



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
BIRMINGHAM

PRAYING TOGETHER

1 - 16 Sep

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TUE 1

The Revd Patrick Gerard, Bishop's Advisor for the Environment, invites us to pray for the environment at the start of the month, remembering parish treasurers compiling data from 2019. We hold before God the CofE target of net zero emissions by 2030 and pray that we can each do our own small part, and that God can bring it about.

WED 2

Sarah Smith, Diocesan Director of Education, invites us to pray for our school communities as they open their doors to welcome all children back this September. May this term be a blessing for all connected with our schools, Amen

THU 3

The Revd Lucille Arlidge, St Matthew with St Chad, Smethwick, invites us to pray: Lord we know you are with us as we journey through this deeply strange and perplexing time. Thank you for your presence, comfort and peace. Amen

FRI 4

With The Revd Denise Jones, St Bernard's Hamstead, we give thanks for the growth of the ministry team; for those feeling called by God to serve in new and exciting ways. We give thanks Father God that this time of lockdown is a time of growth and outreach; a time of change, challenge and transformation. Amen

SAT 5

Guy Donegan-Cross, Director of Learning for Discipleship and Mission, invites us to pray, in the midst of change we keep our eyes fixed on the main thing, to be disciples of Christ. We give thanks and pray for our Way of Discipleship and Servant-Leadership modules beginning in Autumn.

You can watch Guy on our website.

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 6 September

The congregation at The Ascension, Hall Green, give thanks for the reopening of their church and they thank the Lord that they were able to restart their public worship on Sunday 26 July. They have also restarted their midweek Holy Communion service and continue in prayer. Praise the Lord!

MON 7

O God, the strength of my life, make known your will for me in this place: help me to discover friends among strangers, to meet opportunities and challenges eagerly, and to do my daily tasks in your name. Give me strength to overcome my worries, and preserve me in your safe keeping, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

TUE 8

Fr Barrie Scott, St John the Evangelist, Perry Barr, invites us to pray for all those who are preparing for ordination. Just as Mary replied to Gabriel with a resounding "yes", we give thanks for their "yes" to their calling, and pray for their future ministry following Christ and bringing his Gospel and Sacraments to the world. Through the same Christ our Lord, who died for love of us. Amen

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WED 9

The Revd Debbie Collins, St John the Evangelist, Perry Barr, invites us to pray: As we look to the trees that grow abundantly in the green spaces around Billesley, we give thanks to God for the kind and generous people reaching out in love, just like the branches reaching out. We give thanks to God for the trees showing us the stability we find in friendship and family and our faith. Help us, Lord Jesus to grow, united in serving you and flourishing as a community. Amen

THU 10

Today is World Suicide Prevention Day. Lord, help us to connect with those who may be in some form of emotional distress and let them know they are not alone. Amen

FRI 11

Chris Booth, HR Support Officer, CofEB, invites us to give thanks for the gift of music. We pray for all musicians, choirs, and singers as they start to assess a safe way of returning to performing following changes to restrictions. Be with them Lord over the coming days and weeks as they sing your praises. Amen

You can listen to Chris on our website.

SAT 12

A journey of thousand miles begins with a single step. Lord please help us to understand and solve our problems by taking one step at a time. Amen

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THANKSGIVING

Sunday 13 September

Helena, St John the Baptist, Harborne, invites us to pray: Loving Lord, thank you for our animal companions, our pets who give us so much joy, and even provide therapy in these unusual times. Please grant our pets health, peace and safety in loving homes. Please bless all people who work in animal sanctuaries and charities, protecting and healing your wonderful creatures. We thank you for St Francis of Assisi's example of loving the world and all the animals within it. And we thank you for our new puppy, River, and the joy she brings to my family. Amen

You can see a photo of River on our website.

MON 14

Nejib from The Ascension, Hall Green, invites us to pray for the ministry of their food bank: We give thank for all the generous gifts of food donations we have been receiving, many time in large quantities, which have enabled us to be a source of blessing and help to many individuals and families during these challenging times. Please pray that we will continue to be able to help all these vulnerable and needy people.

TUE 15

Debbie, leader of Quest, for young people of Primary age, invites us to pray with our senses: with our eyes may we see the beauty of the world You created; with our sense of hearing we hear the joy of those around us as they laugh & sing; as we taste our food we give thanks to the Lord for feeding us; as the lockdown rules change we look forward to the ability to hug those most precious to us.

WED 16

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for all the benefits you have won for us, for all the pains and insults you have borne for us. Most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen




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THU 17

 Lucille Arlidge, St Matthew with St Chad, Smethwick, invites us to pray: Glorious, wonderful, amazing God. We are your creatures and you call us to spend eternity with you. In this time of worldwide uncertainty we ask you to help and guide us as we try to serve as your body on earth. Amen

FRI 18

 Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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. Amen

SAT 19


 The Revd Calvert Prentis, Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocational Development, invites us to pray for ordinations this weekend: Lord hear our prayer for your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love. And give to your servants, now to be ordained, the needful gifts of grace through our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. Amen
You can hear Calvert on our website.

THANKSGIVING


Sunday 20 September

 The Revd Denise Jones, St Bernard Hamstead, invites us to give thanks for St Bernard's music makers who made beautiful music for them to play on their 'Live Streaming' services of Praise & Worship during COVID-19 lockdown.
You can hear this music on our website.


MON 21

 Heavenly Father, we pray for the Deanery of Warley and Edgbaston, may Your work be done here. We pray for the existing Area Deans, may they continue to lead and minister to Your people during this transition. We pray for the community, Lord let Your love, peace, and joy shine in and through all the people in this neighbourhood. Amen
You can watch the P&P Team's prayer on our website.


TUE 22

 Heavenly Father, we pray for Deanery of Yardley and Solihull. May they continue to have sound foundation to grow Your people. We pray for the existing joint Area Deans, may they continue to lead with Your grace and mercy. We pray for the community, help us to meet their needs. Lord let us learn from the community making them feel welcomed and valued. Amen
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WED 23

 Heavenly Father, We pray for the Deanery of Kings Norton, Moseley and Shirley, that Your wish for this area will be fulfilled. We pray for the existing Area Deans, Lord, please continue to equip them with Your wisdom. Lord we pray for Your community, may they see Your hand at work. Let Your love, compassion, joy and peace be at the heart of everything. Amen
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THU 24

 Heavenly Father, we pray for the Deanery of Coleshill and Polesworth, that your light and your love will always shine through. We pray for the Area Dean, seeking first Your kingdom and trusting You for direction to carry out Your work. We pray for the community, may they grow together in love, looking to You in hope. Amen
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FRI 25

 Heavenly Father, we pray for the Deanery of Handsworth and Central, that we will see Your hand at work. We pray for the Area Dean, as he leads this deanery, through change. Lord, may he lead with Your wisdom and seek compassion and mercy always. We Pray for the communities, may they all stand strong and in Your word and for Your glory. Amen
You can watch the P&P Team's prayer on our website.

SAT 26


 Heavenly Father, we pray for the Deanery of Aston and Sutton Coldfield, that we will see Your hand at work. We pray especially for the Area Dean, leading through this transition. We pray for the communities, may they see Your Church at work and find You in these places of Worship. Lord continue to fill their homes, with kindness, compassion, friendship and love. Amen
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THANKSGIVING


Sunday 27 September

 The Revd Debbie Collins, Holy Cross, gives thanks for new growing connections with the two secondary schools in the parish of Billesley Common and the Community Art Display on the railings outside church to mark VE Day: Out of this bloomed a 'Trees Project', textiles reflecting on their time in lockdown, which Swanshurst Textile students are taking a lead. We also give thanks for Kings Heath Boys taking up the offer to engage with artwork in Autumn. Lord Jesus, may we be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and always persistent in prayer as you weave our lives together. Amen


MON 28

 Please Lord, help us to think of others that are in need, and take steps to show them we care. Actions speak louder than words. Many charities are struggling at the moment, help us to consider our time to volunteer or donate where possible. Amen

TUE 29

 Today is World Heart Day, an international campaign to spread awareness about heart disease and stroke prevention. Lord help us to keep our heart, body and mind in good working order, help us to get exercising and eating healthy. Amen

WED 30

 Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. Amen

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