



SW7 BENEFICE



PRAYER DIARY

APRIL 2024

Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

Psalm 4:1

1 Monday

We pray that the Easter services will touch the hearts of newcomers to our Benefice and encourage them to come again into one of our churches for a service.

2 Tuesday

Pray for Catherine, Princess of Wales, as she undergoes cancer treatment. Pray also for the Prince of Wales and their children, during this difficult time.

3 Wednesday

Give thanks for the volunteers who serve Community Coffee in Long Compton church today, providing an opportunity for people to meet and talk

4 Thursday

Give thanks for Ben's ministry in this Benefice and pray for him as he takes a short break with his family during the school holidays.

5 Friday

We continue to pray for all the workers in the emergency services responsible for our care and protection in these communities.

6 Saturday

We pray for Ben, Bryony, and their daughters to keep them all safe and well.

7 Sunday

Please pray for the lay led Morning Prayer services at Barcheston and Wolford.

8 Monday

Pray for the King as he continues with cancer treatment and for the Queen as she supports him and undertakes additional duties on his behalf.

9 Tuesday

Please pray that the right candidates will see the advert for the Family Worker post and apply for the job.

10 Wednesday

Today is National Farm Animal Day; pray for even greater awareness of the need for humane care and respect for the animals. Please pray for our farming communities.

11 Thursday

We pray for the gift of kindness to increase in our society.

12 Friday

Dear Father please be close to all those looking after people nearing the end of their lives in hospices. We thank you for their loving care.

13 Saturday

Remember all the elderly living in our Benefice. Pray that the love of God would fill their hearts with hope and peace.

14 Sunday

Pray for Ben as he leads the services at Burmington and Whichford this morning, and Evensong at Long Compton.

15 Monday

Pray for all who are recently bereaved, or who are ill or house bound.

16 Tuesday

Pray for those experiencing doubts about God that they will find a new hope and assurance in his promises.

17 Wednesday

Let us continue to pray for our local medical practices and all those working in healthcare across SW7.

18 Thursday

We pray for Barcheston PCC having its AGM this afternoon.

19 Friday

Pray for all our churchwardens and PCC members, especially those responsible for Safeguarding, who work so hard for our churches.

20 Saturday

Pray for more Christians to move into our villages who will support the work of the gospel here.

21 Sunday

Please pray for Ben as he takes the services at Barton and Cherington this morning, and GAP in Long Compton this afternoon.

22 Monday

International Earth Day, we pray that humankind may devise creative ways to undo some of the terrible harms we continue to cause in the natural world.

23 Tuesday

We pray for the good health of our Ministry Leadership Team.

24 Wednesday

Dear Father, we remember all those bereaved of family and old friends in their own extreme old age. Help us to reach out in friendship and comfort so that no one feels alone at this time.

25 Thursday

Penguin Day. Dear Father we hear that Avian Flu has now been found in some penguins in the Antarctic with its unique colonies of penguins. It poses a threat to all the wild bird colonies there and can spread to mammals. Please protect this pristine wilderness as we are limited in our own abilities to halt this devastating infection.

26 Friday

Pray that those who are lonely in our Benefice receive support from family and friends.

27 Saturday

Please pray for the Friends of Long Compton Church AGM which is taking place this evening.

28 Sunday

Pray for Ben as he leads the services at Cherington and Long Compton this morning.

29 Monday

We pray for all those gardening on our behalf in public and civic spaces, bringing the beauty of Spring to our daily round once again.

30 Tuesday

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