



## Monthly Prayer Diary 🙏

Welcome to the latest Prayer Diary as we start a new year together. We're so thankful for everything that God is enabling us to do together. And there's always more that we can do to draw closer to God, to share the Gospel, and to be a caring community. So let's keep praying together. We can just talk to our Father anywhere and he listens – always.

Remember that if you would like prayers for a particular situation, you can:

- ask our Prayer Ministry Team at the end of any of our gatherings to pray with you.
- ask our Prayer Circle to pray for you privately in their daily prayers.
- have your name included in prayer requests on our weekly notice sheet.

This is for everyone – if you're reading this, this is for you.

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### OUR BIBLE VERSE FOR 2026

Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having  
the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

*Philippians 2:2*

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- 1<sup>st</sup>** Jesus to be at the centre and vision of our life together.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** All our neighbours in our family of parishes.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** Children and young people, for family life, friendships, and safe development and growth.
- 4<sup>th</sup>** All who serve the life of the church, for welcomers, readers, technicians, cleaners, flower arrangers, churchyard working groups, key keepers and those who open and close our churches for us throughout the year; those who assist with the Eucharist; those who provide refreshments.
- 5<sup>th</sup>** New hopes and opportunities as we move into a time of “Vacancy” without a minister, and all the visiting clergy who will be part of this journey.
- 6<sup>th</sup>** Rev Philippa.
- 7<sup>th</sup>** The life and worship of Down Hatherley Church, the Parish Rep Ellie, all who use the Village Hall, and all who live in the village.
- 8<sup>th</sup>** All our Christian friends who sustain and encourage us in our faith; and our family and friends who we long to know Jesus.
- 9<sup>th</sup>** The life and worship of Norton Church, the Parish Rep Jean, all those who use the Village Hall, and all those who live in the village.
- 10<sup>th</sup>** Our Benefice Wardens, Simon and Ian.
- 11<sup>th</sup>** The life and worship of Staverton Church and Boddington Church, the Parish Rep Janine and Churchwarden Edmund, and all who live in the villages.

- 12<sup>th</sup>** Carolyn, our Benefice Administrator, and Derek, our Benefice Treasurer.
- 13<sup>th</sup>** The life and worship of Sandhurst Church, the Parish Rep Carolyn, all those who use the Village Hall, and all who live in the village.
- 14<sup>th</sup>** The members of our Joint Council, for wisdom, co-operation and unity of vision.
- 15<sup>th</sup>** The life and worship of The Leigh Church, the Parish Rep Phil, and all who live in the village.
- 16<sup>th</sup>** Rachel Treweek, Bishop of Gloucester; and Robert Springett, Bishop of Tewkesbury.
- 17<sup>th</sup>** Norton C of E school: Jane Farren the Head Teacher and the whole school community.
- 18<sup>th</sup>** All the businesses in our Benefice - our farming communities and families, our local shops, our local pub, and Nature in Art.
- 19<sup>th</sup>** All those involved with baptisms, weddings and funerals, that they may know God's presence and his love in all moments of life.
- 20<sup>th</sup>** Chris and the team at the Butterfly Garden in Bamfurlong Lane as they offer opportunities to people dealing with disablement of any kind.
- 21<sup>st</sup>** Local parish councillors, and our local MP.
- 22<sup>nd</sup>** The elderly and vulnerable, their care and support.
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** Other churches in the Severn Vale Deanery and Jacqui Hyde, our Area Dean.
- 24<sup>th</sup>** New housing developments, neighbourliness and cohesion as our communities change.
- 25<sup>th</sup>** The work of the Benefice Pastoral Team, led by Rev Philippa, and their support of those in need across the Benefice.

- 26<sup>th</sup>** Home Groups: those who lead, those who host and those who attend.
- 27<sup>th</sup>** Everyone struggling with their energy, food and other household bills; for volunteers at the Food Bank and other supporting agencies.
- 28<sup>th</sup>** Those attending Ladies' and Men's breakfasts, Friendly Fridays, coffee mornings and other fellowship groups which meet across the Benefice.
- 29<sup>th</sup>** Our ministry teams involved with worship and prayer led by Ali and Lynda; musicians, organists, the band and bellringers; intercessors, creators of prayer resources, prayer ministers and more.
- 30<sup>th</sup>** The mission of our Benefice Magazine, our editor Carolyn, all who contribute to the contents of the magazine, all who help to distribute it and all who read it.
- 31<sup>st</sup>** As led by the Holy Spirit!