

Thank you for using this diary to support our local, national and global communities through prayer, and thank you to everyone who has shared suggestions and prayers this month. Feel free to use the diary flexibly as you pray. The **blue country names** remind us of countries at various stages of their journey with Covid-19.

You are warmly invited to send ideas for July's diary, ideally by 10th June, to prayerdiary@stmaryswarwick.org.uk or 07799 682872. **Highlighted words** contain links to Bible readings and other related material. If you would like to receive future editions of the diary directly by email, or you know anyone who would like a paper copy but can't print one out, please contact the prayer team (see above).

Tue 1

...Canada
Chile
Philippines

As the UN celebrates World Milk Day, we give thanks for our dairy farmers and milk delivery staff and for this year's campaign focus on sustainability. We reflect on Milk & More's decision to move their operations online and pray that their customers who no longer have doorstep deliveries may be supported by other milk delivery services or helped by friends and neighbours.

Wed 2

Iraq

As St Mary's continues to open its doors for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons, we give thanks for the volunteers who make this possible and lift up in our hearts all who come to pray.

Thu 3

Corpus Christi

We give thanks for the eternal blessings of Christ, who comes to us in the Holy Eucharist. May we continue to be fed with the power of this mysterious sacrament. In love and in unity with all the faithful, may we live lives that honour the gift of Christ's sacrifice.

Fri 4

Romania
Sweden
Belgium

As National Children's Gardening Week continues, we thank you for all who take the time to teach children about how things grow. We pray for the Greenfingers Charity, providing funds for gardens in Children's Hospices, and we remember schools that are using gardening projects to help children whose language development has fallen behind during lockdown.

Sat 5

Pakistan
Portugal

O God, Creator, Saviour, Sustainer, science tells us that the natural world flourished for millennia without people and could doubtless do so again. Help us be the generation that makes peace with our environment. Show us how to be active, not anxious, and direct our efforts in faith to reimagine, recreate and restore.

Sun 6

**First Sunday
after Trinity**

As the Normandy Memorial above Gold Beach is unveiled, we remember our D-Day veterans and all who gave so much in their quest for freedom and peace. In prayer we stand with those who are at the ceremony in France, those gathered at The National Memorial Arboretum and the families watching from home.

Mon 7

Israel
Hungary
Bangladesh

As National Volunteer Week draws to a close, we thank you for the Friendship Project for Children, who have been supporting local families for 35 years and hope to raise £35,000 to carry on their work. Lord, we ask for your blessing on all families and children needing support and pray that, as children and volunteers enjoy their time together, every child will grow and flourish in your love.

Tue 8

Jordan
Japan

On World Oceans Day we celebrate the wonders of the sea, thanking you for those who work to preserve our marine life, including Surfers against Sewage who have organised beach clean-ups around the coastline of the British Isles. We also pray for our fishing fleets as they aim to protect our stocks from overfishing.

Wed 9

Columba,
Bishop of Iona
Serbia
Switzerland

We give thanks for the life, ministry and prophetic vision of Columba, Bishop of Iona, whose tireless evangelism converted kings and peasants. In these extraordinary times, give us the space and freedom to follow his example of devotion, to deepen our times of stillness, and increase our ability to heed the quiet voice within. Then, may we be sent out to be effective witnesses for Jesus, wherever we find ourselves in our daily busyness.

Thu 10

Austria
UAE
Lebanon
Nepal

We join with the prayer of Archbishops Justin and Stephen for the impact of the Living in Love and Faith project. Open new vistas for us, dear Lord, we pray. Help us to love the diversity of the world you have created and to appreciate that unity does not mean uniformity. Empower and embolden us to dispel fear and prejudice and make your church a place of hospitality for all, where we learn, reflect, pray and grow together in love.

Fri 11

Barnabas the
Apostle

Loving God, we hold before you all carers, to be blessed and sustained in their roles, which often go unrecognised. May we value their loving contributions, support them in their challenges, and see them like St Barnabas, who, filled with the Spirit, gave selflessly for his community.

Sat 12

Malaysia
Morocco

O Holy Spirit, continue to cast your arms around the constancy of your Defender of Faith, Elizabeth our Queen. May she always be the visible backbone of this sovereign state and of her family. Continue to allow us to demonstrate annually, with understated pomp and ceremony, our enduring appreciation for many years hence.

Sun 13

**Second Sunday
after Trinity**

Lord, you have promised us that, no matter how small the seed, if we will plant it and tend it, you will send the sun and the rain to help it flourish. Support the churches' outreach work, locally and nationally and help our local community as we all work together to recover from the economic and health effects of the pandemic.

Mon 14

Saudi Arabia
Ecuador

Creator God, we praise you for the versatility of our human form that makes it possible for us to swim and we thank you that public pools are open once more. We bring before you all, particularly children, whose tuition has been interrupted or delayed, remembering especially those who can't yet swim at all.

Tue 15

Bulgaria
Greece
Slovakia

We thank you for the gift of employment and the structure, satisfaction and security it can give. We remember those facing the upheaval of redeployment, the stress of redundancy, the uncertainty of 'consultation' processes or the bereavement of involuntary retirement. Especially this month we ask you to uphold staff at the Stratford TSB and the Works at Dobbies.

Wed 16

Belarus
Kazakhstan

In Men's Health Week, we pray for the physical and mental wellbeing of men of all ages, reflecting on the temptation increased by pandemic pressures to put off sharing a burden or seeking help. We pray that the **CAN DO Challenge**, focussing on five ways to wellness, will have a positive effect on the future of many.

Thu 17

Panama
Croatia
Bolivia
Georgia

Lord, whose only son was falsely accused and wrongly convicted, we remember all who have suffered a miscarriage of justice and pray for your healing love to surround them as they rebuild their lives. At this time we pray especially for the sub-postmasters and -postmistresses condemned as criminals because of a software error. We ask that those in authority would investigate all cases, make amends quickly and help people get back on their feet.

Fri 18

Paraguay
Tunisia

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the people who live, work and worship in Ansell Way, Saltisford, Deerpark Drive, Sharpe Close, Trueman Close and Vine Lane, lifting their needs before you. In Neighbour's Week, we pray for your blessing on all that builds up a sense of community.

Sat 19

Azerbaijan
Costa Rica
Palestine
Kuwait

We give thanks for those who go to work with a spring in their step, and who work creatively to brighten the lives of others. Thank you for recent initiatives in HMP Peterborough to protect the mental and physical health of female inmates by allowing them to decorate their cells in bright colours and encouraging them to keep active with step challenges and yoga from within their cells. We pray that this will have a lasting benefit for their lives both now and in the future.

Sun 20

**Third Sunday
after Trinity**

We pray for all fathers, including foster, adopted and step-fathers. For fathers who struggle, or have suffered in their role. For fathers who mourn, and all who mourn their own father. For fathers excluded, and for all who didn't know their father, or have a good one. For expectant fathers, those unable to be one, and for all father-figures important to us.

Mon 21

Dominican
Republic
Denmark
Uruguay

As we enjoy the warmth of the sun and the brightness of the light, rejoicing in summer on this longest of days, we remember that we are your creatures, Lord, made to dance to the rhythm of the seasons. Free us from the desire to hold and own that which is not ours to keep. Help us to live in the present, in your presence, in the comfort and knowledge that our 'am' in union with yours is all we need each day.

Tue 22

Lithuania

Remembering the joys for many of receiving a telegram from a loved one, we give thanks for Spa Telegram who bring messages to your door, helping people keep in touch in a memorable way.

Wed 23

Ethiopia
Ireland

As the new £50 note is issued, we give thanks for and celebrate the life and work of Alan Turing, who used his skills in computer science and cryptography to crack the Enigma Code. We ask for your blessing on his family, who have waited so long for his work and dedication to his country to be recognised.

Thu 24

Egypt

We pray for people who have become dependent on drugs and have been drawn into a darker world. We give thanks for all who are working in recovery teams and pray that the Change Your Life, Put Down Your Knife campaign will help people to a safer future.

Fri 25

Moldova
Slovenia
Guatemala

We give thanks for the contribution made by Christians to the national life of the UK and for the praying community within the government. As church leaders across the country join with MPs and Peers in the annual National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast online, we pray that the message of Life Beyond Covid will indeed be one of Renewed Hope.

Sat 26

Honduras
Venezuela
Bahrain

On Armed Forces Day we give thanks and pray for all our serving personnel, veterans, cadets and service families. 100 years after the partition of Ireland, we remember all whose lives have been rewritten by the Troubles, and pray for victims, survivors, soldiers and families as the government's proposed legacy package strives to focus on information and reconciliation.

Sun 27

**Fourth Sunday
after Trinity**

"...it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something – now finish doing it..." (2 Cor. 8.10-12) Lord, as we sit with you today in prayer and reflect on this last year, help us to notice any unfinished task that you would wish us to resume in your service, and then equip us with whatever we need to pick it up again.

Mon 28

Armenia

While we pray for the holiday and hospitality industries as they strive to re-establish themselves in challenging circumstances, we also remember those who worked for companies and businesses that have folded as a result of the pandemic.

Tue 29

Peter and Paul,
Apostles
Qatar
Oman

We give thanks for the lives and witness of Saints Peter and Paul. One impetuous and fallible who, redeemed by unconditional love, fulfilled his calling to become the 'Rock'. The other a zealous persecutor of early followers of the Way, whose life was transformed into ardent discipleship and Christian advocacy through divine encounter. Strengthen our faith in your transforming power, Lord, and rekindle in us a passion to feed your lambs by proclaiming and enacting the good news of the Gospel.

Wed 30

Bosnia and
Herzegovina
Libya
Sri Lanka...

Heavenly Father, whose Son welcomed the little children to him and rebuked the disciples who would hinder their coming, we give thanks for the **CMM Sisters** in Tanzania and Zambia and with them pray for every precious child in their care. We thank you for the recently opened "infant Day Care Centre" at the convent in Masasi, praying that the children will thrive under the direction of the Montessori-trained Sisters.