



Thameshead Benefice

Prayer Diary

February 2026

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

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Sunday 1	God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 2	Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. (Collect for Candlemas) National Hedgehog Day - Help us to be good stewards of your creation, caring for all creatures, great and small.
Tuesday 3	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.
Wednesday 4	Loving Lord, we pray today for those who live in Frampton Mansell and Sapperton. We pray a blessing over each person and every household and we ask that each one will be filled with your peace and will experience fullness of life. Where there is goodness and abundance, we pray for a spirit of gratitude and joy; where there is pain and challenge, we pray that there would be an awareness of your presence with them in and through all things.
Thursday 5	God of compassion and grace. We ask you to look down upon those who are fearful or unable to leave their homes and who are struck by sickness and ill health. Be with them and bless them, Lord. Bless their families, carers and friends. Grant them peace and comfort that they are not alone, and that the hearts of their community hold them close.
Friday 6	Loving Lord, we pray today for those who live in Coates. We pray a blessing over each person and every

	household and we ask that each one will be filled with your peace and will experience fullness of life. Where there is goodness and abundance, we pray for a spirit of gratitude and joy; where there is pain and challenge, we pray that there would be an awareness of your presence with them in and through all things.
Saturday 7	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
Sunday 8	Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 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 and nations to find sustenance in the fruits of the earth and water God has given us.
Tuesday 10	Loving Lord, we pray today for those who live in Poole Keynes. We pray a blessing over each person and every household and we ask that each one will be filled with your peace and will experience fullness of life. Where there is goodness and abundance, we pray for a spirit of gratitude and joy; where there is pain and challenge, we pray that there would be an awareness of your presence with them in and through all things.
Wednesday 11	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

	them and their families and grant them continued dedication and passion for your work.
Thursday 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.
Friday 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.
Saturday 14	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. Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Prayer for Valentine's Day)
Sunday 15	Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 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.
Tuesday 17	Creator God, bless the hands that sow and tend the earth, grant favourable weather, healthy crops, and

	<p>strength for the long seasons of labour; guide farmers in their vital work to feed us all and provide for their families, and help us to appreciate the gift of food they bring. Loving God, we thank you for the gift of food and for the way you nourish us. We lift up all those facing food poverty, asking for your comfort and provision. Bless our local food banks and the dedicated volunteers who serve with compassion, helping us to be your hands and feet in crisis. Inspire us, your Church, to work for justice, so that all your people may share in your bounty, and no one goes hungry. Move us to challenge the systems that create such need, and to build a future where everyone has enough to eat</p> <p>Dear Lord, help me to be Your hands and feet today. Open my eyes to see those in need and give me the courage to offer kindness without expectation. May my words and actions be a reflection of Your unconditional love, bringing light and hope to others (Random Acts of Kindness Day)</p>
Wednesday 18	<p>Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. (Ash Wednesday)</p>
Thursday 19	<p>Loving Lord, we pray today for those who live in Rodmarton and Tarlton. We pray a blessing over each person and every household and we ask that each one will be filled with your peace and will experience fullness of life. Where there is goodness and abundance, we pray for a spirit of gratitude and joy; where there is pain and challenge, we pray that there would be an awareness of your presence with them in and through all things.</p>
Friday 20	<p>Father God, We pray for The Thameshead Benefice; that we may be truly united as we come together,</p>

	<p>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 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>
Saturday 21	<p>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</p>
Sunday 22	<p>Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord</p>
Monday 23	<p>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 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>

Tuesday 24	Merciful God, We ask that you give our leaders the wisdom to guide our nation and the world. Help us to protect the poor and all those who are struggling during this difficult time. Provide for their needs and give them hope. Open new opportunities for them and furnish the resources they need to live with dignity. Encourage those who have enough to share essential resources with those who lack the necessities of life, and to do so with humble, grateful and loving hearts.
Wednesday 25	Loving Lord, we pray today for those who live in <i>Kemble and Ewen</i> . We pray a blessing over each person and every household and we ask that each one will be filled with your peace and will experience fullness of life. Where there is goodness and abundance, we pray for a spirit of gratitude and joy; where there is pain and challenge, we pray that there would be an awareness of your presence with them in and through all things.
Thursday 26	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.
Friday 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 address the issues of poverty by hosting a foodbank, furniture recycling centre, children's clothing project (Kids' Stuff) and a pop up restaurant (The Long Table).
Saturday 28	Loving Lord, we pray today for those who live in <i>Somerford Keynes and Shorncote</i> . We pray a blessing

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