June Prayer Diary

“The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.”
Lamentations 3:25

Pray to the Father through the Son in the power of the Spirit for:

**WEDNESDAY 1** Newbury St George and St John: Becky Bevan, Julie Howell, Gary Collins, Terence Winrow. For our celebrations to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. For our groups for children and young people, and how we move forwards.
St John the Evangelist CE Infant and Nursery School.

**THURSDAY 2** Shire’s Edge: Hilary Campbell, Lynda Alcock, Jonathan Meyrick. For Jubilee events across the benefice - giving thanks for good community care and time to regather and celebrate. For Wildlife Day in All Saints, Great Bourton – give thanks for the partnerships that are emerging to do important environmental work, for progress towards Eco Church awards, and pray that this model will inspire other parishes to join in creation care.
Cropredy CE Primary School.

**FRIDAY 3** Banbury St Francis: Chris Gaynor. For our planting of a tree on 4 June in our Community Garden in honour of Her Majesty’s 70 years on the throne and then having a picnic together. For our partnering with The Sunrise Multicultural Project to hold a community event in part of our neighbourhood on 18 June. Pray that this will bring community cohesion and that it will be a successful partnership and event.

**SATURDAY 4** East Downland: John Toogood, Douglas Dales, William McDowell, Denise Brown. As we celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and anticipate the celebration of Pentecost, pray that we may be inspired and strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live lives of service to God’s kingdom and give loving service to all our neighbours.
Beedon CE Primary School, Stockcross CE Primary School.

**MONDAY 6** Newbury Deanery: David McLeod, John Toogood, Bruce Laurie, Mark Knight, Philip Read. For our focus on caring for God’s creation and how to be an Eco Church, including our day conference, Looking after the Earth, at St Lawrence’s, Hungerford on Saturday 18 June. For our work to support and recruit to parishes in vacancy, including Walbury Beacon Benefice and a House for Duty post in East Downland. For ministers recovering from Covid and for healing of Long Covid.

**TUESDAY 7** Greenham: David McLeod, John Bramhall, Brian Jones. For our toddler group, Tea, Toys and Tots, and all the children and adults who attend. For building new relationships and renewed sense of community in Greenham following our Big Lunch Fun Day on 5 June.
WEDNESDAY 8 Newbury St Nicolas and Speen St Mary: Will Hunter Smart, Jackie Fountain, Joy Mawdesley, Janice Macdonald, Pam McKellen, Jane Sutton, Caroline Chichester, Sarah South. Give thanks for healthy churches, following the last two years of the pandemic – and a growing hunger to start new ministries and develop old ministries. For the new PCCs, following the recent APCMs, for each church as they discern God’s direction for the year ahead.

St Nicolas CE Junior School.

THURSDAY 9 Thatcham: Mark Bennet, Nicola Hulks, Angela Brennan, Brenda Harland, Marion Fontaine, John Coombs, Michael Harley. For our work with young people and families and for the development of our work with those with dementia. For wedding couples who have deferred services. For our Year 6 transition day at Douai Abbey and the Thatcham Schools, including Thatcham Park VC School. For ordinands Alison Dean and Leanne Fowler as they proceed with their training, and Marcia Wadham, who has just finished her placement with us prior to being ordained.

FRIDAY 10 West Downland: Miri Keen. For our ministry to families as we catch up with christenings, weddings and interments of ashes after delays caused by the pandemic. For us as we recruit a clergy colleague.

Brightwalton CE Primary School, Chaddleworth St Andrew’s and Shefford CE Primary Schools, Welford and Wickham CE Primary School.

SATURDAY 11 Lambourn Valley: Julie Mintern, Christine Allsopp. For the headteacher, the staff and governing body at Lambourn CE Primary school, who have worked with such dedication over the last two years. They are still under great pressure as they await Ofsted. Give thanks as we are blessed with a wonderful church/school relationship. For those involved in the world of horse racing in the Valley of the Racehorse, especially for Racing Welfare.

MONDAY 13 Hermitage: Wayne Lautenbach, Sue Webster, Cathy Hawkins, Margaret Fisher, Wendy Willoughby-Paul, Clive Jones, Simon Thorn, Renée Coulson. Give thanks for the faithfulness and resilience of our small congregations in the seven villages and pray for God’s blessing, guidance and discernment as we seek to find our way in the new normal of the pandemic. As we begin a journey of evaluation and restructuring, pray for this discernment and guidance in how we manage our limited resources in such a way as to be able to meet the needs of the seven diverse villages. For new ways of engaging with our local communities and schools to reveal that God’s word and work is still relevant in our society.

Coldash St Mark’s CE Primary School, Compton CE Primary School, Hampstead Norreys CE Primary School, Yattendon CE Primary School.

TUESDAY 14 Deddington Deanery: Sarah Sharp, Hilary Campbell, Annie Goldthorp, Lynne Philpot, Juliet West, Christopher Hurst. For all our churchwardens as they are sworn in at the visitation on 28 June. For the Mothers’ Union Deanery Festival on 15 June, giving thanks for the work and mission of the MU around the world.

Bishop Olivia confirming at Queen Anne’s School, Caversham.

WEDNESDAY 15 Hungerford with Denford: Mike Saunders, Robin Sharples, Alison Saunders, Michael Morecroft, Phebean Koroma. Give thanks for 19 new church members and a new home group. For our Eco Conference on Saturday 18 June. Pray for lots of people to join us and for new churches to sign up to become Eco Churches.
THURSDAY 16 Banbury St Paul: Dan McGowan, Jake Eggertsen, Steve Short, Jeanette Law. For Sue Johnston, just retired as Licensed Lay Minister, thanking God for her many years of faithful service and for improved health. For the Secret Agent Park Trail on 18 June, a community-focussed outreach event for families in the local park, investigating who Jesus is. The last event at Easter was very well attended by local families - pray they will come again and be open to the gospel message.
Bishop Olivia confirming at Christ Church Cathedral School

FRIDAY 17 Walbury Beacon: Jenny Veasey, Richard Pascall, Patrick Whitworth. For all parishioners and PCCs in a benefice in vacancy since September 2020 and for the ongoing recruitment process. For the churches of Kintbury, Hamstead Marshall and Enborne facing change through pastoral reorganisation.
Enborne CE Primary School, Kintbury St Mary’s CE Primary School.

SATURDAY 18 Banbury St Hugh: Anita Smith, Colin Smith. Give thanks for the growing use of our building for community groups during the week and pray for opportunities to connect with them. Give thanks for much that has been positive in the life of the church through the pandemic, opening up new possibilities. Pray particularly for finding new ways to encourage children and young people.

MONDAY 20 Ironstone: Alicia Baker, Lindy Bridgeman. Pray that we will be guided as we continue to look for a House for Duty priest; that during the summer months we will engage with our village communities and have fun.
Wroxton CE Primary School, Shenington CE Primary School.

TUESDAY 21 Marston and Elsfield: Skye Denno, Andy Gosler, Neil Barker, David Cranston, Joel Denno, Geoff Hale. As the advert goes out for our Families and Children's Minister at Marston we pray for wisdom for the interview panel, and trust that the right person will be reached by our advert. Thank God for new growth and new members joining at Elsfield and pray for further outreach and community events. For the Hymns and Pimm’s service at Elsfield on 26 June.

WEDNESDAY 22 Wykeham: Neil Bowler, John Tattersall, Jocelyn Merris. For discernment in the preparing of and implementation of mission planning, across all six churches in the benefice, and for Bishop Carpenter CE Primary School, Sibford Gower Primary School, Sibford School and Swalcliffe Park School.

THURSDAY 23 Deddington with Barford, Clifton and Hempton: Annie Goldthorp, Christopher Hall, Christine Turner, Allan Doig. For growth at our two Family Services (Deddington and Barford St Michael) as well as our toddler group, Squiggles and Wriggles. We give thanks and pray for continued support for the Pantry Project.
Deddington CE Primary School.

FRIDAY 24 Bodicote: Sarah Sharp, Nick Fielden, Elizabeth Smith, Brian Gardner. For our curate, Nick, as he prepares for his ordination to priesthood. For the work of the church with our three primary schools: Bishop Loveday CE Primary School, The Grange and Longford Park.

SATURDAY 25 Bloxham with Milcombe and South Newington: Dale Gingrich, Michael Campling, Hazel Scarr, John Smith, Olwen Smith. For greater co-operation in ministry and mission as a united benefice. For our Building our Future initiative to increase our Christ-like presence in the community. For constructive engagement with local schools to support pupils, teachers and all staff members.
Bloxham CE Primary School.
MONDAY 27 Banbury St Leonard: For the parish during our time of vacancy and for wisdom and grace during the recruitment process of the new vicar. For our verger, Liz Spittle, who conducts morning prayer on a Wednesday and a Saturday. St Leonard’s CE Primary School.

TUESDAY 28 Shaw cum Donnington: Raymond Obin. For Ed Yates as we welcome him as curate in July. For our work on a new Vision Statement and beginning to use that to frame areas of ministry and service. Shaw-cum-Donnington CE Primary School.

WEDNESDAY 29 Adderbury: Liz Simpson. For new enthusiasm and energy to restart and begin new projects; for work with families; for new people to respond to God’s call to leadership. Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School.

THURSDAY 30 For the work of the Mothers’ Union in Ahoada and Warri, Nigeria.

**Prayer on Sundays**

SUNDAY 5 For all attending the diocesan Clergy Conference this week, and for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as they gather together.

SUNDAY 12 Bishop Gavin confirming at Christ Church, Abingdon and Kingham.

SUNDAY 19 Bishop Olivia confirming at St Luke’s, Maidenhead.

SUNDAY 26 For refugees in our diocese and those hosting them and supporting them.

**Links**

Prayers from Christian Concern for One World: [ccow.org.uk](http://ccow.org.uk)

Topical prayers from the Church of England: [churchofengland.org/topical-prayers](http://churchofengland.org/topical-prayers)