

Thank you for the people repairing roads, hedge trimming and providing services to community such as dustbin collections, emergency services, water, gas and electricity.

- We pray for the people running or attending the clubs and activities in the Benefice.

Week 4, 20th – 30th September

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11

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

- We rejoice in St Michael and all Angels (29th Sept) and for all the saints.
- We pray for the church throughout the world. For protection and freedom for the oppressed and for all who share the Gospel of Christ.
- Thank you, Lord, for farmers, food producers and gardeners. Thank you for the harvests past and for those to come.
- We give thanks for the hedgerow fruits freely available for us to enjoy. Lord, please help us to develop the fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
- Let us be ever thankful for the blessings of each day. Help us to find and hold onto these blessings especially when times are difficult for us. Send us out to make creation sing to your praise and glory.

Quantock Villages Benefice

Prayer Diary – September 2021



Week 1, 1st – 5th September

Alone with none but thee, my God, I journey on my way. What need I fear, when thou art near O King of night and day? More safe am I within the hand, than if a host did round me stand. St. Columba c 521-597

This week we pray for the Quantock Villages Benefice.

- Let us pray for our Church community here in the Benefice and Quantock Deanery. Lord, please guide and protect us as we strive to be your hands and feet. We pray especially for Curate Nicki as she is ordained at the end of the month,
- We pray for all who are killed or oppressed by regimes for their gender, faith, values or actions. We think especially of the people in Afghanistan.
- This week we think and pray for the young people and staff returning or preparing to return to education, especially those in the schools in our Benefice. For some it is a new class, for others it is moving on to another stage in their lives. We also pray for all support staff, caretakers and volunteers who play such an important role in the children's lives.
- Let us pray for who are retired. May this chapter in their lives be full of opportunities to explore interests and make new friendships. Thank you for their wisdom and life experience.
- Let us remember in our prayers our parish councils and housing groups.

Week 2, 6th – 12th September

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me - holy is his name." Luke 1:46-49

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

- As Mary responded to Angel Gabriel with "I am the Lord's servant, may it be to me as you have said." We pray that we too may be ready to listen and respond to the will of God. Help us to grow in faith.
- Let us pray for all in the Benefice who are bell ringers, organists or singers. We give thanks for the joy of music.
- We pray for all who are caring for our world by recycling and minimising waste; protecting endangered species or environments and those campaigning for change locally or more globally.
- Whether suffering from physical or mental illness we pray for those in distress. May they be aware of your presence Heavenly Father as they receive support and comfort from those who care for them. We thank you for the skills of carers, nurses and doctors.

Week 3, 13th – 19th September

"Moved by the perfection of His holy love, God in Christ substituted Himself for us sinners. That is the heart of the cross of Christ." John Stott.

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

- As we remember what Christ did for us, Lord please help us on our journey of faith. Please nurture and develop in us your love and compassion for all.
- We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one. As Jesus wept, we do too. Jesus showed his care for his mother even when he was suffering on the cross, please guide us in ways we can comfort and show support to those who grieve.