

# **SW7 BENEFICE**



PRAYER DIARY NOVEMBER 2025

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

#### 1 Saturday

Pray for the friends and family of Elaine Hobday whose Memorial Service is held at Long Compton Church today.

### 2 Sunday

Pray for the services in Barcheston and Wolford this morning, and the Light Party being held in Long Compton Church this afternoon.

### 3 Monday

Pray for the Long Compton Home Group meeting this evening

### 4 Tuesday

Pray for Open the Book at Acorns School tomorrow, praise our Lord for the good relationship with the local school. Pray that seeds are planted in children's hearts. Please also pray for the Long Compton PCC Meeting this evening.

#### 5 Wednesday

We pray for the Long Compton Community Coffee Morning today, our hosts would be grateful for your prayers that local people and visitors to the Cotswolds would enjoy a social gathering.

## 6 Thursday

Pray for the Saturday morning Bible Study group meeting in Long Compton today. The Ministry Leadership Team meets this afternoon, pray for God's guidance.

# 7 Friday

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

## 8 Saturday

Creator God of the seasons, as Winter approaches let us remember that your love is never changing and that warmth can always be found in your words and in our hearts.

## 9 Sunday

Pray for all the Remembrance Services taking place this morning across our Benefice. Let us honour and give thanks to all who give their lives in service in the pursuit of peace in past and present conflicts.

# 10 Monday

We pray for those struggling to pay their bills and needing to use the food banks. Prompt us to be generous in giving to the collecting boxes in our churches.

#### 11 Tuesday

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.

#### 12 Wednesday

Tomorrow is World Kindness Day, we pray for the gift of kindness to increase in our society. As Clare leads a Ladies Bible Study this morning may this be a time of encouragement for those that attend.

#### 13 Thursday

On this day of the funeral service for Alan Holmes let us pray for Trish and her family at this sad time.

#### 14 Friday

As it is Safeguarding Sunday on 16<sup>th</sup>, let us pray for the protection of our children and adults in our Christian communities

#### 15 Saturday

Tomorrow is International Day of Tolerance. We pray for open minds and willingness to embrace other cultures and perspectives in our lives.

## 16 Sunday

Pray for the morning services at Barton and Cherington and GAP this afternoon, led by Ben.

## 17 Monday

International Student Day. We thank you, dear Father, for our local schools which celebrate and promote other cultures and ecologies. We pray that young people will learn to embrace their common humanity, and the need for unity rather than division.

## 18 Tuesday

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

## 19 Wednesday

Heavenly Father on International Men's Day we thank you for the men in our lives and pray they will always be loving and wise, strong in their faith and seek your plan in their actions.

## 20 Thursday

Carers' Rights Day – we pray the Government will take steps to improve support for the millions of unpaid carers.

Let us pray for God's guidance for the Ministry Leadership Team meeting this afternoon.

#### 21 Friday

Creator God, as we celebrate the start of National Tree week in the UK (from 22<sup>nd</sup>), we give thanks for the beauty and life trees bring, thanking you for the glorious Autumn colours we have so recently enjoyed in our local countryside.

#### 22 Saturday

Pray for the SW7 Men's Breakfast at Wolford Village Hall this morning.

## 23 Sunday

Please pray for the services at Whichford and Long Compton this morning, led by Ben and Bishop Mike Hill.

#### 24 Monday

Heavenly Father, we ask for your healing hands to touch those who are ill, may your love surround them bringing hope and relief.

#### 25 Tuesday

May we remember in prayer all who work in our local GP surgeries that they may be given the discernment and time needed in caring for patients at this Autumn time especially with the demands of Covid and Flu vaccinations.

## 26 Wednesday

Pray for Ben as he takes the Assembly at Long Compton School this morning.

## 27 Thursday

Faithful God, as we approach Advent and make plans for Christmas in churches, homes and schools, inspire us afresh to tell the wonderful story of the angels, the shepherds and of baby Jesus born in Bethlehem.

## 28 Friday

Dear Father, help us resist the commercial dash towards Christmas and value the coming of winter more slowly. Let us be thankful for warmth in our homes, root vegetables, hot soups and wrapping up warm for walks amidst fallen leaves.

## 29 Saturday

Pray for the SW7 Women's Breakfast at Wolford Village Hall this morning.

## 30 Sunday

On this Advent Sunday, please pray for Ben as he leads the morning service at Burmington and GAP this afternoon in Long Compton.