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Dear Friends

Are you knowledgeable about something? Some people have an encyclopedic knowledge about a particular subject or hobby – such as being able to name every FA Cup winning side for decades or name any song, and the artist who sang it, from just a bars of the introduction. Perhaps you are regarded as an expert in your field of work.

I have noticed over the years that the one subject hardly anyone claims to be an expert on is prayer – even the disciples ask Jesus to teach them. I think probably the only expert in prayer was Jesus himself! Yet survey after survey reveals that lots of us pray. Just last year a survey found that a third of 18 to 34 year olds had prayed in the last month.

I think we often turn to prayer at difficult times in our lives – when we are uncertain of our future or facing a challenging time. But it is also in those trying times that we can find it hard to pray – I remember someone talking to me about a particularly tragic time in their life, telling how they struggled to pray but were upheld by the prayer of others.

Whether you are facing tough times or not, whether you are struggling to pray or not, if you would like someone to pray for you, there is a prayer box in the porch at Holy Trinity where you can submit your prayer requests and others will pray for you – we don't claim to be experts but, as Paul writes to the Church in Philippi, we will “present your requests to God” for you.

Every blessing

Martin King

PS. I am aware that being on a hill Holy Trinity is not the most accessible building, and so you can always email me your prayer requests.

Cover photo: The elusive peacock! Caught on film by Peter Hayes.