



SW7 BENEFICE



PRAYER DIARY

AUGUST 2025

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers,
intercession and thanksgiving be made for all
people - for kings and all those in authority, that
we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all
godliness and holiness.

1 Friday

As the people of Gaza are so much on our minds we persist in prayer for peace negotiations and with deep concern for those suffering and dying from malnutrition and violence.

2 Saturday

Pray for all who are on holiday over the summer to benefit from time away from work.

3 Sunday

Pray for the morning services at Burmington and Wolford led by Mike Hill. We thank you, Lord for Keith Mobberley covering Ben's sabbatical absence for the Evensong at St Martin's Barcheston. We humbly ask your blessing on our services.

4 Monday

A prayer for true friendship. Help us to be more aware and gracious to friends. Help us to be better friends, supporting, loving and encouraging others.

5 Tuesday

Let us be thankful for all our Church Wardens and others in SW7 who give much of their time to the care of our churches and local communities.

6 Wednesday

Pray for the work of The Bible Society as they make God's word better known to children and adults in this country and abroad.

7 Thursday

Dear Father, we pray for all those awaiting the results of tests for serious illness. Please support them and their loved ones with patience and hope at this anxious time.

8 Friday

Please remember and pray for the many people who give of their time to run holiday clubs for children during the summer.

9 Saturday

National Book Lovers Day, we thank you Father for all that books still offer us in this age of technological choices: a quiet space for the imagination and reflection; a place to learn at one's own speed, and meet new personalities, past lives and new worlds.

10 Sunday

Pray for Morning Prayer at Cherington led by Roger Maycock and Richard Stevens.

11 Monday

We pray for yesterday's World Lion Day dedicated to raising awareness and support for the conservation of lions; let us be thankful for the many children seeing lions this month in our parks like The Cotswold Wildlife Park.

12 Tuesday

World Elephant Day. We pray for all those trying to save the diminishing numbers of the African and Indian elephant; threatened by poaching, habitat loss, localised warfare and tourist exploitation.

13 Wednesday

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

14 Thursday

Pray for the Ministry team who have stepped in and given their time to serve the Benefice during Ben's sabbatical, in leading services, taking funerals and providing pastoral care.

15 Friday

Let us pray for Lord Evans, former head of MI5, as he chairs the Canterbury Crown Nominations Commission discerning the appointment for the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

16 Saturday

Father God, we ask for your comfort, strength, and peace to fall upon all who are grieving the loss of someone dear to them.

17 Sunday

Please pray for Morning Prayer at Whichford, with Richard Stevens and Liz Maycock leading.

18 Monday

We pray for all those in SW7 diagnosed with serious illness, whether mental or physical, and their carers, committing them all to your compassionate, boundless love.

19 Tuesday

On World Humanitarian Day we remember the sacrifice workers are making to help those in need. Let us pray for their protection and resilience and especially for the Disasters Emergency Committee.

20 Wednesday

Give thanks for the weddings that have taken place across the Benefice this summer and pray for the institution of marriage as the foundation of family life.

21 Thursday

We pray for farmers and gardeners anxious about providing enough water for livestock and crops. Please send rain enough, and help us all to conserve water where we can.

22 Friday

Loving God, help us to see the hidden treasures in our communities.

23 Saturday

Pray for those who are lonely in our villages that they might find friendship and support in their local community.

24 Sunday

Pray for the Holy Communion service at Long Compton this morning led by Anthony & Clare Wells.

25 Monday

August Bank Holiday – pray for rest and refreshment and time with families.

26 Tuesday

Thank you Father for the shared joys of summer sport, whether as competitors or spectators.

27 Wednesday

We pray for the safety of the young in their exuberant summer enjoyment of water sports, drawn to rivers, lakes, reservoirs and the sea. Let them think twice and follow safety guidance.

28 Thursday

Give thanks for all who visit and care for others in our Benefice.

29 Friday

Pray for Ben as his sabbatical draws to an end, that he will be refreshed by the break and time with his family.

30 Saturday

Let us pray for children and young adults starting in new educational or employment settings.

31 Sunday

Pray for Henry Scriven as he leads the Holy Communion service at Barton this morning. Let us prayerfully prepare for the Global Week of Prayer from September 1st -7th.