



St. Mary's
Warwick's Church of Treasures

August 2022

Prayer Diary

Thank you for your prayerful support of our local, national and global communities, and thank you to everyone who has contributed prayers and ideas this month. **Highlighted words** are links to Bible readings or other material. The **blue country names** remind us of countries at various stages of their Covid journey. Please share your ideas for September's diary, ideally by **5th August**, to: prayerdiary@stmaryswarwick.org.uk or 07799 682872. If you would like to receive the diary by email, please contact Kirsteen Robson (details above).

Mon 1

...Palestine
Estonia
Cyprus
Venezuela

As the new 123+ waste collection is introduced locally, we pray that people will quickly adjust to the new schedule and ways of sorting. Guide us and give us patience for our part in the task that it may be an opportunity to re-evaluate what we use and do our best to care for Creation. May those who feel confused or overwhelmed by the changes be gently supported by others nearby. We give thanks and pray for the teams who manage what we no longer want or need.

Tue 2

Moldova
Egypt

Dear Lord, who calms the tumultuous sea, in its 200th anniversary year, we ask for your blessing and protection on all who serve in HM Coastguard. Encourage them as they watch over our seas and cliffs: keep the beacon of courage burning in their hearts and after each mission, grant them a safe return to our shores.

Wed 3

Libya
Ethiopia
Honduras

We pray for all visiting Warwick this summer, that they may be enriched by the experience and we remember especially all who will step inside St Mary's. As they peer through the lens of history with casual curiosity or passionate interest, grant them a glimpse of the eternal. We bring before you the hearts stirred, prayer requests made, confessions offered and the candles lit.

Thu 4

Réunion
Armenia
Qatar

In National Immunisation Awareness Month, we give thanks for the years of successful vaccinations in the UK that have largely kept us free from measles, polio and more and have recently protected many from the worst of Covid. May all who missed routine vaccinations during the pandemic catch up. We remember particularly the summer children's catch-up immunisation clinics at Woodloes House.

Fri 5

Oman
Bosnia & Herzegovina
Kenya
Zambia

We give thanks for the new IndieGo Plus bus service, serving the Warwick, Hatton Park, Leek Wootton and Kenilworth areas and praised by those who have used it so far. As petrol and parking prices increase, we pray that more people will try out the service and demonstrate the need for this alternative and flexible means of transport. May it be a blessing to the drivers, their passengers and our local communities.

Sat 6

Transfiguration
Botswana
North Macedonia
Albania

In a quiet time, Lord, lead us up the mountain to the meeting place where earth and heavens touch. May the light of Jesus shine on us. May your word, the law of Moses and prophets' teaching, speak to us, restore us and show us the way. May the cloud of your presence assure us that we need not fear all we do not know. May we hear your voice, 'This is my Son, listen to him!' Then, lead us down, lead us out to ministry and to people.

Sun 7

The Eighth
Sunday after
Trinity

As tourists from the Commonwealth come to Warwick for the cycling event, let us open our hearts and welcome them with open arms and listening ears. Bless St Nick's church as they provide refreshments for the teams. We celebrate the sporting talents you have bestowed on the competitors and pray that the games may strengthen fellowship among the nations in bonds of peace and love.

Mon 8

Nigeria

As the ceremony takes place to mark the closing of the 2022 Commonwealth games, we pray that cooperation established between nations will result in respect and friendship that will outlast the Games to be blessing for the whole Commonwealth.

Tue 9

Mary Sumner

On the commemoration day of its founder, Mary Sumner, we give thanks for the Mothers' Union and all it does to offer Christian care for families, regardless of faith or background. We pray especially for the Warwick area MU which is seven years old today.

Wed 10

Zimbabwe
Montenegro
Mozambique

Lord, as students from the Hair and Beauty courses qualify, we thank you for all who train and use their skills to make us feel better about ourselves. We pray for the charity Look Good Feel Better, which offers makeup, grooming and nail care workshops to help boost the confidence of people living with cancer. Bless them as they rebuild their volunteer network.

Thu 11

Clare of Assisi
Uzbekistan

'What good will it be for a person if they gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?' (Matt. 16.26) On the festival day of Clare of Assisi, we give you thanks for the example of those in all walks of life who trust you utterly for everything. Lead us today to see what you want us to relinquish to your care.

Fri 12

China

O God, whose son travelled from place to place to share your love, we pray for the Message Bus on its Friday night visits to St Nick's this summer. Bless all who come to hang out there with football, painted nails, refreshments, arts and craft, games, chats and so very much more!

Sat 13

O God, the Great Artist, bless all attending Art in the Park in Leamington this weekend. May it may be a joyful celebration of creativity, a generous sharing of skills and a blessing on all.

Sun 14

The Ninth
Sunday after
Trinity

Creator God, as HS2 continues to mark our local countryside we give thanks for those who have taken the opportunity to set up projects for flora and wildlife along the Greenway. Bless the clearing of land to plant flowers to attract butterflies and bees; the new cycle track to Long Itchington and Rugby; and the clearing of waterways and raising of riverbanks to attract greater newts and water voles.

Mon 15

The Blessed Virgin
Mary

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tue 16

Martinique
Kyrgyzstan

50 years since Disneyland Paris opened, we celebrate the genius and vision of Walt Disney. Lord, we give thanks for happy times spent by so many young people and families, watching films, singing songs, reading stories and playing with toys whilst learning that good can overcome evil and the power of true love endures.

Wed 17

Brunei

Lord, the source of all true love, we pray for Victoria and Julian on the eve of their wedding. Grant them joy of heart, seriousness of mind and reverence of spirit, that as they enter into the oneness of marriage they may be guided and strengthened by you, through Jesus.

Thu 18

Maldives
Guadeloupe
El Salvador
Trinidad & Tobago

Lord of the years, we pray for all affected by exam results today. We give thanks as those who have done well spend time in the limelight and we pray for those who have not achieved their hoped-for results. Console and calm them, Lord. May they hear the message that there is no rush to rethink their plans and no disgrace in resitting exams or repeating a year. Help them take time to consider their options and be open to unexpected opportunities of their situation.

Fri 19

Namibia
Uganda
Ghana
Jamaica

Lord Jesus, who knows what it is to suffer for the sake of others, on World Humanitarian Day we pay tribute to humanitarian workers who have been #RealLifeHeroes during the Covid-19 pandemic. We think especially of the many acts of bravery, such as treating covid, providing a safe space for girls and women during lockdown, providing food to vulnerable people and running refugee camps. May we be thankful and inspired as their personal stories are shared.

Sat 20

Cambodia
Rwanda
Cameroon

Father whose limitless love created us all, as Warwickshire Pride celebrates its 10th anniversary with its first ever March through Leamington, we pray that the event and those taking part will receive support from the local community. May the dignity of each person be appreciated, and the way you fashion each human being with purpose and wonder be recognised.

Sun 21

The Tenth Sunday
after Trinity
Afghanistan

God of Love, we ask you to bless the marriage of Meredith and Matthew. We thank you for the love that has brought them together and ask you to help them keep the promises they have made. Grant them generosity when selfishness shows itself; patience and gentleness when there is misunderstanding, and if suffering becomes a part of their lives, give them a strong faith and an abiding love.

Mon 22

Malta
Malawi
Senegal

We pray for those who are out of work: those searching and competing for jobs, and those who are losing confidence and hope. We give thanks for the initiative from Pet-Xi who have linked up with the Restart government scheme and the team at The Royal Leamington Spa College gym, to offer people a chance to increase their physical and mental wellbeing.

Tue 23

Angola
Democratic
Republic of Congo

Father God, we give thanks for the 20-year journey of The Well in Leamington, from the vision you gave Ann Hibbert in her friend's garden to the thriving prayer and healing ministry in Augusta Place today. We pray for the growth of ministry and the financial support for a co-worker to help the organisation transition to a higher level.

Wed 24

French Guiana
Barbados
Channel Islands

We give thanks for opportunities for church communities to work together. Bless the Circle of Friends project set up by St Mary Immaculate and St Charles Borromeo, offering financial, practical and social support to Ukrainian refugee families moving to the area. We pray that more volunteers will come forward to help them and Warwick Quakers with the Monday morning welcome café.

Thu 25

Suriname
Eswatini

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the **CMM Sisters** in Tanzania and Zambia. We pray for the Sisters as they prepare for their delayed 75th Anniversary celebrations, and we give thanks that the census in Tanzania this month will make this easier, because everybody has to be at their home.

Fri 26

New Caledonia

Father, who knows the needs of all, we lift before you those who live, work or worship in St Christopher's Close, Upper Cape, Lower Cape, Saltisford, Sir Thomas White Close and Cape Court. May they know you living and loving in their lives.

Sat 27

Guyana
Fiji

We pray for Lottie and Ben as they make their marriage vows today. May your power guide them, your might uphold them, your wisdom teach them, your eye watch over them, your ear hear them, your word give them speech, your hand guide them, your way lie before them and your shield shelter them as they go forward in life together.

Sun 28

**11th Sunday
after Trinity**

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy. *A of H*

Mon 29

Channel Islands
Belize

Lord, whose son answered every call for help, we give thanks for paramedics, drivers and all who work for the West Midlands Ambulance Service and ask you to bless its search for 400 people to train as paramedics. May the sound of siren serve us all as a prompt to pray for those who are awaiting help and those attending them.

Tue 30

**Beheading of
John the Baptist**

Lord Jesus, we pray for all who are treated as pawns in the power games of others: for political prisoners, workers with manipulative employers, those trapped in abusive relationships, children caught between embittered parents... Fill them with hope of justice and release, and equip your people to bring it about.

Wed 31

Madagascar...

O God, who created people to live in harmony with nature, with gratitude we ask you to bless the recently opened Lias Line greenway, following the path of the old railway line, connecting Offchurch, Long Itchington, Rugby and Leamington.