

Prayer Diary January 2019



'And now, O Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in you.'
Psalm 39:7

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

TUESDAY 1 0Deanery of Bradfield: Heather Parbury, Chris Newman, Peter Hansell and Neil Jeffers. For the Church here in West Berkshire. For all who are keeping a Christian presence visible and active in our village communities. For the thousands of children who are in the many schools in this area and all those who teach them in the faith. For all adults who are making and renewing their commitment to become more Christlike.

WEDNESDAY 2 0West Buckingham: Liz Simpson. Pray that those who visited over Christmas would want to come back again. That Toddler Church will continue to provide a welcoming place for often isolated rural parents.

THURSDAY 3 0Basildon with Aldworth and Ashampstead: Will Watts, Jonathan Sandbach and Rosemary Sandbach. For our two ordinands, Katy Weston and Amy Cavender, as they continue their training in preparation for ordination in June. For our introduction of the Parish Giving Scheme across the benefice – pray that the publicity is effective and the response positive. Basildon School.

FRIDAY 4 0Wychwood: Geoffrey Clement. For the Open the Book team, who are starting in January. For the prayer groups as they organise themselves for the New Year. Wychwood Primary School.

SATURDAY 5 0North Buckingham: Hans Taling and Margaret Culley. For the follow-up programme to the Follow the Star booklet which we have put into place with special meetings and new groups continuing into the new year. For the reordering of our parish, with the addition of a few villages creating a benefice. St James School, Maids Moreton School.

MONDAY 7 0Burghfield: Glynn Lautenbach and Lorraine Colam. For St Mary's as we continue to participate in Partnership in Missional Church, and what that will lead to in engaging with the wider community. Pray in particular for direction for engaging with families, children and our local schools. St Mary's, Burghfield.

TUESDAY 8 0Pangbourne with Tidmarsh and Sulham: Heather Parbury and Julia Sheppard. For the ministry team and PCC in this parish as we adapt to change in 2019. Give thanks for all who volunteer their God given gifts and skills in the work of the gospel here and pray for our communities as we invite others to join us in following the Lord Jesus Christ.

WEDNESDAY 9 0Chipping Norton Team Ministry: James Kennedy, David Salter, Ursula Simpson, Jackie Jones, Toby Artis, Martha Simpson and Roger Simpson. For

ongoing plans for the establishment of a physical presence for the church in a building on the High Street. For the launch of CAP Life Skills this month (in partnership with the Community Church). St Mary's Primary School.

THURSDAY 10 Stratfield Mortimer and Mortimer West End with Padworth: Paul Chaplin. For the catechetical programme and Christian stewardship. St John's School, St Mary's School.

FRIDAY 11 Sulhamstead Abbots and Bannister with Ufton Nervet: John Paton. For the places of education in the parish: Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet School, Ufton Court and the Thames Valley Police College in Sulhamstead.

SATURDAY 12 Theale and Englefield: Nick Wynne-Jones. For Holy Trinity, Theale during the interregnum, that God will guide and provide in seeking a new rector. For St Mark's, Englefield and Holy Trinity, that the grace and truth made known in the Lord Jesus Christ may characterise our worship and witness. Theale School.

MONDAY 14 Buckingham Deanery: Ros Roberts, Georgie Christopher and Timothy Mullins. For the process of the Buckingham Deanery reorganisation. For those from Whaddon, Thornton with Nash, Beachampton and Thornborough who are choosing a name for their new benefice and those from these villages who will be starting the process of preparing Parish Profiles in advance of advertising for a new incumbent.

TUESDAY 15 Buckingham: Will Pearson-Gee, Gussie Walsh, John King, Danny Rodgers, Sandra Cosby, John Hamilton, Vicky Southby, Valerie Evans, Paul Mileham and Pauline Stanton-Saringer. For the villages in the benefice in their vacancy: for the appointment of a new rector and for the pastoral reorganisation. For Buckingham Parish Church looking to fill three key staff appointments. St John School, Whaddon First School.

WEDNESDAY 16 Lenborough: Ros Roberts. For new opportunities that are opening up in all the villages that are encouraging and enabling the four churches to be a central part of their communities. For Padbury School, its new headteacher and the preparations for and the day of the SIAMS inspection this year; for Roundwood school and developing new links with the school.

THURSDAY 17 Bucklebury: Julian Gadsby and David Sammon. Bucklebury School.

FRIDAY 18 Stowe: For the village and church to work together to build relationships through joint events. For

people to be drawn to Jesus Christ, especially National Trust visitors as they visit the church.

SATURDAY 19 Aldermaston and Woolhampton: Jane Manley, Pat Bhutta, Janice Macdonald and Margaret Davison. For the future vision of the benefice as we prayerfully consider our ministry over the next five years. Brimpton School, Woolhampton School and Aldermaston School.

MONDAY 21 Chipping Norton Deanery: Sally Welch, Catherine Hitchens, Paul Mansell and Andrew Savage. Pray that the communities of Chipping Norton Deanery may continue to grow deeper in love for God and each other.

TUESDAY 22 Charlbury with Shorthampton: Sally Welch, Jan Fielden and Patricia Bird. Pray that we may meet our funding requirements whilst continuing our mission within and beyond the community.

WEDNESDAY 23 Purley: David Archer. Purley School.

THURSDAY 24 Great Tew with Little Tew and Heythrop: Ginny Thomas. Pray that the three parishes would continue to work together in worship, fellowship and mission.

FRIDAY 25 Hook Norton with Great Rollright, Swerford and Wigginton: Wendy Cunningham, Janet Collins, Keith Disney. For the Ministry Team and churchwardens during the current interregnum. For

guidance and discernment for all those involved in the selection process for a new rector, and for the candidates. Great Rollright Primary School, Hook Norton Primary School.

SATURDAY 26 Forest Edge: Paul Mansell, For our two church schools, Leafield and Finstock. For all our volunteers who give so much within our communities.

MONDAY 28 Bradfield and Stanford Dingley: Julian Gadsby and Lyn Bliss. Bradfield School.

TUESDAY 29 The Chase: Mark Abrey. Give thanks for all that has been achieved in our 30-year restoration and re-ordering of Enstone Church. Pray for ways in which we can become more inclusive, offering a welcome to all. Chadlington Primary School.

WEDNESDAY 30 Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery: Ainsley Swift and John Sykes. For the deanery as we renew our Mission Action Plan in line with Bishop Steven's Common Vision. For the appointment of a new rector for Windsor Team Ministry.

THURSDAY 31 Bray with Braywood: Ainsley Swift. For our church schools; Braywood First School and Holyport Primary, and our ministry there. For the Church of St Michael and plans to expand its mission across the parish.

Our Bishops on Sundays

SUNDAY 13 Bishop Alan confirming in Bernwode Benefice.

SUNDAY 20 Bishop Colin confirming in Wallingford; Bishop Steven confirming in Hambleton Valley.

SUNDAY 27 Bishop Rod Thomas confirming at Windsor Fellowship Church; Bishop Steven confirming at St Peter's College, Oxford.