



Thameshead Benefice

Prayer Diary

September 2026

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

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Tuesday 1	Almighty God, as September begins and summer shifts to autumn, we thank you for new beginnings. Guide us through changing routines, grant us peace for the days ahead, and fill our hearts with your light and strength
Wednesday 2	Loving Lord, we lift before you today the villages of Somerford Keynes and Shorncote. Pour out your blessing upon every person and every household. May each one be filled with your peace, and may they know the fullness of life that comes from you alone. Where there is goodness, abundance, and joy, nurture in them a spirit of gratitude and delight. Where there is pain, uncertainty, or challenge, may your presence be deeply known— a quiet strength, a steady comfort, a reminder that you walk with them in all things. Hold the whole community in your love.
Thursday 3	Loving Lord, we lift before you today the villages of Frampton Mansell and Sapperton. Pour out your blessing upon every person and every household. May each one be filled with your peace, and may they know the fullness of life that comes from you alone. Where there is goodness, abundance, and joy, nurture in them a spirit of gratitude and delight. Where there is pain, uncertainty, or challenge, may your presence be deeply known— a quiet strength, a steady comfort, a reminder that you walk with them in all things. Hold the whole community in your love
Friday 4	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.
Saturday 5	Loving Lord, we lift before you today the village of Coates. Pour out your blessing upon every person and every household. May each one be filled with your peace, and may they know the fullness of life that comes from you alone. Where there is goodness, abundance, and joy, nurture in them a spirit of gratitude and delight. Where there is pain, uncertainty, or challenge, may your presence be deeply known— a quiet strength, a steady comfort, a reminder that you walk with them in all things. Hold the whole community in your love.
Sunday 6	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.
Monday 7	Gracious God, bless all churchwardens, treasurers, secretaries, safeguarding officers, and PCC members. Strengthen them as they carry out practical burdens that make ministry possible. Grant them wisdom in their decisions, clarity in their conversations, and unity in their shared purpose. Bless their partnership with the ministry team, that together they may joyfully carry out your mission. Renew their energy, protect their wellbeing, and surround them with your peace. May their service bear fruit that brings hope, healing, and blessing to the whole community.
Tuesday 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.
Wednesday 9	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
Thursday 10	Loving Lord, we lift before you today the village of Poole Keynes. Pour out your blessing upon every person and every household. May each one be filled with your peace, and may they know the fullness of life that comes from you alone. Where there is goodness, abundance, and joy, nurture in them a spirit of gratitude and delight. Where there is pain, uncertainty, or challenge, may your presence be deeply known— a quiet strength, a steady comfort, a reminder that you walk with them in all things. Hold the whole community in your love.
Friday 11	Heavenly Father, thank you for our church volunteers and their willingness to serve you.. Bless and strengthen them in their service and fill them with your joy and peace. May their work be a reflection of your love and grace.
Saturday 12	We 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 13	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 14	We lift every home group, Bible study, prayer gathering, and the TLC community to You. Deepen trust, strengthen friendships, and bind them together in true fellowship.

	Grow them in love and unity, that they may be a blessing to one another and to the wider church.
Tuesday 15	God of compassion and grace, look down upon those who are fearful or unable to leave their homes or who are struck by sickness and ill health. Be with them, 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.
Wednesday 16	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.
Thursday 17	Lord God, thank you for the dedication and hard work of all teachers, teaching assistants, Governors and all who work in our schools. We lift them up to you as they begin the new academic year. We pray for the children and their families, especially those who are starting school for the first time or moving to a new school or starting college or university, .
Friday 18	Lord of creation, we pray for all who work the land: for good weather, healthy crops, and strength for the seasons ahead. We give thanks for the food we receive and remember all who face hunger or food poverty. Bless our local food banks and volunteers who serve with compassion. Inspire your Church to work for justice, to challenge systems that leave people in need, and to build a future where all have enough
Saturday 19	Bless our Ministry Team (Pepita, Steve, Karen, Liz) , our worship leaders and all those who lead worship in our churches. Fill them with fresh inspiration as they

	preach, teach, and lead. Let your Spirit stir their hearts so that their words carry life, hope, and truth.
Sunday 20	Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord
Monday 21	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 the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.(St Matthew)
Tuesday 22	Gracious God, every good thing comes from you. Teach us to give with generosity and joy, trusting that you are the one who multiplies every seed we sow. May these offerings become a blessing to those in need, a source of hope to the weary, and a testimony of your goodness
Wednesday 23	Loving Lord, we lift before you today the villages of Rodmarton and Tarlton. Pour out your blessing upon every person and every household. May each one be filled with your peace, and may they know the fullness of life that comes from you alone. Where there is goodness, abundance, and joy, nurture in them a spirit of gratitude and delight. Where there is pain, uncertainty, or challenge, may your presence be deeply known— a quiet strength, a steady comfort, a reminder that you walk with them in all things. Hold the whole community in your love.
Thursday 24	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 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.
Friday 25	Loving Lord, we lift before you today the villages of Kemble and Ewen. Pour out your blessing upon every person and every household. May each one be filled with your peace, and may they know the fullness of life that comes from you alone. Where there is goodness, abundance, and joy, nurture in them a spirit of gratitude and delight. Where there is pain, uncertainty, or challenge, may your presence be deeply known— a quiet strength, a steady comfort, a reminder that you walk with them in all things. Hold the whole community in your love.
Saturday 26	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.
Sunday 27	Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 28	Heavenly Father, we lift up the local shops, pubs, services, and independent owners in our Benefice. Grant them wisdom, financial stability, and resilience to face daily challenges. Bless the work of their hands, protect their livelihoods, and let their labour help our neighbourhoods thrive.

Tuesday 29	O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels alway do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord (St Michael and All Angels)
Wednesday 30	Lord Jesus, You came to bring good news to the poor and freedom to those in need. We pray for The Grace Network, and all organisations who serve others. Lift those who feel burdened. Bring hope where life feels hard.

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