

**4th week. 22nd - 30th November**

**Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31**

**The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” Isaiah 9:2  
(Matthew 4:16)**

This week we pray for the Benefice.

- Let us plant our roots firmly in the hope of Christ as we enter the season of Advent. As people search for a meaning to life, let us pray for a revival in our country, where Christ's Love for humanity is manifest through our lives and people look to the Light of the world for their salvation.
- Thank you for the hymn writers, past and present, who give us the words and music that can become powerful prayers, reaching deep into our being.
- As the weather gets colder, we pray for all who are working outside to provide services for us. We also remember in our prayers the rough sleepers and those struggling to pay for fuel to keep warm.
- We pray for our emergency services personnel, our NHS and all who care for those in need.
- Let us pray for our clergy. Lord, please fill them with strength and resilience and a deep sense of your loving presence as they work for your praise and glory.

## **Quantock Villages Benefice**

### Prayer Diary – November 2021



### **1st week. 1st - 7th November**

**Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)**

This week we pray for the parishes of Goathurst and Over Stowey.

- This week people remember Guy Fawkes Night so let us pray for the safety of all who participate. We also think of those who need their rest, have young children or animals and who find this time of year stressful.
- In Adoption week we remember all who have been adopted or who are considering adopting a child or young person. Heavenly Father we pray for all developing relationships, please nurture and strengthen the bonds of love and care.
- Let us pray for all bell ringers as we rejoice in the sound of bells ringing in our churches.
- We remember those who have died and all who are working through their loss. Please Lord, send comfort to all who mourn and help us to be a listening ear and a caring friend.

### **2nd week. 8th - 14th November**

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. Robert Laurence Binyon.**

This week we pray for the parishes of Spaxton and Enmore.

- Help us O Lord to show kindness and patience to everyone we meet.

- As the threat of covid is all around us we pray for all who suffer from diabetes, from heart or lung conditions and those with reduced immunity through illness.
- We pray for each village and think of the memories that unite us as a community. We give thanks for the service of those who lost their lives in World Wars and subsequent conflicts. Whether in the forces or contributing at home we remember them.
- Thank you, Lord for all who strive for peace, often without our knowledge. We think also of charities such as Amnesty International, who campaign against injustice throughout the world. We pray for the vulnerable and voiceless in the world.

### **3rd week. 15th - 21st November**

**"History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children." Nelson Mandela**

This week we pray for the parishes of Aisholt and Nether Stowey.

- We give thanks for clean water and pray for those who do not have running water or toilets. Lord please help us to look outside our lives and if we can to give financial or practical help to people in need.
- Thank you Heavenly Father for the smile of a child. We are blessed that we can come as children of God to rest at the feet of Christ. We pray for all children, especially those who live in poverty, neglect or fear of abuse. May they receive sufficient food and loving care and feel safe in their home.
- Let us pray for our village schools and neighbouring secondary schools and colleges. May the staff, young people and children enjoy their days in education.
- We remember in our prayers our village shops and businesses, clubs and groups.