



Thameshead Benefice

Prayer Diary

May 2025

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

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Thursday 1	<p>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 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> <p>Father God, as we continue in vacancy, sustain those in interim leadership; give wisdom to those involved in the process of appointing a new priest; and guide us all in working out the future of The Thameshead Benefice.</p>
Friday 2	<p>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.</p>
Saturday 3	<p>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.</p>
Sunday 4	<p>Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.</p>
Monday 5	<p>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</p>

	of wholeness.
Tuesday 6	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.
Wednesday 7	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.
Thursday 8	On VE Day, we give thanks for all who served us in the war, in various capacities, and for all the sacrifices that were made to enable us to live peacefully for so many years.
Friday 9	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.
Saturday 10	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.
Sunday 11	Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.
Monday 12	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.

Tuesday 13	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.
Wednesday 14	Almighty God, you delight in growth, Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that our churches may grow spiritually and in numbers. Give us confidence to reach out to others so that the communities in which we live and work may know the power of your transforming love. We thank you for all the places we can find you in our communities. Help us to remember that Jesus came to transform the world, and we all have a role to play in that.
Thursday 15	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 16	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.
Saturday 17	Pray for our ministry team - Pepita, PTO; Karen and Liz, Lay P Angie and all the Lay worship leaders; our Church Wardens and upon them and establish the work of their hands. Fill them with You, so that they may overflow with hope by the power of the
Sunday 18	Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.
Monday 19	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.
Tuesday 20	We give thanks for all who work in the NHS and the emergency services. We ask for strength and resilience for them.
Wednesday 21	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.
Thursday 22	We pray for all our volunteers in our church families (cleaners, flower arrangers , grounds people, organists and bell ringers) and pray that more people will join them, even if just for a short time.
Friday 23	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.
Saturday 24	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 25	Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.
Monday 26	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 Luke and 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.
Tuesday 27	We pray for those around the world who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus. May they be restored and refreshed by the Spirit of God today.
Wednesday 28	Gracious Father, we thank You for providing a way for us to survive and thrive through economic development in our homes and communities. Thank You for taking care of us and supplying all of our needs from Your glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Comfort and support those who are searching for work, providing them with hope, perseverance, and the means to sustain themselves and their families. May they find meaningful employment and experience Your provision in their lives.
Thursday 29	Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. (Collect for Ascension Day)
Friday 30	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
Saturday 31	We remember those who are struggling with life and facing seemingly hopeless situations. We ask that they would know the shelter and comfort of God's presence and be able to anticipate hope for the future.

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