



Thameshead Benefice

Prayer Diary

April 2026

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

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| Wednesday 1 | <p>"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19)</p> <p>Father, thank you for a fresh start today. Thank you for the reminder of "renewal" that spring represents to us in the earth. Prepare us for all the new and wonderful things you have for our lives. Help us to let go of the old things that hold us back, the things that do not bring us life, the things that keep us living in the past. Help us to cling to our new identity in Christ! Help us to keep "springing forward" in my journey with you!</p> |
| Thursday 2 | <p>God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. (Collect for Maundy Thursday)</p> |
| Friday 3 | <p>Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Collect for Good Friday)</p> |
| Saturday 4 | <p>In the depths of our isolation, we cry to you, Lord God: give light to our darkness and bring us out of the prison of our despair, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Collect for Easter Eve)</p> |
| Sunday 5 | <p>God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Happy Easter.</p> |

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| Monday 6 | Loving Lord, we pray today for those who live in Coates. We pray a blessing over each person and every household and we ask that each one will be filled with your peace and will experience fullness of life. Where there is goodness and abundance, we pray for a spirit of gratitude and joy; where there is pain and challenge, we pray that there would be an awareness of your presence with them in and through all things. |
| Tuesday 7 | Pray for all the churchwardens, treasurers, secretaries, safeguarding officers and all other PCC members as they continue to support the ministry team in carrying our God's mission across the Benefice |
| Wednesday 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. |
| Thursday 9 | 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. |
| Friday 10 | Loving Lord, we pray today for those who live in Poole Keynes. We pray a blessing over each person and every household and we ask that each one will be filled with your peace and will experience fullness of life. Where there is goodness and abundance, we pray for a spirit of gratitude and joy; where there is pain and challenge, we pray that there would be an awareness of your presence with them in and through all things. |
| Saturday 11 | Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of our church volunteers. We are grateful for their willingness to serve, their time, and their talents. We ask that you |

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| | <p>bless them abundantly, Lord. Strengthen them in their service and fill them with your joy and peace. May their work be a reflection of your love and grace. Protect them and their families and grant them continued dedication and passion for your work.</p> |
| Sunday 12 | <p>Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.</p> |
| Monday 13 | <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.</p> |
| Tuesday 14 | <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> |
| Wednesday 15 | <p>God of compassion and grace. We ask you to look down upon those who are fearful or unable to leave their homes and who are struck by sickness and ill health. Be with them and bless them, Lord. Bless 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.</p> |
| Thursday 16 | <p>For our Ministry Team (Pepita, Steve, Karen, Liz, Angie and Mike) , our worship leaders and for all those who lead worship in our churches, that they will feel inspired and inspire others through their preaching and teaching.</p> |

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| Friday 17 | God, we acknowledge that everything we have comes from you. Help us to give generously and cheerfully, knowing that you will multiply what we give. May these offerings be a blessing to others, and may they glorify your name. |
| Saturday 18 | Creator God, bless the hands that sow and tend the earth, grant favourable weather, healthy crops, and strength for the long seasons of labour; guide farmers in their vital work to feed us all and provide for their families, and help us to appreciate the gift of food they bring. Loving God, we thank you for the gift of food and for the way you nourish us. We lift up all those facing food poverty, asking for your comfort and provision. Bless our local food banks and the dedicated volunteers who serve with compassion, helping us to be your hands and feet in crisis. Inspire us, your Church, to work for justice, so that all your people may share in your bounty, and no one goes hungry. Move us to challenge the systems that create such need, and to build a future where everyone has enough to eat |
| Sunday 19 | Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. |
| Monday 20 | Loving Lord, we pray today for those who live in Rodmarton and Tarlton. We pray a blessing over each person and every household and we ask that each one will be filled with your peace and will experience fullness of life. Where there is goodness and abundance, we pray for a spirit of gratitude and joy; where there is pain and challenge, we pray that there would be an awareness of your presence with them in and through all things. |
| Tuesday 21 | We pray for peace in the world, an end to conflicts, and places where people can live in peace with their |

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| | <p>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</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 22</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Thursday 23</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>God of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love in the heart of your servant George that he bore witness to the risen Lord by his life and by his death: give us the same faith and power of love that we who rejoice in his triumphs may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection; 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 St George)</p> |
| <p>Friday 24</p> | <p>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</p> |

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| | <p>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.</p> |
| Saturday 25 | <p>Loving Lord, we pray today for those who live in <i>Kemble and Ewen</i>. We pray a blessing over each person and every household and we ask that each one will be filled with your peace and will experience fullness of life. Where there is goodness and abundance, we pray for a spirit of gratitude and joy; where there is pain and challenge, we pray that there would be an awareness of your presence with them in and through all things.</p> |
| Sunday 26 | <p>Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.</p> |
| Monday 27 | <p>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 address the issues of poverty by hosting a foodbank, furniture recycling centre, children's clothing project (Kids' Stuff) and a pop up restaurant (<i>The Long Table</i>).</p> |
| Tuesday 28 | <p>Loving Lord, we pray today for those who live in <i>Somerford Keynes and Shorncote</i>. We pray a blessing over each person and every household and we ask that each one will be filled with your peace and will experience fullness of life. Where there is goodness and abundance, we pray for a spirit of gratitude and joy; where there is pain and challenge, we pray that</p> |

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| Wednesday 29 | Loving Lord, we pray today for those who live in Frampton Mansell and Sapperton. We pray a blessing over each person and every household and we ask that each one will be filled with your peace and will experience fullness of life. Where there is goodness and abundance, we pray for a spirit of gratitude and joy; where there is pain and challenge, we pray that there would be an awareness of your presence with them in and through all things. |
| Thursday 30 | 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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