



Thameshead Benefice

Prayer Diary

October 2025

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

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Wednesday 1	We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves, shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow. We sense its passing in rain that dampens, winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show. Creator God, who brings forth both green shoot and hoar frost, sunrise and sunset, we bring our thanks for seeds that have grown, harvests gathered, storehouses filled, mouths fed. And, as your good earth rests through winter's cold embrace, we look forward to its re-awakening when kissed by Spring's first touch.
Thursday 2	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.
Friday 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.
Saturday 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
Sunday 5	Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 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.

Tuesday 7	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.
Wednesday 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.
Thursday 9	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 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.
Saturday 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.
Sunday 12	Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 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

	<p>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. Amen.</p>
Tuesday 14	<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 15	<p>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.</p>
Thursday 16	<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>
Friday 17	<p>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.</p>

Saturday 18	Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. (Collect for St. Luke)
Sunday 19	God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 20	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 our own role to play in that transformation.
Tuesday 21	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.
Wednesday 22	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 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.
Friday 24	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.
Saturday 25	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 26	Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Monday 27	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.
Tuesday 28	Almighty God, who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. (Collect for St Simon and St Jude)
Wednesday 29	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.
Thursday 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
Friday 31	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.

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