



SW7 BENEFICE



PRAYER DIARY
MARCH 2024

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in
prayer.
Romans 12:12

1 Friday

Today let us join with many churches around the UK in prayer on World Day of Prayer and this year's theme is 'I beg you, bear with one another in Love' and has been written by Palestinian Christian Women who invite us to pray for peace.

2 Saturday

We pray for the continuing health and strength of our devoted Ministry Team here in SW7.

3 Sunday

Pray for Ben as he leads the morning services at Barcheston and Wolford this morning, and GAP at Long Compton this afternoon.

4 Monday

Please pray for the Long Compton Monday Homegroup meeting this evening

5 Tuesday

Pray for the Deanery Lent service at Shipston with the Rev. David Runcorn, Retreat Leader.

6 Wednesday

Pray for the funeral service taking place in Burmington today, led by Ben.

7 Thursday

World Book Day, we thank you Father for the blessing of books and the written word which enable us to share human experience and learning in all its diversity. Please bless those who teach others how to read and the friendships formed through local book clubs.

8 Friday

International Women's Day. We pray for all those women struggling to hold families together and provide food and care in terrible conditions brought about by war, natural disasters and extreme poverty.

9 Saturday

Pray for the Women's Breakfast at Woford Village Hall with Bishop Mike Hill speaking on 'Certainty in an Uncertain World'.

10 Sunday

On this Mothering Sunday please pray for Ben as he takes the morning services at Whichford and Burmington with Bishop Mike Hill.

11 Monday

On this Commonwealth Day may we be thankful for the 54 member states headed by King Charles aiming to promote peace and prosperity particularly helping countries that are less developed.

12 Tuesday

Dear Father we pray for all those facing job loss because of business closures. Please give them hope and resilience as they search for work opportunities.

13 Wednesday

Pray for those in our communities who are sick, that they would know God's comfort and healing.

14 Thursday

For those that are giving care to loved ones give them strength during difficult times and protect them from being discouraged .

15 Friday

Thank you dear Lord, for the friendship of neighbours in our 7 villages and for the volunteers who help bring our communities together.

16 Saturday

We pray for all the animal charities trying to cope with increased numbers of companion animals abandoned because of widespread financial hardship.

17 Sunday

Pray for Ben as he leads the morning services at Barton and Cherington, and the GAP Service at Long Compton this afternoon.

18 Monday

Global Recycling Day. We pray for guidance and restraint in the use of the Earth's resources on a national and personal level.

19 Tuesday

Let us pray for the Deanery Lent service at Long Compton with the Rev. Barry Jackson, Rector of the Edgehill Churches in South Warwickshire.

20 Wednesday

Spring begins and we have our monthly Prayer Meeting at Burmington Grange.

21 Thursday

Please pray for the Easter Service led by Ben at Acorns School this morning and the Ministry Team Meeting this afternoon.

22 Friday

World Water Day. Dear Father in a world where 2.2 billion people have no safe access to water, we thank you for the blessing of clean water in our taps and pray we remain mindful not to waste it.

23 Saturday

Dear Father we pray for generosity of spirit and cheerful kindness in our dealings with others as we go about our daily lives amongst acquaintances and strangers

24 Sunday

Please pray for the Palm Sunday services led by Ben at Whichford and Long Compton.

25 Monday

Pray for those who are lonely in our villages that they might find friendship and support in the benefice.

26 Tuesday

Dear Father, please increase the faith and hope of all who are suffering, especially those living with chronic illness and pain.

27 Wednesday

Thank you dear Lord, for the joy and companionship of our pet animals who brighten our darker days and make us smile.

28 Thursday

Pray for pupils and their parents as they hear about school places for September. Pray that pupils will have courage to face new opportunities.

29 Friday

Ben leads Good Friday Meditation this morning at Barton.

30 Saturday

Give thanks for the joys of new life we see in God's creation at Spring Time.

31 Sunday

Please pray for all the Easter Sunday services this morning across our Benefice, that we would be filled with the joy of resurrection and hope.