



# Benefice of St Peter with St Philip, Bolton-le-Moors

## Welcome to the Prayer Diary for September 2020

Welcome to this September's Prayer Diary, hopefully without missing out a day ... apologies! There are many things happening this month which give a natural framework to the prayers. September spans the best of summer and autumn so on Sundays we will use parts of verses from the hymn *For the beauty of the earth* by Folliot Sandford Pierpoint to (though to fit the prayers the verses are not in the usual order)

Tuesday	1st	PCC of Bolton Parish Church meets tonight
Wednesday	2nd	Planning for the future of our churches
Thursday	3rd	St Philip's PCC tonight Training days for teachers at Bolton Parish and Bishop Bridgeman Schools
Friday	4th	Plans for Church Wharf and other areas in Bolton: our part in it
Saturday	5th	Our earth: who takes responsibility for it? Town Council, architects and builders etc taking care of 'our bit of earth' in planning and building projects
Sunday	6th	'For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies ... Lord of all to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise'
Monday	7th	New Term and new School year begins at Bolton Parish and Bishop Bridgeman Schools - those starting school for the first time
Tuesday	8th	Traditional birthday of the Virgin Mary - who dared to question an angel - and who dared to believe God
Wednesday	9th	St Phillip's Parish: Asher St Cranford St Lynton Rd Maltby Ave
Thursday	10th	Chelsea Rd Roseneath Rd Aldersyde St Roseneath Gr Trevor St
Friday	11th	Our care for the local environment as Christians in both our church buildings and our communities

Saturday	12th	Church Heritage Day - celebrating as we are able at this time
Sunday	13th	'For the joy of ear and eye linking heart and brain's delight ... Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise' Education Sunday
Monday	14th	New students at Bolton University begin to register for their courses today
Tuesday	15th	Students still shaken by the problems over A-level and GCSE grading
Wednesday	16th	Students leaving home for the first time - and their parents
Thursday	17th	Auberson Rd Westcourt Rd Moisant St Headingly Way
Friday	18th	Neath Fold Fenner's Cl Kennington Fold Canterbury Gr
Saturday	19th	Our care for the environment in places we and others visit
Sunday	20th	'For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night ... Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise'
Monday	21st	Academic studies begin at Bolton University
Tuesday	22nd	Lecturers and teachers in our schools and colleges
Wednesday	23rd	Ordination of Deacons - some services held at Bolton Parish to keep numbers small at each service
Thursday	24th	Ongoing containment of the Coronavirus Pandemic; fears of a second wave
Friday	25th	For governments to be wise in managing Covid-19. The search for a vaccine
Saturday	26th	Celebration for those completing the Foundation for Ministry Course Those preparing for Ordination as Priests next month (including Rev Ian)
Sunday	27th	Harvest Thanksgiving at BPC- done differently this year 'For each perfect gift of thine to our race* so freely given ... Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise' (*note this is race as in human race as a whole)
Monday	28th	Those who have lost so much in different ways in the Pandemic so far
Tuesday	29th	Celebrating St Michael and all Angels
Wednesday	30th	Thankfulness for God's provision Psalm 145 (vs 13b to 16)

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and gracious in all his deeds  
The Lord upholds all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you  
and you give them their food in due season  
You open your hand  
satisfying the desire of every living thing