housing and Independent
Living

Deborah Ashman

Head of Housing and Independent
Living

Jackie Taylor

Head of Streetscene

Tracey Willmott-French

Senior Environmental Health Manager

PARLIAMENT

- Pray for your MP - their faith, the pressure of being away from home, their workload - and write to them to tell them that you / your church pray for them and ask them how you as a church might be able to support them in serving local communities
- Thank God for freedom to pray and worship together and pray that this precious freedom is protected
- Pray that Christian MPs, Peers, Policy Staff and House Staff will grow in quantity and in the depth of their faith and also that they would be a positive and gracious influence in Parliament

POLITICS

- Pray for politics of wisdom, integrity, self-sacrifice and policymaking for the good of all Pray for effective and gracious Christian presence and influence in political debate
- Pray for the wise explanation of God's truth in the public square
- Pray that the wisdom of the Bible would be listened to in what it says about human flourishing across all policy areas
- Pray that the Christian groups in each of the three main parties would grow in influence and the positive contribution that they can make

GOVERNMENT

- Pray for wisdom for the Queen, the Prime Minister and the Cabinet
- Pray for integrity, wisdom, justice and compassion throughout Government
- Pray for the positive influence of God's people for the good of all throughout all Government departments
- Pray that the UK Government would be a strong force for good in foreign policy and bringing relief to those suffering throughout the world

CHURCH

- Pray for greater Christian engagement in local and national politics
- Pray that churches across the country would seek to love and serve their local MPs, be prayerful for them and seek ways in which they can support them in serving their communities

THANK GOD FOR OUR GOVERNMENT AND INSTITUTIONS

- Pray for councillors and members of parliament to behave with integrity, honesty and principle and to be wise, just, humble, fair and generous
- Pray for council officials and civil servants to act obediently, impartially and honestly
- Pray for the Christians in parliament and on local councils that *"in every matter of wisdom and understanding ... they be found ten times better ..."*

Father, I bring the needs of our government before You and ask You to bless our nation through godly leaders. I magnify the Name of Jesus and declare that He is Lord over this nation.

I pray, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, that our Prime Minister, her Cabinet and the judiciary may receive the wisdom of God to act in obedience to that wisdom and for the power of God to flow in their lives.

I pray for the members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords to find Your peace and direction, and for these men and women to act and lead according to Your Word. A house divided against itself cannot stand, therefore, I pray for them to be unified in righteousness for the sake of the nation.

I pray for Your protection to cover all our law enforcement officers and the men and women of the military. I ask for godly counsel and wisdom for judges across this land. In the Name of Jesus, I pray that You and Your kingdom of righteousness be manifested in the hearts of all those who are in authority in any way.

Thank You, Father, for hearing my prayers that are in accordance to Your will. I receive the answers, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance.

We know Your word says "Woe to those who call evil good" but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and turned our values upside down.

We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your word in the name of moral pluralism. We have ridiculed the time-honoured values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism. We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

In the name of choice, we have killed our unborn and in the name of life we have hated abortionists. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building esteem. We have abused power and called it political expedience. We have coveted our neighbours possessions and called it taxation. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

Search us, oh God, and know our hearts; try us, and show us any wicked way in us. Cleanse us and set us free from every sin. Guide and bless those men and women who have been elected and ordained by You to govern this nation/borough and rant them Your wisdom to rule, and may their decisions direct us to the center of Your will.

I ask it in the name of your son, the living Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen. (After Pastor Joe Wright)

PRAY FOR

THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE GOVERNMENT

- For the responsibilities of office and the difficulties of decision-making
- For the government's legislative programme
- For the wise use of money and resources
- Pray for the opposition parties in the task of constructively holding the government to account

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

- For their faith
- For their family and the pressures of being away from home
- For their workload, both in parliament and their constituency

THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE WORK OF PARLIAMENT AND GOVERNMENT

- For research staff, secretaries, office and diary managers in parliament
- Staff of the houses of parliament, caterers, Sergeant-at-arms, Office of Black Rod
- For the police forces and security who serve parliament
- For civil servants, those who handle the development of policy and its implementation, for lawyers and auditors, for those in internal administration
- For charities, organisations and campaign groups who work on political issues.

POLICY ISSUES

Abroad

- Peace and security abroad
- Relief of poverty, and the encouragement of development, education and healthcare in the developing world
- For constructive relationships between nations and their representatives, for grace, wisdom and discernment in their dealings with each other

Domestic

- Pray for parliament and government responsibilities towards those in education, health, police, the armed forces, social and welfare services
- Pray for local government
- Pray for an end to terrorism, its threat and its causes