

Tuesday 1st

Pray for the churches of St. Luke and St. Thomas meeting, whose members are now able in a limited way, to meet for worship? Pray for those who are able to attend the services in the two churches who, in doing so represent the wider fellowship of believers who make up those churches. Give thanks for the ministers who plan and lead services, including George and David recording services at home.

Wednesday 2nd

Pray and give thanks for those who are helping to keep the church organisation running. Pray for Vicky, Gill and Diane, for the church wardens, deputy wardens and treasurers, for the office staff and church cleaners. Pray for those involved in producing the online magazine.

Thursday 3rd

Pray for Sight Savers with a vision of a world where no one is blind from avoidable causes, and where people with disabilities participate equally in society. In a world where 36 million people are blind the charity provides eye operations for people who need them, and trains eye care workers and surgeons to provide sight-saving treatment.

Friday 4th

Pray for the SAT7 organisation supporting Christians in the Middle East and North Africa in their Christian witness and lives by beaming in the good news of The Kingdom of God straight into their homes through satellite television. SAT7 aims to bring hope to people facing the daily reality of poverty, war, ethnic division, illiteracy, and political and religious oppression

Saturday 5th

Sunday 6th Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfil now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Monday 7th National Transplant Week.

National Transplant Week is an annual event organised by the charity Transplants in Mind. This year's week had the tag line "What are you waiting for" relating to all those awaiting transplants whilst the shortage of donors is so great. Pray for those awaiting an operation and for those still awaiting a donor for the organ they need.

Tuesday 8th World Literacy Day

Pray for organisation such as UNESCO trying to make sure that children throughout the world have good opportunities for education and training; both are the key to life skills, future employment and opportunity. Pray for the children in those nations whose education has been halted because of terrorism, violence and war.

Wednesday 9th

Pray today for the work of Junction 42 a charity based in Newcastle which works with prisoners, both in prison and on their release. The charity and its members are passionate to see the lives of offenders and their communities transformed by the hope of the gospel message.

Thursday 10th

Rejoice that even in the midst of the Covid19 crisis, God seems to be working in his own mysterious way. The publishing company Eden reports an increase of 55% in bible sales, surveys have discovered that 25% of the population have viewed an online service and 1 in 20 have started to pray during lockdown. God is changing people's lives. Hallelujah!

Friday 11th

Pray today for World Vision improving the lives of the world's poorest children by working closely with communities to tackle the root causes of poverty. Its child sponsorship scheme brings real hope and a life-affirming experience, giving children and their communities life-changing basics like nutritious food, clean water, healthcare and education.

Saturday 12th

Pray for Organ Donation and Transplant Week raising awareness of the need for organ donors. Pray that through the events taking place many more people will become organ donors. Pray for those recovering in hospital from a transplant operation and for those awaiting an operation or a donor.

Sunday 13th Education Sunday

Today pray for and celebrate the world of education. Pray for all our local schools, the pupils and teaching staff as they seek to minimise the disruption to the children's education due to the coronavirus. Pray for the children's parents and guardians still concerned for the safety of their children.

Monday 14th

Pray for diocese and parishes throughout the UK facing difficult financial situations and having to make decisions about the viability of churches and church halls. Pray for wisdom and understanding by all involved when difficult and unpopular decisions have to be made.

Tuesday 15th

Pray for the work of the SSAFA supporting both regulars and reserves in the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the British Army and the Royal Air Force and their families. This support continues after servicemen have left the service and have to face challenges which include low income, life-changing injuries, depression or post-traumatic stress disorder.

Wednesday 16th

Pray for the work of the Red Cross both in the UK and abroad, pray for staff and volunteers. In the UK the Red Cross provides many services to people in need including, mental health advice, access to essentials like food, medicines and medical equipment, and information that can help keep people safe.

Thursday 17th St. Hildegard 1098 - 1179

O God, by whose grace your servant Hildegard, kindled with the fire of your love, became a burning and shining light in your Church: Grant that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and walk before you as children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Friday 18th

Pray for the government and parliament discussing and finding solutions to the many problems affecting every level of society brought about by the Covid 19 crisis. Pray especially for the poorest people in the UK who have been most adversely affected.

Saturday 19th World Alzheimers Day

World Alzheimer's Day is an international campaign to raise awareness and highlight issues faced by people affected by dementia. It's an opportunity for people and organisations to demonstrate these issues can be overcome and help people live well with dementia. Pray for the people suffering from dementia and also for their families and carers.

Sunday 20th

Father we pray that this eternal truth be always on our hearts, That you, who breathed this world into being, paced stars into the heavens and designed a butterfly's wing, is the God who entrusted his Son to the care of ordinary people, became vulnerable that we might know how strong is the wonder of Love. A mystery so deep it is impossible to grasp. A mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore. Amen

Monday 21st St. Matthew's Day

*God of mercy,
you chose a tax collector, Saint Matthew,
to share the dignity of the apostles.
By his example and prayers help us to follow Christ
and remain faithful in your service.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Tuesday 22nd

Whilst we continue to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in the world, give thanks that in the Sudan the abolition of the apostasy law, which carried a death penalty for leaving Islam, has finally been enacted. This has caused great rejoicing amongst all Christians but especially for believers who are from a Muslim background. Pray for Christians in the Sudan.

Wednesday 23rd

We continue to pray for everyone who has been adversely affected by the coronavirus but today pray for those who are in the entertainment and leisure business. The closure of theatres has meant that for many artists their work has completely dried up and they are feeling the strain of providing for their families.

Thursday 24th

Pray for the work of the Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group meeting today. The Group is responsible for planning and buying in a wide range of health services including 23 GP practices. Pray for its members and the decisions they will be making on behalf of the local community.

Friday 25th

Pray for the work of the RNLI patrolling the seas, coasts and cliffs around the UK. Pray also for the lifeguard services RNLI provide on the beaches of seaside resorts. Pray for all the volunteers which make the rescue work possible.

Saturday 26th International Day of Peace

Today we are called to pray for peace throughout the world. The United Nations Member States understand that it is not possible to build a peaceful world if steps are not taken to achieve economic and social development for all people. Pray for the UN as it tackles the issues of poverty, hunger, health, education, climate change, gender equality, water, sanitation, energy, environment and social justice.

Sunday 27th

*Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace.
Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen*

Monday 28th

Consider, pray about and give thanks for the many blessings you have received this week.

Tuesday 29th

Pray for the UN seeking to establish basic human rights worldwide. Consider these words from Eleanor Roosevelt championing human rights and social action.
'Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home - so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person; the neighbourhood he lives in; the school or college he attends; the factory, farm, or office where he works. Such are the places where every man, woman, and child seeks equal justice, equal opportunity, equal dignity without discrimination. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere.'

Wednesday 30th

Pray the prayer on the front page.

Parish of
St. Luke Cannock and
St. Thomas Huntington

"Building community with Christ at the centre."



PRAYER DIARY

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*Lord, we thank you
for your grace and goodness.
We thank you that you are
our help and support.*

*We thank you for your compassion and the
knowledge that you never abandon us.
Lord, we pray for those in distress at this
time, carrying a burden and under a weight
of distress and sorrow.*

*May you answer them in their need,
grant them protection
and give them your peace.*

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen