

### October Benefice Prayer Diary

Tuesday 1	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.
Wednesday 2	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.
Thursday 3	Pray for our ministry team - Pepita, PTO; Karen and Liz, Lay Readers, David and Angie and all the Lay worship leaders; our Church Wardens and PCCs. We pray for wisdom for all of our church wardens and PCCs as they carry extra responsibilities during the vacancy 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. We give thanks for all those who preach and lead services to maintain the service rota. We bless them with inspiration and encouragement.
Friday 4	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.
Saturday 5	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

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Sunday 6	<p>Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>
Monday 7	<p>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.</p> <p>We pray for Little Fishes</p>
Tuesday 8	<p>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.</p>
Wednesday 9	<p>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.</p>

Thursday 10	<p>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.</p> <p>We pray for families who are struggling to keep up financial commitments. We pray for the provision of practical help and that we might be generous in our support.</p>
Friday 11	<p>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.</p>
Saturday 12	<p>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.</p>
Sunday 13	<p>God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord</p>
Monday 14	<p>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,</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>We pray for Little Fishes</p>
Tuesday 15	<p>We give thanks for all who use their gifts to enhance our church communities: cleaners, vergers, sidespeople, flower arrangers, musicians, readers, preachers, gardeners, coffee makers, bell ringers and administrators. Pray for those who work behind the scenes to make the churches and the benefice run smoothly. Pray that they would always find joy in their part in the ministry</p>
Wednesday 16	<p>Lord, we continue to pray for peace across our world, in Ukraine, Sudan, Israel and Gaza, and all other places afflicted by violence. Give leaders Your wisdom to bring these conflicts to an end, and let Your peace reign.</p>
Thursday 17	<p>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 for all who come to our churches for baptisms, weddings and funerals that they may know God's presence and his love in all our places of worship.</p>
Friday 18	<p>Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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.</p>

Saturday 19	Creator God, we confess our plundering of natural resources, for deforestation and draining of wetlands. Strengthen us as we combat pollution and reduce transport emissions. Our diverse world holds living creatures of many kinds. May we care for all: animals, such as cats and dogs, or birds, reptiles and fish, domesticated or wild as we seek their welfare in our lives together. O God, help us to share in your love for the whole of Creation.
Sunday 20	Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 21	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. We pray for Little Fishes
Tuesday 22	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
Wednesday 23	Heavenly Father, we ask for your presence in the homes, the businesses, the streets and the families of Frampton Mansell and Sapperton. 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 24	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 25	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 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 26	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 27	Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Monday 28	Almighty God, who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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. We pray for Little Fishes

Tuesday 29	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.
Wednesday 30	We pray for all our Christian friends who sustain and encourage us in our faith; and our family and friends who we long to know Jesus
Thursday 31	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.

