

September Benefice Prayer Diary

	Please pray for:
Sunday 1	Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Monday 2	Heavenly Father, we ask for your presence in the homes, the businesses, the streets and the families of Kemble and Ewen. We pray for strength and understanding in all relationships, that all will demonstrate love for one another. We pray that the diversity of your people will be celebrated by all neighbours, just as you affirm and love each one of us.
Tuesday 3	Father God, we pray for those who are isolated within their homes, especially the lonely and vulnerable. We pray that you would surround them with your love. Lord, in this time would you minister to each one, that they would know that they have a Father in Heaven who loves them and is with them.
Wednesday 4	Pray for our ministry team - Pepita, PTO; Liz, Lay Reader; Karen, Reader in training, David and Angie and all the Lay worship leaders; our Church Wardens and PCCs. Lord, may Your favour rest upon them and establish the work of their hands. Fill them with all joy and peace as they trust in You, so that they may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit
Thursday 5	Heavenly Father, we ask for your presence in the homes, the businesses, the streets and the families of Somerford Keynes and Shorncote. We pray for strength and understanding in all relationships, that all will demonstrate love for one another. We pray that the diversity of your people will be celebrated by all neighbours, just as you affirm and love each one of us. We ask your blessing on Joe, as he is licensed as the new vicar of Hucclecote.
Friday 6	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. Father God, as we continue in vacancy, sustain those in interim leadership; give wisdom to those involved in the process of appointing a new priest; and guide us all in working out the future of The Thameshead Benefice.
Saturday 7	We pray for all who do not yet know the love of God. We pray that the Lord will open their minds to the Gospel and remove their spiritual blindness and that they will come to know God's transforming love.
Sunday 8	God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Monday 9	Great Physician, stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and peace to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels of your healing love.
Tuesday 10	Heavenly Father, we ask for your presence in the homes, the businesses, the streets and the families of Coates. We pray for strength and understanding in all relationships, that all will demonstrate love for one another. We pray that the diversity of your people will be celebrated by all neighbours, just as you affirm and love each one of us.
Wednesday 11	We pray for all home groups, Bible study and prayer groups and TLC. May they form a firm fellowship with each other, supporting each other and learn to seek and share God in new ways.
Thursday 12	Heavenly Father, We lift up to You our prayers for economic stability and all those seeking

	employment. Grant wisdom and guidance to those in positions of economic influence, including those in our new government, that they may create opportunities for growth and prosperity. Comfort and support those who are searching for work, providing them with hope, perseverance, and the means to sustain themselves and their families. May they find meaningful employment and experience Your provision in their lives.
Friday 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. Amen.
Saturday14	Heavenly Father, We thank You for the gift of creativity and the arts within our communities . Bless all artists, musicians, writers, and performers, and inspire them to reflect Your beauty and truth in their work.
Sunday 15	O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Monday 16	Heavenly Father, we ask for your presence in the homes, the businesses, the streets and the families of Poole Keynes. We pray for strength and understanding in all relationships, that all will demonstrate love for one another. We pray that the diversity of your people will be celebrated by all neighbours, just as you affirm and love each one of us.
Tuesday 17	We pray for all who keep our churches clean and well maintained, flower arrangers , grounds people and bell ringers; that our buildings and churchyards may be welcoming places to seek God
Wednesday18	Gracious God, we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the world. We pray for the honouring of human rights and for the relief of the oppressed. We give thanks for all that is gracious in the lives of men, women and children.
Thursday 19	We pray for on our electoral rolls and the members of our congregations; that they may know God's presence, peace and unending love today and always. Almighty God, you delight in growth, Fill us with your Holy Spirit, So that our churches may grow spiritually and in numbers. Give us confidence to reach out to others so that the communities in which we live and work may know the power of your transforming love. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
Friday 20	Heavenly Father, We lift up new believers and seekers to You, asking for Your guidance and protection as they begin their spiritual journey. Surround them with Your love, strengthen their faith, and fill them with the knowledge of Your truth. May they find joy and peace in Your presence, and may their hearts be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.
Saturday21	Let us 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.
Sunday 22	Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Monday 23	Pray for our Farming communities and all who provide food for us to eat; Bless them as they sow crops and care for livestock. Surround them with your love so they may know they are cared for and valued. Help us to be thankful for the food they produce and not to waste it. Pray for those who do not have enough to eat and for the local Foodbank . We pray for people in our community and beyond who are facing unemployment, ill-health, isolation or money worries at this time, and especially for those who are unable to afford enough to eat.
Tuesday 24	We pray for our local communities and for all people in their daily life and work. We give thanks for the human skill and creativity and all that reveals your loveliness
Wednesday25	Heavenly Father, we ask for your presence in the homes, the businesses, the streets and the

	families of Frampton Mansell. We pray for strength and understanding in all relationships, that all will demonstrate love for one another. We pray that the diversity of your people will be celebrated by all neighbours, just as you affirm and love each one of us.
Thursday 26	We pray for our local schools, especially Sapperton, Kemble, Rodmarton, Deer Park and Kingshill Schools. We pray for all the teachers, staff and pupils. We pray that the schools will be places of great learning and discovery, adventure and creativity and that everyone is respected and all are deeply valued..
Friday 27	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 Luke and the work of Sportily and the new 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.
Saturday 28	Heavenly Father, we ask for your presence in the homes, the businesses, the streets and the families of Rodmarton and Tarlton. We pray for strength and understanding in all relationships, that all will demonstrate love for one another. We pray that the diversity of your people will be celebrated by all neighbours, just as you affirm and love each one of us.
Sunday 29	Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Collect for At Michael and All Angels
Monday 30	We pray for communication within the Thameshead Benefice, asking for God's wisdom and clarity to guide our words and actions and help us to listen with open hearts, speak with love and understanding, and foster unity and harmony among all.