



February prayer diary

Pray to the Father through the Son in the power of the Spirit for:

MONDAY 2 Appleton with Besselsleigh: Wealands Bell - Rector. Those families in the parish who watch and wait with loved ones who experience serious illness. Pray for the grace of faith, patience and strength for all involved. Energy and wisdom as the parish continues to seek to grow both numerically and in faith and hope and love. For the PCC as options for various schemes are considered.

Appleton CE School

TUESDAY 3 Cumnor, nr Oxford: Jessica Turner, David Wenham, Jean Pryce-Williams, John Rees, Chris Scruby, Chris Sugden, Eve Lockett. For the process of advertising for and appointing a new incumbent, and that all those concerned will faithfully discern God's will. For our parish, our congregations and for the wider community, that we might flourish and grow in this time of vacancy.

Cumnor CE Primary School.

WEDNESDAY 4 Dry Sandford, South Oxon. For the benefice in vacancy and that the right person would be led to fill the post of Priest-in-Charge.

THURSDAY 5 Wootton and Shippon: Maggie Crosbie - Vicar, Stephen Coe, Shirley Northover, Tony Rogerson, Pauline Seaman. Shippon: as we continue to grow our relationships with the village community. Wootton: for our CE primary school, St Peter's, and our ongoing links with the wider community.

FRIDAY 6 Amersham Deanery: Jonny Rapson, Lucy Fyfe-Jamieson, Christoph Lindner, Lawrence Tebboth, Dorothy Potter, Julie Dziegiel. For Jonny as the new Area Dean and Christoph and Lucy as new associate Area Deans. For all the clergy of the deanery to find time to rest in the busy-ness of parish ministry.

SATURDAY 7 Chalfont St Giles, Seer Green and Jordans: Dan Beesley - Rector, Jez Carr, Paul Henderson, Linda West, Janna Holder. For the youth club project in Chalfont St Giles and for the new cafe in Seer Green and Jordans.

Seer Green CE School.

MONDAY 9 Chenies and Little Chalfont, Latimer and Flaunden: David Whale - Rector, Victoria Jones. Following the retirement of Brian and Peggy Ludlow, please pray for the process of finding and appointing a new Associate Minister. We also pray for the parishes of Latimer and Flaunden as they grow and adapt into new types of ministry during this season of transition. For our outreach and ministry to families at St George's; that we would continue to draw new families into the life of the church and effectively support them in their ongoing journey of discipleship.
St George's CE Infant School.

TUESDAY 10 Denham nr Uxbridge: Christoph Lindner - Rector, Jenny Tebboth. For our All-In service, a monthly, interactive and intergenerational service. Please pray for more people to use their gifts and that it will be a good place for those who are coming for the first time. This year is crucial for our plans to improve and enlarge our hall and for crucial repairs to our church. Please pray for wisdom, favour in the community and generosity to close the funding gap.

WEDNESDAY 11 Amersham with Coleshill: Jonny Rapson - Rector, Michelle Fotherby, Susan Gill, Sheila Sheild, Tim Barnard. For our upcoming confirmation service in the summer with at least ten candidates being confirmed. For our new Alpha course starting post Easter.
St Mary's CE Primary School, Coleshill CE Infant School.

THURSDAY 12 Beaconsfield: The clergy and ministers in the Beaconsfield Team Ministry. The team who are taking 'Open the Book' to yet another school in the parish. The successful appointment of a new cafe manager at The Dove Cafe at St Thomas's Church and all the staff and volunteers there.
St Mary and All Saints CE Primary School.

FRIDAY 13 Great Chesham: Edward Bowes-Smith - Team Rector, Darren Dalton, Edward Lees-Millais, Rob Perkins, Ed Down, Charmaine Muir. For our parish-wide Easter mission 'Life 26' to help people find faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. For the development of our School of Ministry led by Revd Simon Austen.
Chiltern Hills Academy.

SATURDAY 14 Gerrards Cross and Fulmer: Matt Beeby - Rector, Craig Larnar, Peter Ackroyd, Anna Barrett, Luke Douglas, Jenny Williams, Dan Hubbard. Give thanks for all the guests who attended Christmas services and pray that they would return to explore more about the good news of Jesus and would find a welcoming home at St James. Pray for the kids and youth, that their love for God and their church would deepen and that they would be bold in reaching out to their friends.
The Gerrards Cross CE School.

MONDAY 16 Amersham on the Hill: Debbie Oades - Vicar, Peter Binns. For continued blessings on the renewal of our ecumenical covenant with Amersham Free Church under COTHA (Churches on the Hill Amersham) which took place in January. May we continue to serve God in our different ways together in Christ. Also, for blessings on all St Michael's and All Angels' mission outreach and community activities as we celebrate our diamond anniversary this year.

TUESDAY 17 Chalfont St Peter, nr High Wycombe: Sam Frampton - Priest-in-Charge, Wendy Graham, Jennifer Locke, James King, Andrea Lebrato. For the children and families ministry as we prepare to launch Bubble Church. For the life of the whole parish in this new season of ministry as we continue to discern God's will.
Chalfont St Peter CE Academy.

WEDNESDAY 18 Chesham Bois, nr Amersham: Laurie Clow - Rector, Jackie Lambert, Jonny Somervell. For all involved in leadership at St Leonard's as they seek the Lord's will in the coming months. For our outreach and evangelism, that many will come to know Jesus. For those who need healing, especially our Rector as he undergoes treatment.
Chesham Bois CE Combined School.

THURSDAY 19 Penn and Tylers Green, nr High Wycombe: Samuel Thorp - Vicar, Graham Summers, Mary Lee, Linnea Thorp, David Carter. Prayers as we seek a new administrator, and for our Lent groups.

FRIDAY 20 Penn Street, nr Amersham: Daf Meirion-Jones - Priest-in-Charge. For Daf, currently on sabbatical, and for our churchwarden and all who are looking after the parish in his absence.
Curzon CE Combined School.

SATURDAY 21 Aston and Cuddesdon Deanery: Angela Paterson - Area Dean, Tom Wallis, Maureen Underdown, Kathy LeBrun, Michael Powell. Prayers for the Deanery as a new Area Dean is licensed. Parishes in vacancy and for good appointments. Thanks for church and deanery officers who offer/give so much. For engagement with children and young people.

MONDAY 23 Dorchester: Jane Willis - Team Rector and others including, Vicky Burton, Jo Allen, Claire Wren, Emma Firth, Rachel Carnegie. For good appointments as we seek to fill vacancies. By February we hope we will have appointed to the Team Vicar post for the Eastern Cluster - and in March the Team Vicar post for the Bridge Group will become vacant as Jo Allen moves on.
Clifton Hampden, St Birinus, Long Wittenham, Marsh Baldon, Warborough CE primary schools.

TUESDAY 24 Albury with Tiddington, Holton, Waterperry, Waterstock and Wheatley: Clare Joyce - Vicar, David Bendor-Samuel, Richard Bainbridge, Alexandra Hewitt, Mark Williams. For discerning and navigating the best ways to enable our church building to be a space for the whole community. For our Lent course and preparation for Easter activities and services.
Wheatley CE Primary School.

WEDNESDAY 25 Benson with Ewelme: Patrick Gilday - Rector, Marion Harrison. For finances to enable youth work to begin afresh in Benson. For the development of new services in Ewelme and Easington.
Benson CE Primary School, Ewelme CE Primary School.

THURSDAY 26 Thame: Mike Reading - Team Rector, Andy McCulloch, Heather McCulloch, Graham Choldcroft. For the appointment of a House for Duty priest for the Tetsworth Villages.
Lewknor CE Primary School.

FRIDAY 27 Chalgrove with Berrick Salome: Fr Michael Lakey - Vicar, Bob Heath-Whyte. For Rachael Pedley, our new junior choir development officer, for God to bless the project, and for the place of music in our mission to children and families. For our local community primary school.

SATURDAY 28 Chinnor, Sydenham, Aston Rowant and Crowell: Jacky Barr - Rector, Joan DeVal, Brian Griffiths, Tony Whitaker, Margaret Poole. For our children's ministry including 'Chooseday Church', a weekly fun-filled, after-school church session and 'Starboddlers', a weekly session for babies, toddlers and their carers.
Aston Rowant and St Andrew's CE Primary School

Prayer on Sundays

SUNDAY 1

Gracious God, you call us to serve you in many ways, employing our gifts and talents to build up your church and minister to your people. We give you thanks today for those to be appointed Honorary Canon and admitted into the Order of St Frideswide: for their faithful ministry thus far, for all they have done for you, for all that they are to their communities. Bless them this day with the knowledge of your love and the renewal of your calling, and send them out in your company to love and serve your world; through Jesus Christ, the pattern of our calling, who came not to be served but to serve.

For all those being confirmed by Bishop Mary at Wellington College in Berkshire.

SUNDAY 8

Heavenly Father, as we come before you, we thank you for the opportunity to be part of the Body of Christ. On Racial Justice Sunday, teach us to show no partiality, to embrace our brothers and sisters of all nations, to delight in the diversity of your creation, and to be united in faith. May we be guided by your wisdom and encouraged by your love as we seek to love others as you love us.

For all those being confirmed by Bishop Steven at St Mary's in Kidlington, as well as those being confirmed by Bishop Graham at Emmanuel Church, Bicester.

SUNDAY 15

As this month's General Synod concludes the Living in Love and Faith process, we give thanks for all those who have contributed and pray for the next steps.

SUNDAY 22

Scouts and Guides worldwide celebrate World Thinking Day today. Today is the 100th year...

God of wisdom and compassion, who calls all peoples into fellowship and understanding; grant that on this World Thinking Day we may lift our hearts and minds beyond ourselves, seeking the flourishing of every child and every community. By your Holy Spirit, inspire us to listen deeply, to act justly, and to walk gently upon the earth. Unite us in hope, strengthen us in service, and make us signs of your reconciling love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Links

Prayers from Christian Concern for One World: ccow.org.uk

Topical prayers from the Church of England: churchofengland.org/topical-prayers