## August - Peace

Week commencing Sunday:

5 Within our Cities e.g. Knife Crime
12 Jerusalem and the Middle East
19 Social Cohesion and within Communities/Families
26 Establishing of Godly Order in Areas with Conflict

## September - Work

Week commencing Sunday:

2 That Those Needing Work Would be Able to Find Suitable Employment
9 That There is a Just Reward for Work - Locally and Globally
16 Pray for Your Place of Work (or another Social Network if not relevant)
23 Integrity and Christian Values within the Business World
30 For Those in Employment Struggling with Work/Life Balance and Stress

## October - Health

Week commencing Sunday:

7 Greater Healings: in Number and Significance
14 Healthcare Work Overseas, e.g. Mercy Ships, Tearfund
21 Barnet Health Services and Employees
28 Eradication of Global Illnesses, e.g. Malaria

## November - Crime and Justice

Week commencing Sunday:

4 The Police, the CPA (Christian Police Association), Crime Investigation/Prevention
11 The Judiciary: The Courts, Judges - including the House of Lords
18 The Prison Service, Ex-Offenders
25 Righteous Laws: The Law Makers and the Legislative Agenda

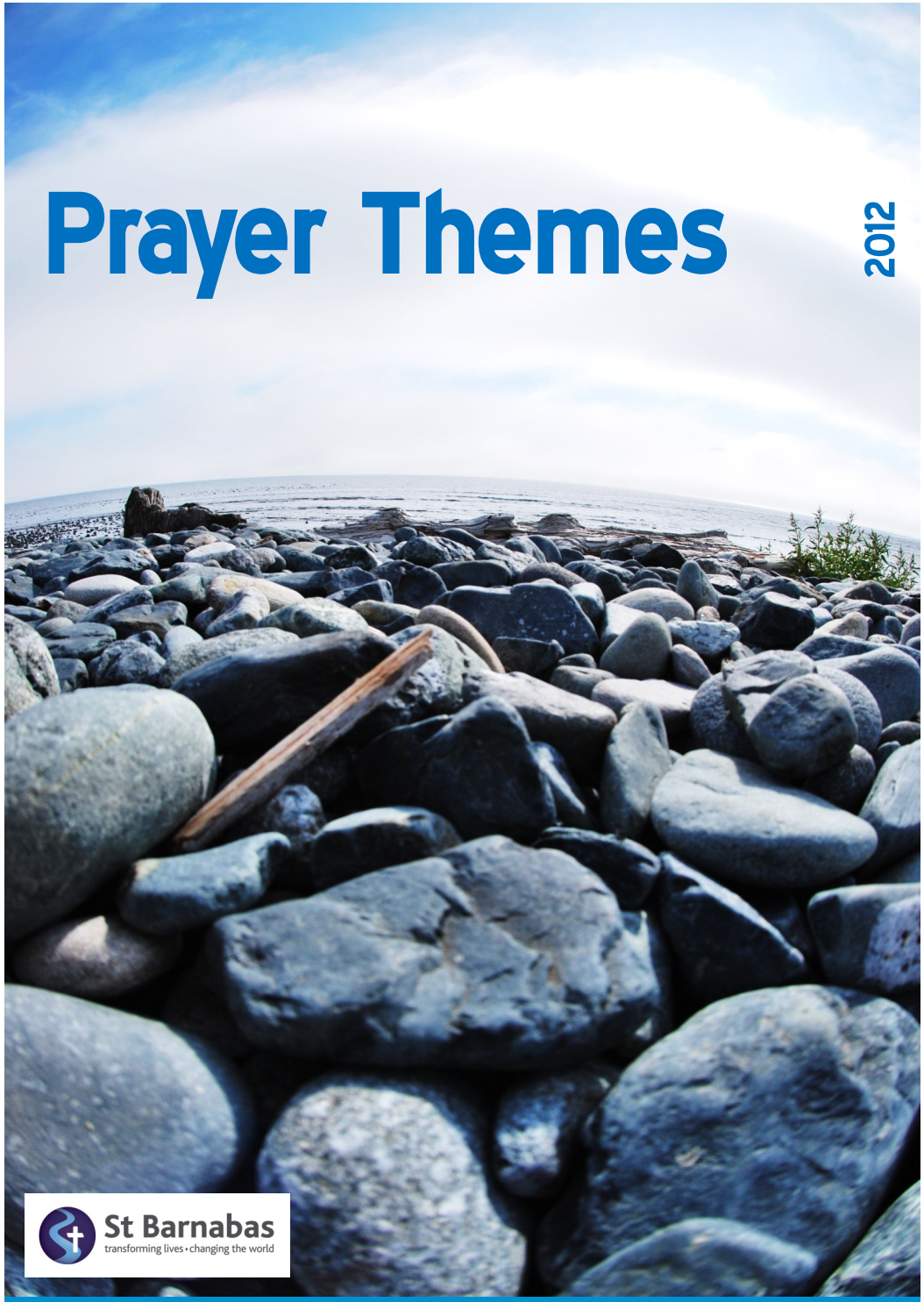
## December - Advent & Christmas

Week commencing Sunday:

2 Preparations for Christmas at St Bs
9 Those in Financial Need and the Homeless

# Prayer Themes

2012



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# Prayer Themes for 2012

We are continuing to develop our prayer themes in 2012. These prayer themes allow us to create a coherent prayer strategy within the church across its different departments and congregations. Through this the church can move towards “praying in one accord”.

The prayer themes help us to annually to cover important prayer topics. The list of themes is designed to be broad enough to allow common themes to be revisited each year, so if you used last year’s prayer themes you will see many being reinforced again in 2012. This will enable us to ensure that areas requiring prayer are not overlooked.

There is a main theme for each month of the year. The topics are broad enough to allow development of different aspects of these themes for each week. Individuals and small groups are invited to pray into these themes in different ways over the month.

The themes chosen can be applied in **three directions** and **at different scales**. The **UP-IN-OUT model** has been used in St Bs for many years and a prayer theme can be applied in these different directions:

1. Applying the theme to our interaction with God **(Up)**
2. Applying the theme to our personal needs **(In)**
3. Applying the theme to the needs of the world **(Out)**

The **different scales** start from us as an individual, outwards to our families, friends, church, community, networks (e.g. work colleagues, sports club members), then on to Barnet, London, UK, and finally regions or even the whole world. To illustrate this let us take the first theme for the year which is relationships.

- We could pray that 2012 is a year when we deepen our relationship with God,
- We could pray that 2012 is a year when we improve our personal relationships (think through some of the examples of the different scales, e.g. our spouse, children, parents, boss, or neighbour),

The Themes for 2012 were released late and the detailed themes start in February.

## February - Global Finance

Week commencing Sunday:

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| 5 | For a Godly Global System of Finance |
| 12 | Finance within the EU and the Euro |
| 19 | For Nations and Communities Impacted by the Current Global Changes |
| 26 | For Wisdom for Leaders of Economies, IMF etc. ‘On What To Do’ |

## March - Relationships

Week commencing Sunday:

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| 4 | Relationships with God |
| 11 | Marriages |
| 18 | Relationships in Families Especially Parents and Children |
| 25 | Friendships and Community Relationships |

## April - Mission

Week commencing Sunday:

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| 1 | Growth, Effectiveness and Work of Missional Communities |
| 8 | St Bs Church Plants: Strawberry Vale and Oakleigh Community Church |
| 15 | The Work of MTF and Those Involved In It |
| 22 | Mission Organisations Working Globally |
| 29 | For Our Non-Christian Friends |

## May - Children and Education

Week commencing Sunday:

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| 6 | People Taking Exams this Summer |
| 13 | St Bs Children’s/Youth Work and its Staff |
| 21 | Christian Unions and Christians within Schools and Universities |
| 27 | Teachers and Those Working in Education |

## June - Government and The Monarchy

Week commencing Sunday:

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| 3 | The Royal Family |
| 10 | World Governments - Countries with Elections Planned in 2012 and for Countries with Unstable or Newly-Created Governments |
| 17 | Barnet Council and Local Government |
| 24 | Westminster and National Government |

## July - London