



Thameshead Benefice

Prayer Diary

December 2025

**Bringing the light and joy of Christ into our communities;
that all may flourish**

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| Monday 1 | Pray for families beginning to plan for Christmas and for those who may be faced with spending the time alone. Pray especially for those who have lost loved ones during the year as Christmas is often a time when such loss is deeply felt. |
| Tuesday 2 | <p>International Day for Abolition of Slavery</p> <p>God of compassion and mercy, just as you helped Aaron and Moses as they spoke boldly to Pharaoh on behalf of the Hebrew slaves in Egypt, help us speak up for modern slaves around the world and even in our own back yards. You gather the outcast, heal the broken hearted and bind up their wounds; please bring liberty and freedom to all whose lives are entangled in slavery and trafficking in our world today. Lift up the downtrodden and tread wickedness into the dust: We make our prayer through Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect freedom, One God, now and forever.</p> <p>Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of Frampton Mansell and Sapperton - spiritually, socially, and economically. May all work together to create a place where each person is valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met.</p> |
| Wednesday 3 | On this International Day of Persons with Disability , we recognise we are all people who are made in the image and likeness of our loving God. We welcome all to our prayer, knowing that each of us brings unique gifts to share that reflect the beauty of our creator. We give thanks for God's holy presence among us, and for the chance to encounter God through each other. |

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| | God, we acknowledge that everything we have comes from you. Help us to give generously and cheerfully, knowing that you will multiply what we give. May these offerings be a blessing to others, and may they glorify your name. |
| Thursday 4 | Pray for all the churchwardens, treasurers, secretaries, safeguarding officers and all other PCC members as they continue to support the ministry team in carrying our God's mission across the Benefice |
| Friday 5 | Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of Coates - spiritually, socially, and economically. May all work together to create a place where each person is valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met. |
| Saturday 6 | Almighty God, our Heavenly Father. We thank you for our local schools, and their pupils, teachers, parents and governing bodies and all who work in them. We thank you for the uniqueness of each person who works and learns there. May they be places of place of fulfilment, hope and of wholeness. |
| Sunday 7 | Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as Judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. |
| Monday 8 | Let us pray today for any who are unwell at this time, those in hospital and those waiting for appointments, treatment or surgery. Pray for God to bring healing and comfort. We pray for all who are housebound, and pray that any contact from friends, neighbours and church will continue so that they know they are not alone. |
| Tuesday 9 | Let us pray for an end to the waste and desecration of God's creation; for access to the fruits of creation to be shared equally among all people and for communities |

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| | and nations to find sustenance in the fruits of the earth and water God has given us. |
| Wednesday 10 | Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of Poole Keynes - spiritually, socially, and economically. May all work together to create a place where each person is valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met. |
| Thursday 11 | We pray for all home groups, Bible study and prayer groups and TLC. May they form a firm fellowship with each other, supporting each other and learn to seek and share God in new ways. |
| Friday 12 | Lord, thank you for the fellowship of our community coffee mornings. Bless the conversations, the laughter, and the connections. May we feel your presence among us and our bonds be strengthened as we are reminded of your love. |
| Saturday 13 | God of hope and transformation, who in our Lord Jesus Christ offers the gift of life in all its fullness, send your Holy Spirit and grant us joy in our following and vision in our leadership. May we be rich in imagination, confident in faith, and courageous in our engagement with the people and places of this diocese. As we share your life with the world, keep us rooted and grounded in love as we bear witness to your glory and pray for your Kingdom to come. |
| Sunday 14 | God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. |
| Monday 15 | Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of our church volunteers. We are grateful for their willingness to serve, their time, and their talents. We ask that you bless them abundantly, Lord. Strengthen them in their service and fill them with your joy and peace. May their work be a reflection of your love and grace. Protect |

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| | them and their families and grant them continued dedication and passion for your work. |
| Tuesday 16 | For our Ministry Team (Pepita, Steve, Karen, Liz, Angie and Mike) , our worship leaders and for all those who lead worship in our churches, that they will feel inspired and inspire others through their preaching and teaching. |
| Wednesday 17 | Pray for our Farming communities and all who provide food for us to eat; Bless them as they sow crops and care for livestock. Surround them with your love so they may know they are cared for and valued. Help us to be thankful for the food they produce and not to waste it. Pray for those who do not have enough to eat and for the local Foodbank . We pray for people in our community and beyond who are facing unemployment, ill-health, isolation or money worries at this time, and especially for those who are unable to afford enough to eat. |
| Thursday 18 | We pray for peace in the world, an end to conflicts, and places where people can live in peace with their neighbour. We pray for all those living in war torn countries and unable to escape. Lord, help them find a safe place to go, and we give thanks for all those trying to help and bring hope. |
| Friday 19 | Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of Rodmarton and Tarlton - spiritually, socially, and economically. May all work together to create a place where each person is valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met. |
| Saturday 20 | Father God, We pray for The Thameshead Benefice; that we may be truly united as we come together, whatever our background or culture, to worship you sharing our common belief and trust in You. We pray for peace, respect and unity as we seek to see Christ in |

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| | <p>each other, inspiring and encouraging each individual to express their love for You. May our churches be places of peace and safety, joy and love and full of your glory. Help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers and visitors. Fill us with vision and joy and keep us faithful in prayer, word and worship and help us to know and share how much each of us are loved by You. May we see your kingdom come here in the Thameshead Benefice, to the glory of your name.</p> |
| Sunday 21 | <p>Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.</p> |
| Monday 22 | <p>Jesus' prayer for his disciples was that "they may be one so that the world may believe" We pray for unity with all Christian Disciples. Let us come together to share in the glory of your name.</p> |
| Tuesday 23 | <p>Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of Somerford Keynes and Shorncote - spiritually, socially, and economically. May all work together to create a place where each person is valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met</p> |
| Wednesday 24 | <p>Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.</p> |
| Thursday 25 | <p>On this Christmas Day let us rejoice that God sent his Son to be our Saviour and, in all our celebrations with family and friends, let us take time to praise and worship him. Pray especially for any who will be spending Christmas alone.</p> |

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| | Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. |
| Friday 26 | Grant, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth, for the testimony of thy truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of thy first Martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God to succour all those that suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. (Collect for St Stephen's Day) |
| Saturday 27 | Jesus told us that he was "anointed to bring good news to the poor, sent to proclaim release to the captives, provide recovery of sight to the blind and proclaim the year of the Lord's favour". We pray for The Grace Network as they seek to change this by leading worship in a space where the issues of poverty cannot be avoided by hosting a foodbank, furniture recycling centre, children's clothing project (Kids' Stuff) and a pop up restaurant (The Long Table) designed to support those who are food poor. |
| Sunday 28 | God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. |
| Monday 29 | Heavenly Father, we pray for the flourishing of Kemble and Ewen - spiritually, socially, and economically. May all work together to create a place where each person is valued, where justice and righteousness prevail, and where the needs of the most vulnerable are met. |
| Tuesday 30 | We pray for our children and young people and their families; that they may feel a sense of family and belonging through the groups they attend. We pray for |

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| | <p>the work of Sportily and the youth club, for Cadie and Little Fishes and Source Seekers, for Juliette and Liz and Wild and Messy Church and the Open the Book team. Lord, bless and guide the leaders and inspire more people to step forward and teach the next generation how to lead and love others in Your name. Strengthen and equip them to show Your love to the precious children in their communities.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 31</p> | <p>Prayer for the New Year God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day: let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds; that we may pass the coming year in joyful obedience and firm faith; through him who is the beginning and the end, your Son, Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. John Wycliffe, reformer, 1384</p> <p>Give thanks for all the blessings we have received this past year and pray for God to continue to bless us all during the coming year, both as individuals, as families and as church, the body of Christ.</p> |

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