



Thameshead Benefice

Prayer Diary

March 2025

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Saturday 1	A prayer for St David's Day: Almighty God, you called your servant David to be a faithful and wise steward of your mysteries for the people of Wales: Mercifully grant that, following his purity of life and zeal for the Gospel of Christ, we may with him receive our heavenly reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
Sunday 2	Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 3	We pray for all our volunteers in our church families (cleaners, flower arrangers, grounds people, organists and bell ringers) and pray that more people will join them, even if just for a short time.
Tuesday 4	Lord, on Shrove Tuesday, we prepare our hearts for Lent. Help us embrace repentance and renewal, guiding us to reflect, seek forgiveness, and grow closer to You in faith and love Please pray for and support the Pancake party at Poole Keynes village hall this evening and the Lent Course led by David Cook at Kemble House
Wednesday 5	Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 Ash Wednesday)
Thursday 6	Almighty God, our Heavenly Father. We thank you for our local schools, and their pupils, teachers, parents and governing bodies and all who work in them. We thank you for the uniqueness of each person who works and learns there. May they be places of place of fulfilment, hope and of wholeness.
Friday 7	Gracious Father, we thank You for providing a way for us to survive and thrive through economic development in our homes and communities. Thank You for taking care of us and supplying all of our needs from Your glorious riches in Christ Jesus. 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.
Saturday 8	Let us pray today for any who are unwell at this time, those in hospital and those waiting for appointments, treatment or surgery. Pray for God to bring healing and comfort. We pray for all who are housebound, and pray that any contact from friends, neighbours and church will continue so that they know they are not alone.
Sunday 9	Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 10	Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of Coates - spiritually, socially, and economically. May all work together to create a place where each person is valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met.
Tuesday 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.
Wednesday 12	Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of Poole Keynes - spiritually, socially, and economically. May all work together to create a place where each person is valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met.
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. Amen.
Friday 14	Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of Frampton Mansell and Sapperton - spiritually, socially, and economically. May all work together to create a place where each person is valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable

	are met.
Saturday 15	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 thank you for all the places we can find you in our communities. Help us to remember that Jesus came to transform the world, and we all have a role to play in that.
Sunday 16	Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 17	A prayer for St Patrick's Day: Almighty God, you chose your servant Patrick to bring the Irish people to the light of faith; grant us, like him, to walk in your way and come to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Tuesday 18	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.
Wednesday 19	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.
Thursday 20	Dear Lord, be with us during Lent, help us to engage with others who may not know you yet. Help us to find ways to meet others where they are right now and help them to find Your love in their own ways.
Friday 21	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.
Saturday 22	Jesus' prayer for his disciples was that "they may be one so that the world may believe" We pray for unity with all Christian Disciples. Let us come together to share in the glory of your name.
Sunday 23	Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 24	Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of Kemble and Ewen - spiritually, socially, and economically. May all work together to create a place where each person is valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met. Pray for the Spirituality Day at Sapperton School - that all may know your presence and sense your awe and wonder throughout the day and always
Tuesday 25	Jesus told us that he was "anointed to bring good news to the poor, sent to proclaim release to the captives, provide recovery of sight to the blind and proclaim the year of the Lord's favour". We pray for The Grace Network as they seek to change this by leading worship in a space where the issues of poverty cannot be avoided by hosting a foodbank, furniture recycling centre, children's clothing project (Kids' Stuff) and a pop up restaurant (The Long Table) designed to support those who are food poor. Please pray for and support the Lent Course led by David Cook at Kemble House
Wednesday 26	Pray for our ministry team - Pepita, PTO; Karen and Liz, Lay Readers; for 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 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 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.
Friday 28	Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of Rodmarton and Tarlton - spiritually, socially, and economically. May all work together to create a place where each person is valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met.
Saturday 29	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.
Sunday 30	God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Loving God, Thank you for mums and children and for all the joy of family life. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love. Let your love be present in every home, And help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.
Monday 31	Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of Somerford Keynes and Shorncote - spiritually, socially, and economically. May all work together to create a place where each person is valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met

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