



Thameshead Benefice

Prayer Diary

August 2026

Bringing the light and joy of Christ into our communities;
that all may flourish

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Saturday 1	Gracious God, as we enter August, steady our hearts in Your peace. Bless the work of our hands, the rest we take, and the people we meet. Guard our families, guide our choices, and kindle in us a deeper love for You. May this month be marked by Your kindness, Your wisdom, and Your quiet, faithful presence
Sunday 2	Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 3	Loving Lord, we lift before you today the villages of Frampton Mansell and Sapperton. Pour out your blessing upon every person and every household. May each one be filled with your peace, and may they know the fullness of life that comes from you alone. Where there is goodness, abundance, and joy, nurture in them a spirit of gratitude and delight. Where there is pain, uncertainty, or challenge, may your presence be deeply known— a quiet strength, a steady comfort, a reminder that you walk with them in all things. Hold the whole community in your love
Tuesday 4	We give thanks for all who work in the NHS and the emergency services. Grant them strength and resilience in their work.
Wednesday 5	Loving Lord, we lift before you today the village of Coates. Pour out your blessing upon every person and every household. May each one be filled with your peace, and may they know the fullness of life that comes from you alone. Where there is goodness, abundance, and joy, nurture in them a spirit of gratitude and delight. Where there is pain, uncertainty, or challenge, may your presence be deeply known— a quiet strength, a steady comfort, a reminder that you walk with them in all things. Hold the whole community in your love.

Thursday 6	Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. (Collect for The Transfiguration)
Friday 7	Gracious God, bless all churchwardens, treasurers, secretaries, safeguarding officers, and PCC members. Strengthen them as they carry out practical burdens that make ministry possible. Grant them wisdom in their decisions, clarity in their conversations, and unity in their shared purpose. Bless their partnership with the ministry team, that together they may joyfully carry out your mission. Renew their energy, protect their wellbeing, and surround them with your peace. May their service bear fruit that brings hope, healing, and blessing to the whole community.
Saturday 8	Lord, thank you for the fellowship of our community coffee mornings. Bless the conversations, the laughter, and the connections. May we feel your presence among us and our bonds be strengthened as we are reminded of your love.
Sunday 9	Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 10	Loving Lord, we lift before you today the village of Poole Keynes. Pour out your blessing upon every person and every household. May each one be filled with your peace, and may they know the fullness of life that comes from you alone. Where there is goodness, abundance, and joy, nurture in them a spirit of gratitude and delight. Where there is pain,

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Tuesday 11	Heavenly Father, thank you for our church volunteers and their willingness to serve you.. Bless and strengthen them in their service and fill them with your joy and peace. May their work be a reflection of your love and grace.
Wednesday 12	We pray for an end to the waste and desecration of God's creation; for access to the fruits of creation to be shared equally among all people and for communities and nations to find sustenance in the fruits of the earth and water God has given us.
Thursday 13	God of hope and transformation, who in our Lord Jesus Christ offers the gift of life in all its fullness, send your Holy Spirit and grant us joy in our following and vision in our leadership. May we be rich in imagination, confident in faith, and courageous in our engagement with the people and places of this diocese. As we share your life with the world, keep us rooted and grounded in love as we bear witness to your glory and pray for your Kingdom to come.
Friday 14	We lift every home group, Bible study, prayer gathering, and the TLC community to You. Deepen trust, strengthen friendships, and bind them together in true fellowship. Grow them in love and unity, that they may be a blessing to one another and to the wider church.
Saturday 15	God of compassion and grace, look down upon those who are fearful or unable to leave their homes or who are struck by sickness and ill health. Be with them, their families, carers and friends. Grant them peace and comfort that they are not alone, and that the hearts of their community hold them close.

Sunday 16	God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Monday 17	Lord God, thank you for the dedication and hard work of all teachers, teaching assistants, and school staff over this past year. We lift them up to you as they enjoy their well-earned summer break. We pray for the children and their families, especially those who find holiday times difficult.
Tuesday 18	Lord of creation, we pray for all who work the land: for good weather, healthy crops, and strength for the seasons ahead. We give thanks for the food we receive and remember all who face hunger or food poverty. Bless our local food banks and volunteers who serve with compassion. Inspire your Church to work for justice, to challenge systems that leave people in need, and to build a future where all have enough
Wednesday 19	Bless our Ministry Team (Pepita, Steve, Karen, Liz) , our worship leaders and all those who lead worship in our churches. Fill them with fresh inspiration as they preach, teach, and lead. Let your Spirit stir their hearts so that their words carry life, hope, and truth.
Thursday 20	Loving Lord, we lift before you today the villages of Rodmarton and Tarlton. Pour out your blessing upon every person and every household. May each one be filled with your peace, and may they know the fullness of life that comes from you alone. Where there is goodness, abundance, and joy, nurture in them a spirit of gratitude and delight. Where there is pain, uncertainty, or challenge, may your presence be deeply known— a quiet strength, a steady comfort, a reminder that you walk with them in all things. Hold the whole community in your love.

Friday 21	We pray for peace in the world, an end to conflicts, and places where people can live in peace with their neighbour. We pray for all those living in war torn countries and unable to escape. Lord, help them find a safe place to go, and we give thanks for all those trying to help and bring hope
Saturday 22	Gracious God, every good thing comes from you. Teach us to give with generosity and joy, trusting that you are the one who multiplies every seed we sow. May these offerings become a blessing to those in need, a source of hope to the weary, and a testimony of your goodness
Sunday 23	God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 24	Merciful God, We ask that you give our leaders the wisdom to guide our nation and the world. Help us to protect the poor and all those who are struggling during this difficult time. Provide for their needs and give them hope. Open new opportunities for them and furnish the resources they need to live with dignity. Encourage those who have enough to share essential resources with those who lack the necessities of life, and to do so with humble, grateful and loving hearts.
Tuesday 25	Loving Lord, we lift before you today the villages of Kemble and Ewen. Pour out your blessing upon every person and every household. May each one be filled with your peace, and may they know the fullness of life that comes from you alone. Where there is goodness, abundance, and joy, nurture in them a spirit of gratitude and delight. Where there is pain, uncertainty, or challenge, may your presence be deeply known— a quiet strength, a steady comfort, a reminder

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Wednesday 26	We pray for our children and young people and their families; that they may feel a sense of family and belonging through the groups they attend. We pray for the work of Sportily and the youth club, for Cadie and Little Fishes and Source Seekers, for Juliette and Liz and Wild and Messy Church and the Open the Book team. Lord, bless and guide the leaders and inspire more people to step forward and teach the next generation how to lead and love others in Your name. Strengthen and equip them to show Your love to the precious children in their communities.
Thursday 27	Lord Jesus, You came to bring good news to the poor and freedom to those in need. We pray for The Grace Network, and all organisations who serve others. Lift those who feel burdened. Bring hope where life feels hard.
Friday 28	Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for all those who have given us encouragement over the years. For parents, guardians, godparents and teachers who have enabled us to grow in faith. Show us who we can share our faith with today.
Saturday 29	Loving Lord, we lift before you today the villages of Somerford Keynes and Shorncote. Pour out your blessing upon every person and every household. May each one be filled with your peace, and may they know the fullness of life that comes from you alone. Where there is goodness, abundance, and joy, nurture in them a spirit of gratitude and delight. Where there is pain, uncertainty, or challenge, may your presence be deeply known— a quiet strength, a steady comfort, a reminder that you walk with them in all things. Hold the whole community in your love.

Sunday 30	Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord
Monday 31	Father God, We pray for The Thameshead Benefice; that we may be truly united as we come together, whatever our background or culture, to worship you sharing our common belief and trust in You. We pray for peace, respect and unity as we seek to see Christ in each other, inspiring and encouraging each individual to express their love for You. May our churches be places of peace and safety, joy and love and full of your glory. Help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers and visitors. Fill us with vision and joy and keep us faithful in prayer, word and worship and help us to know and share how much each of us are loved by You. May we see your kingdom come here in the Thameshead Benefice, to the glory of your name.

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