

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Hold before God the two churches in our parish. Pray God's blessing on them and all the people who worship and serve in them. Pray that they may be beacons of light in the communities in which they are set; bringing love, joy hope and peace to those they are called to serve.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Pray for Acorns Children's Hospice providing specialist palliative care for babies, children and young people, and support for their families. This support is offered from our three hospices, based in Worcester, Birmingham and Walsall, and in the community. Pray for the children residing in the 3 hospices.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Pray for the work of Fountains counsellors. Fountains is a voluntary counselling service for adults staffed by qualified volunteer counsellors who are also members of local Christian churches. The service is open to individuals of any faith or no faith and operates in Cannock, Stafford, Stoke and Market Drayton. Pray for the volunteers and for those being counselled.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> TRINITY SUNDAY**

*O God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in whose name we are baptized and into whose fellowship we have been received. We praise you Father, for having loved us, sending your Son to die for our sins. We praise you dear Jesus, for having redeemed us from our sins by sacrificing yourself for us. We praise you, Holy Spirit, for having sanctified us for you gave us faith and through faith cleansed us from sin. O Triune God, enable us always to believe and obey, and to worship and confess you; Creator, Redeemer and Sanctified, one God, eternal and all-glorious forever. Amen.*

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Cancer survivors Day**

Pray for the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation, an organisation dedicated to supporting survivors and improving their quality of life by providing advice, information and education to hospitals, medical establishments, cancer support groups and other cancer support organisations. Pray for anyone you know who has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the work of the Children's Society a United Kingdom national children's charity allied to the Church of England. The charity's objectives are to improve the lives of children and young people and the related social attitudes. Pray for the society staff and for the children and families they are helping.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for our local council and its councillors. Pray for the chairman of the council and the chief executive playing leading roles in the work of the council and ensuring that decisions made by the council are carried out efficiently and effectively. Pray that God will give them wisdom and grace in their leadership and in their decision making.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the work of the Fabric Team who together with the architect will liaise with and oversee the work of builders who will carry out the renovation and repairs to the church in the next month.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the work of USPG an Anglican mission agency supporting churches around the world in their mission to bring fullness of life to the communities they serve. USPG encourages and enables churches within the Anglican Communion to act as the hands and feet of Christ. Pray for the USPG missionaries working in UK parishes.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the decision making bodies in the church; the PCC, the Standing and Finance committee, the Ministry team, the Fabric team. Pray for the team members meeting regularly to discuss issues regarding the church and making decisions about important aspects of the church's life and mission.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> ST BARNABAS DAY**

*Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; 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 forever. Amen*

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Oxfam Water week**

Pray for Oxfam Water Week highlighting the charity's work in supporting, sanitation and hygiene promotion projects around the world. Diseases from unsafe water and lack of basic sanitation kill more people each year than all forms of violence, including war. Pray that more and more people around the world can get access to a clean water supply.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the brownies and guides who meet weekly in the Church Centre. Pray for their leaders and helpers planning their activities and camping expeditions.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the work of UNICEF working in the world's toughest places to reach the most disadvantaged children and adolescents. Across more than 190 countries and territories, UNICEF helps children survive, thrive and fulfil their potential, from early childhood through adolescence.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the nation of Ukraine as it continues to resist Russian attempts to occupy Ukraine towns and territory. Pray for their armed forces on the frontline many of them making the ultimate sacrifice protecting their homeland. Pray for the hospitals, doctors and nurses caring for casualties in the face of a shortage of medical supplies.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the work of the Church Urban Fund a national charity working with local leaders, churches and other faith groups all over England. With local partners CUF are committed to serving and strengthening the community where they live, tackling complex challenges like poverty and exclusion across England by mobilising people, churches, and whole communities to make a positive difference.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for all the Christian communities in Cannock preparing for worship tomorrow. Praise God for the increasing co-operation between Christians in Cannock under the banner Churches Together in Cannock. Pray God's blessing on the churches as they work together to witness to Jesus and to spread the good news in the town.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Praying for persecuted Christians**

*Today we pray that God would give courage, peace, and even joy to persecuted Christians to stand strong amidst suffering. We pray for those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since we also are in the body Lord, deliver our brothers and sisters from the hand of the enemy and let your sovereign power be known. You have unique and powerful purposes for both the free and persecuted church – we pray for perseverance in seeing those purposes through.*

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Sadhu Sundar Singh day**

Sundar Singh was a convert from Sikhism and he travelled throughout India and other Asian countries. Dressed in his thin yellow robe, Sundar Singh took to the road and began a life of spreading the simple message of love and peace and rebirth through Jesus. He carried no money or other possessions, only a New Testament. Pray for all Christian missionaries spreading the good news about Jesus.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for Christian communities in India where more than 50 people from the Christian-majority Kuki tribal group have been killed in anti-Christian violence that has raged in Manipur since 4 May. An estimated 114 church buildings have been burned down across the state, while there have been targeted attacks on around 67 Kuki villages. Several thousand Christians have been displaced by the violence.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Pray for Christians blockaded in Nagorno-Karabakh urgently need food and hygiene essentials. Amongst them are many elderly, children and sick. Almost totally encircled by the territory of Azerbaijan, Nagorno-Karabakh and its population of 120,000 Armenians have been cut off from Armenia since December 2022. Pray for Barnabas Aid bringing relief aid to the beleaguered territory.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> World refugee week**

Pray for all who are refugees from their own country fleeing violence and intolerance and are in fear for their lives. One per cent of the world's population - or one in 97 people - have been forced to flee their homes according to the UN Refugee Agency. This has nearly doubled compared to ten years ago and 40 per cent of this group are children. Pray for all the agencies trying to help, support and find a safe haven for refugees.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Birth of John the Baptist**

*O God, you have made this day to be honourable in our eyes by the commemoration of John the Baptist. In thanksgiving for his fearless witness, grant unto your people the grace of spiritual joy, and direct the minds of all Thy faithful into the way of everlasting salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Pray the parish prayer on the front cover as preparation for your time of worship tomorrow.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Trusting in you Lord, we join one another as a community, a community of faith on a journey to grow ever deeper in our faith, and in our desire to know and love you. Remind us of your Love, of your sacrifice for us, of your continuing presence with us. Let us never lose hope along the way, help us to be strong in Faith and in Love. We pray that in the Love and Grace that you pour upon us, we may have the courage to share our Faith with others. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen*

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the contacts the churches have through baptisms, marriages and funerals. Pray for families and couples who are planning to take advantage of these services. Pray that the contact they have with the church will open their eyes to the love of God and inspire them to explore further what it means to be part of a worshipping Christian community.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Spend a little time holding before God anyone you know about who is in need of prayer at this time. Pray God's blessing and presence with them.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> St. Peter and St. Paul**

Peter and Paul were great leaders of the Christian church of their day, pray for the leaders of all the Christian churches in the UK. For the Anglican and Catholic Archbishops and Bishops, for the Moderator of the Methodist church and for the leaders of all the free churches. Pray God's blessing on their leadership.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for Christian evangelists in Asia working through local churches and encouraging people to turn to Christ through incarnational living and the spirit of grace, followed by truth. Give thanks for the increasing number of Christians in Asian countries now thought to be over 300 million.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Spend some time thanking God for all the blessings you have received, look back on prayers that have been answered and then look forward to how you can best serve Jesus as part of his worshipping community in Cannock.

**St. Luke Cannock and  
St. Thomas Huntington  
PRAYER NETWORK**

# PRAYER DIARY JUNE 2023



## Parish Prayer

*Glorious Trinity, Make your presence known to us through our worship, our prayer and in the reading of your Holy Word.*

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit, within whose unity lies all that is you, perfect love, justice, peace, and power.*

*When we gather as your body, your church throughout this world, fill our outstretched hearts with your spirit, encircle us with your love. Make yourself known to us in new ways, exciting ways, challenging ways. Empower us, inspire us and so fill us with your Spirit that following the example of the first disciples we may witness to Jesus boldly and without fear.*

*This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen*