



St. Mary's
Warwick's Church of Treasures

June 2019

Prayer Diary

Thank you for supporting the people of this church, parish and wider community through prayer. Do use the prayers as is most helpful, for example, using the theme as a starting point for a prayer in your own words. There are extra copies for sharing at the back of church, and on St Mary's Church website. The online edition has **links** leading to further material that may be of interest. Thank you to those who have contributed ideas and prayers this month. Everyone is invited to share suggestions for July's diary (by 15th June if possible) with Kirsteen Robson (kirsteenr@gmail.com or 07799 682872).

Sat 1

We pray for Jess and Adam as they are joined in marriage today. May your love always be at the heart of their home.

Sun 2

**Seventh Sunday
of Easter**

God of hospitality, who invites us to sit and eat with you at your table, help us to share that same welcome with others, in church and outside it. Teach us to follow your example and be aware of each other, mindful that we may not know their circumstances or needs. Increase our sensitivity to situations where our fellowship may be leaving people out, and give us the desire, openness and confidence if needed, to draw them in.

Mon 3

As exam season continues, we pray for all young people preparing for and sitting exams, especially at key stages in their education. Help them be calm under pressure, thankful for success and resilient in the face of disappointment. We pray for families, teachers and others doing their best to support them.

Tue 4

Bountiful God, we give thanks for all the volunteers who help make our town such a good place to live. May their generosity inspire others to share whatever gifts you have given, and to value people more highly than profit. There is so much still to do, Lord, so give us the courage to pray boldly and sincerely, with our lives and our lips: *Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done!*

Wed 5

Thank you for all the PCC and its committees do on our behalf. Keep us all attuned to your voice and vision and lead us onward.

Thu 6

On the 75th Anniversary of D-Day we remember the veterans, allies and civilians who worked together to protect freedom and bring about peace. Bless all those attending commemoration events and services around the world. May the tributes keep alive the memory of courage and sacrifice. We pray especially for the D-Day Garden at The Chelsea Flower Show, the poppies on the Normandy Beaches dedicated by members of the Royal British Legion, and other tributes that have touched our hearts.

Fri 7

Hold in your loving arms those receiving residential treatment for mental health conditions, and loved ones who are anxious for their future. May they find sanctuary, hope and healing.

Sat 8

On the Queen's official birthday we give thanks for her long life and good health, for her acceptance of her calling and her example of humble reliance on you to help her fulfil her vow of service. Please bless and keep her and those she loves in the year ahead.

Sun 9

Pentecost

Heavenly Father, we rejoice in the day when you filled your disciples with the power of the Holy Spirit, that they might continue your work on earth with the reassurance of eternal life. Fill us with that same Spirit, Lord, this and every day, that we may be inspired by the disciples who first spread the message of Christ's love, and be brave and determined to spread your Word throughout the world, in Jesus' name. Amen

Mon 10

Compassionate God, we remember with thanks all who care for others, whether assisting with small tasks or giving round-the-clock support, and thank you for the rich satisfaction that their service can bring. We pray for all whose caring role brings them times of mental or physical ill health, financial distress or social isolation. May they in turn receive the support they need.

Tue 11

Barnabas

We give thanks for our links with schools in the town, and the opportunity to share this building, and the reason for its existence. We pray for pupils and staff from Aylesford school preparing for visits later this week. May they be inspired by what they find here, and be encouraged to discover more.

Wed 12

With the people of **Heathcote Parish Church**, we give thanks for the growing area of Heathcote and the many people moving to new homes in this place. Specifically we thank you for Heathcote Primary School and pray for Rev Rob Budd as he leads an assembly there this morning. Please bless Heathcote Parish Church as they seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ with their local community.

Thu 13

Lord, please bless all **Cupcake Day** efforts to raise funds for pioneering research into dementia, crucial support services and vital care. Comfort and sustain all whose lives are affected by dementia: those fearing to seek a diagnosis, and those whose condition has a name. Help them find greater support as symptoms progress. Give them reassurance that you see and know them, and that *nothing* can separate them from your love.

Fri 14

As the Schools Art Exhibition in St Mary's opens, we thank you for all who encourage others to explore visual media and to discover joy, catharsis and satisfaction in the act of creation. Bless the young people who have contributed to the displays and all who are inspired or challenged as they view their art.

Sat 15

Thank you, Lord for the many benefits that music can bring... Bless with joy and fellowship all who will be 'Singing from the Heart' at the Unitarian Chapel this afternoon, and inspire all who hear St Mary's Robed Choirs Concert in church tonight.

Sun 16

Trinity Sunday

God the Father, we pray that we may be worthy custodians of all you have created on land, in sea and sky. We thank you for the bounty of this earth, given to share with all. God the Son, we thank you for showing us how to love each other, and to be generous of heart. God the Holy Spirit, be with us in all we think and do, upholding us with your endless strength and power. Amen

Mon 17

God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit living in loving relationship, teach us to acknowledge our need of you, remind us that the repentant sinner is always welcome in your kingdom, that the criminal can serve their sentence and be welcomed back, and that those who are poor and disadvantaged are loved and valued. Help us recognise one another always as brothers and sisters in your family, made in your image and worthy of all reverence and respect. We pray in the name of our brother Jesus. Amen

Tue 18

Lord, we thank you that you call and uniquely equip each of us for your work, and pray for ourselves and others wondering who we are supposed to be in you and what we are supposed to be doing. We pray especially for all who are reflecting on Saturday's *Called. Ministry, Mission and Me* course in Coventry.

Wed 19

Three-in-one God, who made people social creatures in your image, we remember those who regularly feel the desolation of loneliness. We pray for the **#LetsTalkLoneliness** campaign. May it raise awareness that we are all likely to experience loneliness, and open up conversations to reduce the stigma surrounding it. Help us take every opportunity to be generous with our selves, as individuals and as your church.

Thu 20

**The Day of
Thanksgiving for
the Institution of
Holy Communion
(Corpus Christi)**

You knew, didn't you, Lord, what a motley bunch your followers were and would always be, with such diverse ways of learning. And so at the Last Supper, you gave all we would need – Bread and Wine, servants of the Word from Passover to Passion and for posterity: textures, tastes, sights, scents and sounds to recall and re-member your story and ours: sentence and salvation. Grain and grape, real and symbolic, Extraordinary in the ordinary. Communion and Eucharist. Bread of Life, True Vine, we thank you!

Fri 21

We pray today for all who rejoice together in your word at Evensong services: for congregations and choirs, and all who pray and preach. May the music carry your scriptures to the deepest parts, to encourage the mind, comfort the spirit and nourish the soul. Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord.

Sat 22

Bless Daisy and Matthew, Lord, on their wedding day and in their marriage. Grant them joy, patience and persistence in love.

Sun 23

**First Sunday
after Trinity**

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? (Ps 42.2) God of every day, teach us to seek you in the ordinary non-events of our daily activities, that, finding you there, we may become ever more aware of your 'still, small voice' work, and also be ready to recognise any wind, earthquake and fire encounters with greater richness.

Mon 24

**Birth of John
the Baptist**

Father, we thank you for sending John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by preaching repentance. Lead us to repent as he taught, and following his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to call out corruption, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake, in Jesus' name. Amen

Tue 25

We give thanks for the volunteers and supporters of **Rooted in Our Community** and pray for your blessing on them as they encourage and help others in Warwick with gardening projects. Thank you for progress already made on community plots on the Percy Estate. May these give the opportunity for children and their parents to establish deeper connections with the earth, the outdoors, the changing seasons and with each other.

Wed 26

We remember today all who live and work in Trueman Close, Ansell Way, Saltisford, Deerpark Drive, Sharpe Close and Vine Lane. Please bless each person according to their needs.

Thu 27

With the **CMM Sisters** in Tanzania we give thanks for the generosity of all who contributed to the collection to buy a solar fridge for the Girls' Hostel in Masasi. Bless it for their use, that by keeping Malala's evening milk fresh overnight, they can sell it to help support the orphans at the hostel, who can't pay for their keep. We give thanks too that cyclone Kenneth's change of direction spared the Motherhouse in Masasi and pray with the sisters for the relief of the poor people in north Mozambique who suffered much damage from its revised route, barely a few weeks after a battering from cyclone Idai.

Fri 28

We pray for the volunteers of the **Warwickshire & Solihull Blood Bikes** charity, who deliver essential medical products out of hours to local hospitals. We give thanks for the 7000 calls completed since their founding in 2012. Comfort and guide them as they carefully consider their future after recently losing their contract with the local health authority.

Sat 29

We pray for Louise and Shaun, marrying today. Bless their life as they build on the firm foundations of love, trust and respect.

Sun 30

**Second Sunday
after Trinity**

Lord, we are sorry for times when we hear your call to action but reply with excuses. Help remove fears or other obstacles that might prevent us following you, that we may put our hand to the plough, trusting you to give us the strength and skill to make a straight furrow that proclaims your name and leads others to you.