

November Prayer Diary

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

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

MONDAY 2 Our link Diocese of Växjö, Sweden: For those who gathered in churchyards to remember loved ones during the All Saints weekend. For youthwork in the Diocese.

TUESDAY 3 Vale of White Horse Deanery: Jason St John Nicolle, Jeremy Goulston, Peter Foot, Jane Venables, John Seedell. For Revd Maureen Turner, who will be licensed on 12 November as the new incumbent of the Badbury group of parishes. For a blessing on the processes and conversations helping us to develop our new Deanery Plan.

WEDNESDAY 4 Hambleden Valley: Sue Morton, John Kimberley, Carol Kimberley, Peter Viney, Mieke Gaynor. In our time of vacancy, pray for our recruitment process this month. For our ministry to wedding couples as we support those hoping to marry in our churches in the next year. Frieth Combined School.

THURSDAY 5 Uffington, Shellingford, Woolstone and Baulking: Jeremy Goulston, Veronica Buxton, Hugh Baxter, Sue Saunders, Beryl Packer. For strengthening links with young people across the four parishes, including with Uffington and Shellingford Primary Schools. For the building of a new servery at Woolstone Church, meaning we won't have to bring in water and refreshments.

FRIDAY 6 Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford: Paul Eddy. For plans to involve lots of parish organisations, the school and pre-school in a Stanford Christmas Special 2020, broadcast over social media, instead of our Carols by Candlelight. Pray that we would reach a much wider audience logging on to see their part, but also hearing the gospel. For successful funding bids to support the Families Worker, developing contacts with our new church plant. Stanford in the Vale Primary School.

SATURDAY 7 Shrivenham and Ashbury: Norma Fergusson, Paul Richardson, Richard Fergusson, Rodney Elton, Robin Cardwell, Frank Parkinson. For wisdom as we gradually increase the number of services in our churches, and especially as we plan for Advent and Christmas. For the health and wellbeing of our communities as winter progresses. Ashbury Primary School, Shrivenham Primary School, Longcot and Fernham Primary School.

MONDAY 9 Great Faringdon with Little Coxwell: Steve Bellamy, Paul Walker, Helen Wilson, Avril Coleman, Graham Weller, Barbara Mapley, Dick Whittington, Paul Winchester. Pray that those who are currently doing the online Alpha course would find a living faith in Jesus. For energy and inspiration for all who are working hard to facilitate online and live services.

TUESDAY 10 Great Coxwell with Buscot, Coleshill and Eaton Hastings: Patricia Cook, Jan Hall. For our new vicar, Revd Maureen Turner, to be licensed to this benefice on 12 November, and her husband. For those unable to attend our services next month.

WEDNESDAY 11 Wantage Deanery: John Durant, Hugh Rees, Pat Hudson, Sarah Shackleton. For the churches' readiness to share God's love with all the people in the many houses being built all over the deanery. For our vision for a school chaplain in the deanery, that we can better serve the new Church of England school when it is built. For our six church schools, especially our headteachers, to maintain high standards whilst under lots of pressure.

THURSDAY 12 Vale: John Durant, Chris Ashton, Alec Gill, Velma Oxley, Sue Powditch, Sarah Shackleton, Geoff Maughan, Peter Rich. Pray that God will bless and enhance our ingenuity, innovation and use of technology to engage with as many as possible as we respond to our continuing restrictions. For faithfulness and fortitude amongst our rural churches. St Nicholas Primary School, Grove Primary School, St James Primary School.

FRIDAY 13 Wantage Downs: Orazio Camaioni. For ecumenical activities in our benefice. For those who are lonely and depressed. The Hendreds Primary School.

SATURDAY 14 Wantage: Philip Wells. For our new Assistant Curate, Father Benji Tyler, as he continues to settle into the parish. For the appointment of a new Families and Children's Worker. Wantage Primary School.

MONDAY 16 Ridgeway: Leonora Hill, Andrea Colbrook, Mary Harwood, Gill Thompson, Chic Cook, Peter Cook, Miranda March, Linda Soames, Bob Soames, Debbie Webb, Sue Worth. For Christ's leading as we commit to being a Christian presence within the communities we serve. For strength and wisdom as we seek the way forward in the coming months. Ridgeway Primary School.

TUESDAY 17 Wycombe Deanery: Dave Bull, Hugh Ellis, Graeme Slocombe, Mark Moorcraft, Nigel Peach. For the Discipleship Training Centre. For the proposed rural review for the western half of the deanery.

WEDNESDAY 18 Cherbury with Gainfield: Talisker Macleod, Jim Mynors, Richard Waterhouse. For the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may offer spiritual support to all in our seven village communities. For creative ways of sharing worship and connecting with those who are struggling with the COVID environment, especially as we approach winter and Christmas. For our churches exploring re-wilding schemes in the churchyards, as we seek to be good stewards of God's world. Buckland Primary School.

THURSDAY 19 High Wycombe: Hugh Ellis, Heather Graham, Jo Gallant, Simon Dust, Christopher Owen, Wendy Bull, Jonny Dade, Natalie Worsfold, Gareth Morley, Marie Jackson, Ruth Wooster, Elaine Carr, Jackie Lock, Derek Lancaster, Allison Smale, Heather Searle, Lyn Gooch, Maureen Lampard, Janice Allerston, Barbara Prior, Robyn Connelly, Liz Webber, Kat Aboud, Erica Holt. That this team may be evermore fruitful in God's mission, in community engagement and in making the good news known. That our work be focussed and uncluttered by that which is unfruitful.
High Wycombe Combined School.

FRIDAY 20 Loudwater: Danny Rodgers, Derek Butler, Patrick Finlay, Rowena Harrison, Ruth Parry-Jennings, Mark Humphries, Debbie Henry, Arne Tielburger and Emily Plumridge. For our new mission, Love God and Love Loudwater. For our church family we begin to fulfil the vision God has given us to demonstrate the love of Jesus by being a source of spiritual hope, practical help and authentic community. For the people in our parish who are really struggling in lockdown.

SATURDAY 21 West Wycombe with Bledlow Ridge, Bradenham and Radnage: Linda Richardson, Jenny Ellis, Veronica Beaumont. For real support and encouragement during our second time in vacancy in only a few years. For all those, clergy and lay, working to maintain the witness and mission of the benefice in difficult times.
Radnage Primary School.

MONDAY 23 Flackwell Heath: Isaac Knight, Martin Courtney, Sue Simpson, Debbie Fox. For God's wisdom, guidance, and peace for our parishioners, churchwardens, PCC and leadership team as we progress through an interregnum. For vision and inspiration as we look to be a light to our community in these tough times, bringing the hope that comes through Jesus.

TUESDAY 24 Hughenden: Keith Johnson, Helen Peters, Tracey Jones, David Tester, Rebecca Hawes. For all those who attended our annual memorial service, mourning the loss of loved ones. That the leadership team would receive wisdom from God in making provision for Christmas services under current restrictions.
Great Kingshill Combined School.

WEDNESDAY 25 Hazelmere: Mark Meardon, Claire Gerard, Dom Meering, Alison Tuddenham, Helen Carmody, Chris Sacre, Derek Hopwood. For provision of the final finances for our building project, including Trinity Centre – a café and hub for the local community. For the church as we plan for the missional and ministry opportunities that this will offer. For those in our local community who struggle with mental health, and those who know them. Pray that we can effectively serve them and find creative ways of support in the current climate.
Hazelmere Combined School.

THURSDAY 26 4U Team (Great Marlow with Marlow Bottom, Little Marlow and Bisham): Dave Bull, Graham Watts, Sami Watts, Sarah Fitzgerald, Roland Slade, Mieke Gaynor, Sara Edwardes, Matt Clark. For the gathering in of God's people, new and old, after the scattering of the last seven months. For wisdom, imagination and courage for the leadership teams in the parish.
The Federation of Holy Trinity and Little Marlow Schools, Marlow Infant School.

FRIDAY 27 Wooburn: Doral Hayes, Peter Wainwright, Nick Maloney. For the forthcoming appointment of a new Vicar for the parish of Wooburn. For the physical, mental and spiritual health of all those who live, work or worship in the village at this challenging time.
St Paul's Combined School.

SATURDAY 28 Hedsor with Bourne End: Janet Binns.

MONDAY 30 South Chilterns Group Ministry: Mark Ackford, Heather Ford, Judy Taylor. For a new missional priest to join our Team Ministry and to support our Rector, Mark. For the four churches in our benefice and for the churchwardens; for God's blessing on them. For all in our parishes who are finding life a struggle, especially those living alone because of the COVID virus.
Ibstone Primary School, Cadmore End Combined School.

Prayer on Sundays

SUNDAY 1 For the continued formation of the New Congregations Core Team; for guidance in appointing a Project Manager, New Congregations Enabler and Administrator.

SUNDAY 8 For all those leading and attending Remembrance services; for the presence of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

SUNDAY 15 For those who are new in ministry posts, seeking to build up relationships when meeting and visiting is a challenge.

SUNDAY 22 For our Communications Department and the wide-ranging work they do, providing information and resources to support our common vision and being the point of contact for communication within and outside the Diocese. For Emma Thompson and Sarah Bowie, who joined the department this month.

SUNDAY 29 For our Parish Development Advisers as they support lay leaders and clergy; that they would have eyes that notice God at work and ears that hear his voice, and support others in that seeing and hearing. That God would grant grateful and trusting hearts for all leading when the landscape is changing and the future unclear.

Links

Prayers from Christian Concern for One World: ccow.org.uk/weekly-prayer-email

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