



Thameshead Benefice

Prayer Diary

September 2025

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

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Monday 1	<p>Heavenly Father, we thank you for new beginnings, a fresh start, and the opportunity to grow and learn. We acknowledge the past, with its joys and challenges, and thank you for the lessons learned. We ask for your guidance and wisdom, strength, courage, and clarity of mind to navigate whatever lies ahead. May your presence be with us, filling us with peace and hope.</p> <p>Do join in with Christians across the world for the international week of prayer.</p>
Tuesday 2	<p>Almighty God, our Heavenly Father. We thank you for our local schools as the new academic year begins. We pray for the 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>
Wednesday 3	<p>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.</p> <p>Please pray for the Cirencester Eating disorder self help group</p>
Thursday4	<p>We 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</p>
Friday 5	<p>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</p>

	your name.
Saturday 6	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 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.
Sunday 7	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 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.
Tuesday 9	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.
Wednesday10	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. Please pray for the Frampton Mansell craft group meeting today
Thursday 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.
Friday 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.
Saturday 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.
Sunday 14	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 15	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.
Tuesday 16	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.
Wednesday 17	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.

Thursday 18	<p>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.</p>
Friday 19	<p>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.</p>
Saturday 20	<p>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 our own role to play in that transformation.</p>
Sunday 21	<p>Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p> <p>O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist: Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and</p>

	the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen. (Collect for St Matthew)
Monday 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.
Tuesday 23	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.
Wednesday 24	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.
Thursday 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 pay as you can restaurant (The Long Table) designed to support those who are food poor.

Friday 26	Pray for our Ministry Team (Pepita, Steve, Karen, Liz, Dave, 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.
Saturday 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 the work of Sportily, 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. Please pray for the creative prayer morning
Sunday 28	Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 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 St Michael and All Angels)
Tuesday 30	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

If you would like these prayers sent to you each day via WhatsApp, please contact Liz on 07774104990