

Prayer Diary September 2020



'Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.'
Ephesians 6:18

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

TUESDAY 1 Nandyal link diocese: For the Diocese as it continues to minister through the COVID pandemic, and for all people in Andhra Pradesh affected by the pandemic.

WEDNESDAY 2 Ivinghoe with Pitstone and Slapton and Marsworth: Sandra Green, Barbara de Butts. For all involved in producing the Parish Profile for our new priest; we give thanks for the guidance of Gill Lovell and Val Plumb in this process. For Jane Grimmette as she begins her training this month as an Ordained Local Minister.

THURSDAY 3 Newton Longville, Mursley, Swanbourne, Little Horwood and Drayton Parslow: Simon Faulks, David Talks, Jackie Brown. For the benefice as we continue to adapt to the changing situation around us and seek to serve our communities as effectively as we can. Pray particularly for Little Horwood, a very small congregation and the recent passing of the former churchwarden will be greatly felt; we pray for the appropriate way forward for this parish.

FRIDAY 4 The Brickhills and Stoke Hammond: John Waller, Jeremy Hopkinson. For contact with and support for our two primary schools while many normal activities are suspended. For building projects: rebuilding the church/community hall in Bow Brickhill, and improving facilities in Great Brickhill Church.

SATURDAY 5 Wallingford Deanery: David Rice, Gordon Gill, George Curtis, Wendy Muggerridge. For the churches' ministry in new areas of housing across the Deanery. For the development of our Deanery Mission Action Plan.

MONDAY 7 Cholsey and Moulsoford: Andrew Petit, Roland Price. For wisdom about re-opening the church buildings for services. For adapting our children's and youth ministry to the present circumstances. For funding to rebuild the 100-year-old church hall (Laurence Hall) in Cholsey.

TUESDAY 8 The Churn: Jason St John Nicolle, Jenny Loder, Louise Butler. For children and staff at our two church primary schools (Blewbury Endowed C of E Primary School; Hagbourne C of E Primary School). For combining online church with services outdoors and in our church buildings.

WEDNESDAY 9 Wallingford: David Rice, Kevin Beer, Gavin Wood. For our new Children's and Families Worker, Hannah Smith, who starts her role this month. For our ministry to children and schools during the limitations of the pandemic.

THURSDAY 10 Didcot All Saints: Andy Lord, David Roberts, Nick Hards, Tim Scane, Mark Bodeker, Hugh Boorman, Debbie Lord, Josie Midwinter. For a growing heart of prayer and community through these challenging times. For online harvest outreach events at the end of the month as we serve and witness in Didcot.

FRIDAY 11 Didcot St Peter: Hannah Reynolds, Fran Childs, Keith Hebden, Ernest Adley. Please pray for Didcot Community Hospital and the Mental Health Unit, for staff and patients. For Didcot Library and the Citizens Advice Bureau and all those who need their services.

SATURDAY 12 Harwell with Chilton: Jonathan Mobey, Ram Rolls, Jan Radford, Peter Barton, Jean Barton, Joan Impey, Sarah Barrett, Melanie Shields. For God's will for the benefice as we reimagine and develop worship and community going forward. For our explorations into setting up a Christian youthwork trust in Didcot and the surrounding area.

MONDAY 14 Wendover Deanery: Deiniol Kearley-Heywood, Gavin Oldham, Gary Beynon, Paul Moring. For God's blessing on the Deanery of Wendover, its parishes and people and His comfort to those who are anxious and lonely. Pray for children and young people as they return to our schools and colleges after such a long absence.

TUESDAY 15 Aston Clinton with Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp: Sally Bottomer, Alison Roberts, Jane Nash. For our three beautiful but ancient churches as they learn to adapt to this new way of 'being'. For their congregations: for those who have returned to collective worship and for those still fearful to return and for the clergy team as we continue to explore creative ways of sharing the Good News with the wider community.

WEDNESDAY 16 Ellesborough, The Kimbles and Stoke Mandeville: Janet Wales, Estelle Fourie, Madeleine Ratcliffe-Holmes, Janet Henderson. For staff and children at Great Kimble C of E School and Stoke Mandeville Combined School as they start the new academic year. For the community and outreach work done from 'The Ark' Church Rooms in Stoke Mandeville Parish as we prepare for a limited opening in October.

THURSDAY 17 Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden: Rosie Harper, Elizabeth Lowson, Patricia Neale. For wisdom as we seek a balance between online and church services. For our church school as they try to get everyone back safely.

FRIDAY 18 Hawridge with Cholesbury and St Leonards. For the appointment of a new vicar to our benefice as we are almost three years without a functioning incumbent. For strength and patience to observe practices that reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

SATURDAY 19 Little Missenden: John Simpson, Marian Dickinson, Gary Beynon. For the ministry team at Little Missenden: Fr John, the Vicar; our Lay Ministers, Gary and Marian; churchwardens Gloria and Helen; and the PCC.

MONDAY 21 Prestwood and Great Hampden: Deiniol Kearley-Heywood, Nigel Spoor, Kevin Lovell, Fran McLean. For the continuation of our work with the Chiltern Food Bank, the launch of 'TLG Make Lunch' at Prestwood and for the 2020 restoration project at Great Hampden.

TUESDAY 22 The Lee Benefice. For finding a new incumbent for the four parishes of this rural benefice, where a small number of people are keeping the church alive. For those who have been through the trauma of losing their farms and homes to the HS2 scheme.

WEDNESDAY 23 Wendover and Halton: Sally Moring, Sally Prendergast, Nadine Rose, Ian Sansbury, David Blackmore, Becky Murgatroyd. For this autumn as we work out ways in which we can share Jesus' love in our villages. For the schools in Wendover and Halton, especially Wendover CE Junior school. For our curate, Sally Prendergast, as she is ordained priest.

THURSDAY 24 Weston Turville: David Wales, Susan Fellows. For our church as we begin to emerge from the lockdown. For the SWFT Project, the building of our new accessible room with toilets and easy ways into the church.

Our Bishops on Sundays

SUNDAY 6 For all our clergy; that they would be sustained and encouraged in their ministry.

SUNDAY 13 For all those involved in education in the Diocese.

SUNDAY 20 For those who are building new communities in our Diocese, that Christ would be at the centre of their work.

SUNDAY 27 For all those on our PCCs, that they would be blessed in their work.

FRIDAY 25 Witney deanery: Tess Kuin Lawton, Kirsty Morgan, David Eaton, Margaret Dixon, Simon Kirby. For rural churches (Shill Valley, Windrush Valley) as they try to build on their lockdown experiences for mission in their villages. For tourist centre churches (Burford, Witney, Bampton) as they work towards new ways of being present for visitors. For the large number of primary and secondary schools in our deanery; for headteachers, staff, governors and pupils as they open for the new academic year. For young people in our deanery, as they negotiate exam grades, the world of work and their social lives.

SATURDAY 26 Bampton with Clanfield: Janice Collier, Tess Kuin Lawton, Ron Curtis. For wisdom at annual meetings coming up so that the right people are chosen for key roles. For the development of a plan to enable families of the children in our three Church of England schools (Bampton, Aston, Clanfield) to develop and grow in faith.

MONDAY 28 Black Bourton; Tess Kuin Lawton. For healing, renewal and energy for mission in the village and local area. For a safe harvest for the farmers.

TUESDAY 29 Brize Norton and Carterton: Drew Tweedy, Ian Howard, Billie Tweedy, Lyndsey Baker. For services online and in church and for Home Group meetings on Zoom.

WEDNESDAY 30 Please pray for the team at Burford with Fulbrook and Taynton, Asthall with Swinbrook and Widford: Tom Putt, Cedric Reavley, Oliver Strange, Roy Tarbox.