

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, OTFORD

PARISH PRAYER DIARY – AUGUST 2024

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy” – Psalm 126

We pray and give thanks for:-

1. British farmers at the beginning of the annual wheat harvest, and all who provide our nation with food and nourishment.
2. Those going on holiday this month – for safety while travelling, and for fun and relaxation alongside family and friends.
3. The Churchyard Working Party – tidying and beautifying our peaceful churchyard and Garden of Remembrance.
4. For all involved in the various services today, and especially for the band who enhance our morning worship. Also for the residents of Bubblestone Road and for the work of Sevenoaks Counselling Service.
5. All those attending CAMEO today – giving thanks for generous hospitality, support and companionship.
6. The many societies associated with Otford, and for the friendship and interest they provide.
7. The Wednesday morning BCP Holy Communion congregation as they come together to enjoy Coffee and company afterwards.
8. Those involved in Bellringing Practice this evening – giving thanks for their willingness to share their time and talents.
9. The organisers and those who attend Warm Welcome – may they enjoy a time of warm fellowship together.
10. For doctors, nurses and all those working in every department of our NHS hospitals – giving thanks for their expertise and care.
11. Those attending our services of Holy Communion today and giving thanks for our visiting clergy during the vacancy. Also for the residents of The Butts and for the work of Hospices of Hope.
12. For the Parish Council Meeting tonight, and for the faithful and enthusiastic service of all our councillors.
13. For those organising “Full Steam Ahead”- the Summer Holiday Club which begins at Otford Methodist Church today – may all the children attending this week have fun, while learning about God’s love for us.
14. For those judging the Front Garden Competition this week, giving thanks for the beauty and colour of God’s creation displayed here in our lovely village of Otford.
15. For our young people awaiting A Level results today. May they be pleased and proud of their achievements as they look ahead to new beginnings.
16. All who work in our local shops, Post Office and Pharmacy, providing an essential and great service to the community.
17. For Dawn, Mags and Margaret, our lay readers, giving thanks for their years of faithful and steadfast ministry to our church family.

18. Those attending today's services, especially Harriet and Rich Bell as they come to speak to us this morning. Also for the residents of The Charne and for the work of The Bible Society.
19. On World Humanitarian Day, for all charities and organisations in their efforts to prevent and alleviate human suffering around the world.
20. For those working at Otford Library, organising the Summer Reading Challenge for primary school-aged children over the holidays.
21. For all our young people, anxiously awaiting their GCSE results tomorrow.
22. For those attending the Finance Committee Meeting this evening; also giving thanks for all who organise fund-raising events for our church and other charities.
23. For those working in our cafes, pubs and restaurants, providing hospitality to local residents and visitors to our village.
24. For our beautiful and historic church of St Bartholomew – named after the Patron Saint we celebrate and commemorate today.
25. For all who attend our services today, and Prayer Breakfast. We pray especially for Zara as she comes for Baptism, along with her parents and Godparents. Also for the residents of Colets Orchard and for the work of Tear Fund.
26. On Bank Holiday Monday, for those organising and supporting the Pop-Up Stall today. May it be a happy and successful event!
27. For the appointment of our new incumbent and for the ministers of all churches in Otford, and the worshipping community.
28. For Janet and Joan and all who have worked so hard during the vacancy, and for Russell and the tech. team.
29. For the organisers and all who attend the Forget Me Not Café in Otford this week.
30. For Kevin, our faithful organist and for all members of our musically gifted choir.
31. For all teachers and students as they prepare for the new school, college or university year.