

St. Bartholomew's Church, Otford

Parish Prayer Diary – August 2022

“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

Please pray and give thanks for:

1. On Lammas Day, give thanks for the annual wheat harvest, and pray for all farmers who provide us with food and nourishment.
2. For those going on holiday during this month – for safe travel, and happy and relaxing times spent with family and friends.
3. For the Wednesday morning BCP Holy Communion congregation as they enjoy Coffee and fellowship following today's service.
4. For the British Red Cross providing critical medical and social care to those most in need in Ukraine and bordering countries.
5. For those who are ill following a resurgence of covid, and for those continuing to suffer from long-covid.
6. For all involved in the Otford Society Garden Party this evening.
7. For all attending the All Together Service today. Also for the residents of Tudor Crescent and for the work of The Bible Society.
8. For those recently bereaved – in their grief may they know God's peace and love.
9. For Sharon and Sue working in the Otford Parish Council office, and for all who serve on Otford Parish Council.
10. For all those involved in 'A Celebration of Palace Park Wood' being held today, giving thanks for our green spaces and the beauty of our surroundings.
11. For the organisers of the Thursday Lunch Club and all who attend each week, giving thanks for food and friendship.
12. For Paul our Community Warden, giving thanks for his help to those in need, and his cheerfulness to all.
13. For the ministers of other churches in Otford, and for all who worship there.
14. For all attending our services today and for YPF as they enjoy time together this evening. Also for the residents of Tudor Drive and for the work of Christian Aid.
15. For all who work in our local shops, Post Office and Pharmacy to provide a good service to the community.
16. For those visiting our peaceful churchyard and Garden of Remembrance – may they enjoy the beauty of God's creation.
17. For doctors, nurses and all those working in every department of our NHS hospitals, giving thanks for their expertise and care.
18. For our young people awaiting A and AS level results today and GCSE results next week.
19. For Kevin our organist and for the choir, as they practise for the many services on Sunday, giving thanks for the gift of music.
20. For all in 'hospitality' in our village – in our cafes, pubs and restaurants, as they welcome residents and visitors to the area.
21. For all those attending the Prayer Breakfast between morning services today. Also for the residents of Twitton Lane and for the work of Scripture Union.

22. For those in hospital, hospice or care home – may they be cared for with compassion and patience.
23. For Janet and Joan, our church wardens, and members of the PCC who contribute so much in time and talents.
24. For our beautiful church – St. Bartholomew’s – named after the patron saint we commemorate today.
25. For David, on the 2nd anniversary of his Induction and Installation as Vicar of Otford. Also, for those involved in the Quiz Night in aid of Pursue.
26. For our bellringers whose skills enhance our weekly church worship.
27. For our flower arrangers and all those who keep our church clean and tidy each week.
28. For all attending services today, giving thanks for the leaders of the Sunday Club Summer Sessions. Also for the residents of Twitton Meadows and for the work of Loaves and Fishes.
29. On Bank Holiday Monday, for all those involved with ‘Handmade in Otford’ – a sale and exhibition displaying local crafts and creations.
30. For all teachers and students as they prepare to begin a new school, college or university year.
31. For all Members of Parliament, as Recess finishes next week, and for wisdom and discernment in the appointing of a new Prime Minister.