

Seven Towers Benefice Monthly Prayer Diary

1st For the Benefice during the vacancy, that we are all encourages to work together to build a stronger Christian presence.

2nd The life and worship of Sandhurst church; Churchwardens Carolyn Wright and Jim Brown, and all the members of the Sandhurst PCC; Secretary and Treasurer; all those who use the Village Hall; all those who worship and serve at the church, and all who live in the village.

3rd For our Finance team, for wise stewardship of our Benefice resources.

4th The life and worship of Down Hatherley church; Churchwardens Ellie Stevenson and Andy Nicol and all the members of the Down Hatherley PCC; Secretary and Treasurer; all who use the Village Hall; all those who worship at the church and all who live in the village.

5th Norton Nippers playgroup and all who run it; the children who attend; their parents and families. For the Sandhurst toddler group, and Graeme and Claire Hunter as they lead it.

6th Families who bring their children for baptism in our churches and Claire Hunter, our baptism link; couples who are married here; those who hold a funeral for a loved one.

7th The life and worship of Norton church; Churchwardens Jean Smith and Simon Trapnell and all the members of the Norton PCC, Secretary and Treasurer: all those who use the Village Hall; all those who worship at the church and all those who live in the village.

8th All who serve our churches as sidespeople, deacons, readers, intercessors, servers; those who assist with the Eucharist; those who provide refreshments after our service in all the parishes in the Benefice.

9th The Worship Together team, who plan and lead our second Sunday all age services in the Benefice.

10th The life and worship of Staverton and Boddington church; Churchwarden Rob Buckland; all the members of the PCC; secretary and treasurer; those who worship at the church and all who live in the villages.

11th For all social groups which meet for fun and friendship across the Benefice.

12th For all the other churches in the Severn Vale Deanery; Simon Mason, our Area Dean and Sue Padfield, our Lay Chair.

13th For Chris Baldwin, our Magazine Editor, and all who contribute to the contents of the magazine, all who help to distribute it and all who read it.

14th For our Benefice Pastoral team, as they support those in need in our villages, and our Prayer Ministry Team, as they pray for people.

15th For the children and young people's team; those that prepare children's and family activities; those who lead the sessions and all who attend.

16th For the partnership Dioceses with our Diocese of Gloucester; Karnataka Central in India and Bishop Prasana Samuel; Vasteras in Sweden and Bishop Mikael; El Camino Real in the USA and Bishop Mary; and Western Tanganyika in Africa and Bishop Sadock.

17th For all our musicians; organists at each of our churches, the Worship Together band and our bellringers.

18th For all who visit our churches, that they may know God's presence and his love in all our places of worship.

19th For Norton C of E school; Jane Farren the Head teacher; Governors; all the teaching staff and other staff and all the children who attend, and their families.

20th For all who clean our churches, flower arrangers, and churchyard working parties.

21st The life and worship of The Leigh church; churchwarden Sue Roberts and all the members of the PCC; secretary and treasurer; those who worship at the church and all who live in the village.

22nd For the members of our Benefice Council; for wisdom and unity of vision. For Simon, the Chair of the group.

23rd For Rachel Treweek, our Bishop, in her ministry in the Diocese, for Archdeacon Hilary, in Gloucester, and for Robert Springett, Bishop of Tewkesbury, and Archdeacon Phil, in Cheltenham.

24th For all our farming communities and families; our local shops and businesses.

25th For our house groups: those who lead, those who host them and those who attend. For all who have attended an Alpha Course: for our seasonal courses in Advent and Lent.

26th For all those we know who are suffering in mind, body or spirit; those who are lonely or bereaved, anxious, afraid or depressed; housebound, in hospital or care homes, or nearing the end of their lives.

27th For those attending Ladies' and Men's breakfasts, Friendly Fridays and other coffee/tea groups which meet across the Benefice.

28th Members of the Open the Book team and the ministry of Open the Book at Norton school. For the 'Fun and Faith' after school club.

29th For those who work in the caring professions – Katie McClure, chaplain at Cheltenham hospital; our local doctors, nurses, dentists and home carers; police and firemen.

30th For Nature in Art – Simon Trapnell and all who work there and all who visit.

31st As led by God!