



Thameshead Benefice

Prayer Diary

May 2026

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

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| Friday 1 | Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of this new month of May. As the world around us blossoms, renew our spirits from within. Help us walk in your truth with clarity and courage. Strengthen us to face every challenge, and grant us the wisdom to make choices that honour you. Cover our families with your protection. Let your joy be our strength, your peace our anchor, and your favour our portion. |
| Saturday 2 | 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. |
| Sunday 3 | 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 4 | Gracious God, every good thing we have comes from you. Teach us to give with generosity and with joy, trusting that you are the one who multiplies every seed we sow. May these offerings become a blessing to those in need, a source of hope to the weary, and a testimony of your goodness. Use what we give to bring honour to your name and to advance the work of your kingdom. |
| Tuesday 5 | Lord, guide and protect us on the journeys we take. Watch over us and keep us safe. Strengthen us with Your grace when we grow tired. Grant us patience in any trouble that may come our way. Keep us always mindful of Your presence, and surround us with Your steadfast love. |

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| Wednesday 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. |
| Thursday 7 | Gracious God, We lift before you all Benefice churchwardens, treasurers, secretaries, safeguarding officers, and every PCC member. Strengthen them as they carry out practical burdens that make ministry possible. Grant them wisdom in their decisions, clarity in their conversations, and unity in their shared purpose. Bless their partnership with the ministry team, that together they may joyfully carry out your mission. Renew their energy, protect their wellbeing, and surround them with your peace. May their service bear fruit that brings hope, healing, and blessing to the whole community. |
| Friday 8 | 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 9 | We 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. |
| Sunday 10 | 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. |

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| Monday 11 | <p>Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our church volunteers; for their willingness to serve, their time, and their talents. 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> |
| Tuesday 12 | <p>Lord, we lift before you every home group, Bible study group, prayer gathering, and the TLC community. Knit them together in genuine fellowship. Let trust deepen, friendships strengthen, and support flow freely among them. Teach them to seek you with fresh curiosity and to share you with courage and joy. May their conversations be life-giving, their prayers powerful, and their gatherings places where your presence is unmistakably felt. Grow them in love, unity, and purpose, so they become a blessing to one another and to the wider church</p> |
| Wednesday 13 | <p>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.</p> |
| Thursday 14 | <p>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.(Ascension Day)</p> |
| Friday 15 | <p>God of compassion and grace, look with mercy upon all who are fearful, housebound, or burdened by sickness</p> |

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| | <p>and frailty. Surround them with your presence and let your peace settle gently over their minds and bodies. Bless their families, carers, and friends with strength, patience, and tenderness. Assure each one that they are not forgotten, that they are held in the love of their community, and that your comfort is near to them. May your healing, your calm, and your hope rest upon them</p> |
| Saturday 16 | <p>We lift before you our Ministry Team (Pepita, Steve, Karen, Liz) , our worship leaders and all those who lead worship in our churches. Fill them with fresh inspiration as they preach, teach, and lead. Let your Spirit stir their hearts so that their words carry life, hope, and truth.</p> |
| Sunday 17 | <p>Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.</p> |
| Monday 18 | <p>Creator God, bless the hands that sow and tend the earth, grant favourable weather, healthy crops, and strength for the long seasons of labour; guide farmers in their vital work to feed us all, and help us to appreciate the gift of food they bring. 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> |
| Tuesday 19 | <p>Father God, We pray for The Thameshead Benefice; that we may be truly united as we come together,</p> |

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| | <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> |
| <p>Wednesday 20</p> | <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> |
| <p>Thursday 21</p> | <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. Help them find a safe place to go, and we give thanks for all those trying to help and bring hope</p> |
| <p>Friday 22</p> | <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 of wholeness.</p> |

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| Saturday 23 | 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. |
| Sunday 24 | Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. |
| Monday 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. |
| Tuesday 26 | Merciful God, 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 27 | Jesus told us that he was "anoointed to bring good news to the poor, sent to proclaim release to the captives, |

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| | 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 and a pop up restaurant |
| Thursday 28 | Loving Lord, we pray today for those who live in Somerford Keynes and Shorncote. 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. |
| Friday 29 | 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. |
| Saturday 30 | Prayer for the Benefice visioning day - Faithful God, You are the One who calls, who leads, and who gives vision to Your people. As a church, we long to walk in step with You. Stir our hearts to recognise the direction You are inviting us to take and give us the courage to follow where You lead. |
| Sunday 31 | Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. |