

Ross and Archenfield Deanery **Prayer Diary**

Praying Together

4th July 2021— 1st August 2021

Our Deanery Prayer:

**Living God,
who breathed into your disciples
the power of the Holy Spirit,
and so equipped them for the work of mission
through love and service;
Renew in our churches a vision of your kingdom
where all things are made new,
and justice and peace will reign;
and grant us grace and strength to proclaim this good
news,
won for us through the love of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

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Welcome from Revd Mark

Hello, and welcome to the prayer diary for July. We have some great festivals in the church that often get forgotten as they don't fall on a Sunday, so here is a chance to remember great saints and people from the New Testament who played a key part in Jesus' ministry and in the spread of Christianity across Europe.

With all the talk about colonialism and slavery, the commemoration of William Wilberforce and others occurs this month. A chance for us to pray for all who are still caught up in human trafficking and exploitation. This may be closer to home than we think! Please do take a look at the resources on the Web from various charities and campaigns.

With every blessing,



Revd Mark

P.S. if you want to update what we say about your village or community, just drop Revd Mark an email on revmark100@yahoo.co.uk and he will update the prayer points for your parish.

Sunday 1st August 9th Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: John 6 verses 26—27

²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:

open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: For our journey of faith and that we become more and more the pilgrim people of God who follow Jesus out of love as we work and pray together..

Across our Deanery: St. Mary and St. Thomas a Becket, Much Birch, for all who live in the village and those who work at the surgery.

**Saturday 31st Ignatius of Loyola,
Founder of the Jesuits d. 1556**



Scripture: Acts 4. 32–35

³²The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Collect: Almighty God, by whose grace Ignatius, kindled with the fire of your love, became a burning and a shining light in the Church:

inflame us with the same spirit of discipline and love, that we may ever walk before you as children of light; 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 for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: For the incorporation of Ignation spirituality into our day, for a time of reflection at the end of each day.

Across the Deanery: St. Matthew, Marstow and for those who live in the village.

**Sunday 4th July Fifth
Sunday after Trinity**

**Scripture: Mark 6 12 –1
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¹²So the disciples went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: For our calling as disciples and for courage to grow our faith in study and prayer.

Across the Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Walford and for all who live in the village, for the local shops and pubs and the local school.

Monday 5th

Scripture: Psalm 19 verses 3—4a

³There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth,

Mark 6:12

*They went out and
preached that
people should
repent.*

and their words to the end of the world.

For our prayers: For the wonders of creation and the glory of God revealed in nature. We pray for places where we feel close to God, garden, forest or mountain top.

Across the Deanery: St. Mary the Virgin, Welsh Newton and St. John the Baptist, Llanrothal and for all who live and work in the villages.

Tuesday 6th

Scripture: Psalm 19 verses 4b—6

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,

and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

For our prayers: For this day and all that it brings. For the people we will talk with and the places we visit.

Across the Deanery: St. Lawrence, Weston –under- Penyard and all who live and work in the village.

Wednesday 7th Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr d.1170

Scripture: Matthew 10 32-33

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: ³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I al-

welcome friends and neighbours with hospitality and friendship.

Across the Deanery: Christ Church, Llangrove, the Llangrove Academy School and the village with its pub.

Friday 30th William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano, Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery Campaigners d 1833, 1979 & 1846

Scripture: Galatians 3 verses 27-28

²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ; ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus

Collect: God our deliverer, who sent your Son Jesus Christ to set your people free from the slavery of sin: grant that, as your servants William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson toiled against the sin of slavery, so we may bring compassion to all and work for the freedom of all the children of God; 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 for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: For those who work against modern slavery and the trafficking of people. For all who support those who have been trafficked.

Across the Deanery: Christ Church, Llanwarne and St. John the Baptist (ruin), Llanwarne and for all working to restore the village hall.

may show the love of God in all that they do.

Across the Deanery: St. Deinst, Llangarron and for all who live in the village.

Thursday 29th Mary, Martha and Lazarus Companions of Jesus

Scripture: John 12 verses 1—3

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

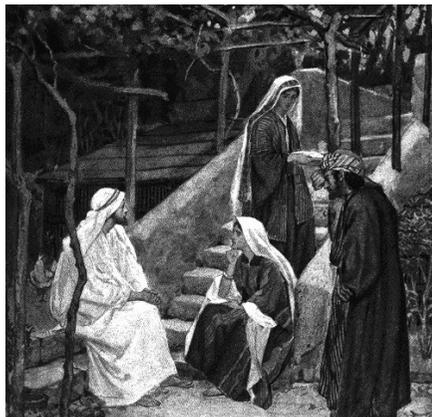
²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

Collect: God our Father, whose Son enjoyed the love of his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus, in learning, argument and hospitality:

may we so rejoice in your love that the world may come to know the depths of your wisdom, the wonder of your compassion, and your power to bring life out of death;

through the merits of Jesus Christ, our friend and brother, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: For all Christian families, that they may



so will deny before my Father in heaven.

Collect: Lord God, who gave grace to your servant Thomas Becket to put aside all earthly fear and be faithful even to death:

grant that we, disregarding worldly esteem, may fight all wrong, uphold your rule, and serve you to our life's end; 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 for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: Those who have given their lives for their faith, especially those who have come under political persecution. For the churches dedicated to Thomas a Becket, including Much Birch.

Across the Deanery: St. Dubricius, Whitchurch and for those who live and work in the village, for Whitchurch House Care Home and the local school. The group friends of St. Dubricius who have died since November 2020, the families, congregation and members of the local community who mourn their losses.

Thursday 8th

Scripture: Psalm 19 verses 7—8

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;



⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;

For our prayers: That we may follow Jesus' commandment to love the Lord our God and our neighbour as our selves.

Across the Deanery: St. James, Wyesham and for those who live in the village.

Friday 9th

Scripture: Psalm 19 verses 9—10

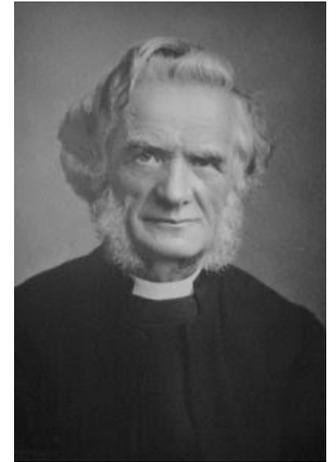
⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

For our prayers: That we may walk in the footsteps of Jesus where ever we go this day. That we may desire God with our whole being.

Across the Deanery: John Kyrle High School, Ross on Wye, for the Head, staff and pupils. For those who link church and school.

the teaching of your servant Brooke Westcott:
enrich it evermore with your heavenly grace and raise up faithful witnesses who, by their life and teaching, may proclaim the truth of your salvation; 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 for ever. Amen



For our prayers: For all who teach theology and for students in college and on those who teach and learn at our local ministry course centre in Ludlow and on-line.

Across the Deanery: St. Junabius, Llandinabo and all who work in the area, especially the orchards and soft fruit businesses.

Wednesday 28th

Scripture: Psalm 21 verses 5—7

⁵ His glory is great through your help;
splendour and majesty you bestow on him.
⁶ You bestow on him blessings for ever;
you make him glad with the joy of your presence.

⁷ For the king trusts in the LORD,
and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

For our prayers: For those who have a Christian vocation to lead in the church, in politics and the world. That they

ent to your word and made ready to be the mother of your Son:

help us to commit ourselves in all things to your keeping and grant us the salvation you promised to your people: 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 for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: For all parents, especially parents of babies born during the COVID-19 lockdown, that they may love their children and always seek the best for them.

Across the Deanery: St. Mary's, Little Birch and for those who live in the village. For the Village Hall and all working to improve it.

Tuesday 27th Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith d. 1901

Scripture: Matthew 5 verses 13—15

Jesus said to the crowds, ¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁵In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Collect: Almighty God, who enlightened your Church by

Saturday 10th

Scripture: Psalm 19 verses 11—12

¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.

For our prayers: For ourselves when we fall short of what God wants us to be and for the grace to receive his forgiveness.

Across the Deanery: Ross Cottage Hospital, the staff and patients, those who visit on behalf of the local churches.

Sunday 11th Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Mark 6 18—20

John was in prison. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

Collect: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For our prayers: For churches dedicated to John the Baptist and for our steadfastness in speaking truth to power.

Across the Deanery: St. John the Baptist Aston Ingham in the Ariconium Benefice, Church Officers and congregation.

Monday 12th

Scripture: Psalm 19 verses 13—14

¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart

be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

For our prayers: That our sins may be forgiven and all we do this day may be to the glory of God in Jesus our Saviour.

Across the Deanery: All Saints, Bishopswood in the Wye Reaches Benefice and for its future.

Tuesday 13th

Scripture: Psalm 20 verses 1—3

¹The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

²May he send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from Zion.

³May he remember all your offerings,

who belonged to the church. ²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

Collect: Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death:

help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; 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 for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: That we may be faithful followers of Jesus, setting aside all that the world has to offer for the sake of His kingdom.

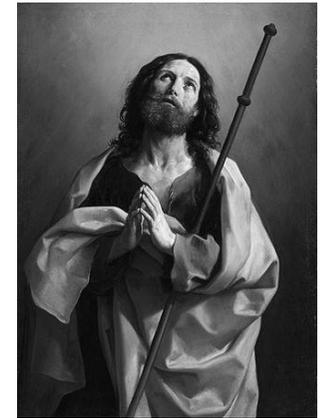
Across the Deanery: St. Mary's, Linton and those who live and work in the village.

Monday 26th Anna and Joachim—Parents of Mary

Scripture: Matthew 13 verses 16-17

¹⁶Blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

Collect: Lord God of Israel, who bestowed such grace on Anne and Joachim that their daughter Mary grew up obedi-



in flame us with the same spirit of discipline and love, that we may ever walk before you as children of light; 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 for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: For the people of Sweden and for all who follow the holy way of life by becoming a monk or nun. For religious communities across the land.

Across the Deanery: St. Andrew with St. Mary, How Caple. For those who live in the village and surrounding farms.

Saturday 24th

Scripture: Psalm 21 verses 3—4

³ For you meet him with rich blessings;
you set a crown of fine gold on his head.
⁴ He asked you for life; you gave it to him—
length of days for ever and ever.

For our prayers: For the leaders of the nations, that they may use their power and influence for the benefit of all who live in their countries and work for a fairer and greener world.

Across the Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Kings Caple and for those who live in the village. For Kings Caple Primary School and the staff and pupils.

Sunday 25th James the Apostle

Scripture: Acts 12 verses 1– 2

¹About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some

and regard with favour your burnt sacrifices. *Selah*

For our prayers: May the hand of our God protect us and those who we hold close, in times of trouble.

Across the Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Brampton Abbots. For the people in the village of Brampton Abbots and that the church of St, Michael become a vital part of village life.

Wednesday 14th John Keble Priest and Poet 1866

Scripture: Lamentation 3 verses 25-26

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

Collect: Father of the eternal Word, in whose encompassing love all things in peace and order move:
grant that, as your servant John Keble adored you in all creation, so we may have a humble heart of love for the mysteries of your Church and know your love to be new every morning, in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: For Keble College, Oxford, the students and staff. For all who seek beauty in worship and churches.

Across the Deanery: St. Bridget, Bridstow. For the village, Bridstow C of E Primary School and the village



Thursday 15th Swithun, Bishop c. 862

Scripture: James 5 13—15

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.



Collect: Almighty God, by whose grace we celebrate again the feast of your servant Swithun:

grant that, as he governed with gentleness the people committed to his care, so we, rejoicing in our Christian inheritance, may always seek to build up your Church in unity and love;

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 for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: For all involved in pastoral visiting to the sick or the lonely, those who feel called to a ministry of prayer. For farmers and all who depend on faith weather at this time of year.

Across the Deanery: St. Michael and All Angel's, Dewsall and St. Mary Callow (closed). For those in the village of Callow and for those getting married at Dewsall Court and Dewsall Church.

them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:

forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: For all who have turn their life around and follow Jesus, that they may witness to the healing power of Christ in all they do and say.

Across the Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels', Hope Mansell. For the people who live and work in the village.

Friday 23rd Bridget of Sweden , Abbess 1373

Scripture: 1 John 2. 15–17

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. ¹⁶The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world — the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches — comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

Collect: Almighty God, by whose grace Bridget, kindled with the fire of your love, became a burning and a shining light in the Church:

For our prayers: For all who will call out to God in desperation today, that he might answer their call and bring them peace and contentment.

Across the Deanery: St. Giles', Goodrich and St. Margaret's, Welsh Bicknor. For the people of the villages, for Goodrich C of E School and for visitors to Goodrich Castle.

Wednesday 21st

Scripture: Psalm 21 verses 1– 2

¹In your strength the king rejoices, O LORD,
and in your help how greatly he exults!

²You have given him his heart's desire,
and have not withheld the request of his lips. *Selah*

For our prayers: For those who seek God and ask in prayer, that their prayers may be answered.

Across the Deanery: St. Dubricius', Hentland and St. Catharine's, Hoarwithy. For the two villages and those who live there, for the local pub and shop in Hoarwithy.

Thursday 22nd Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles

Scripture: John 20 verses 16—18

¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to



Friday 16th

Scripture: Psalm 19 verses 4—5

⁴May he grant you your heart's desire,
and fulfil all your plans.

⁵May we shout for joy over your victory,
and in the name of our God set up our banners.

May the LORD fulfil all your petitions.

For our prayers: That we may lay the plans for the future at God's feet that he might bless them and so help those plans to come to fruition.

Across the Deanery: St. Peter's Dixton. For the PCC and those working to restore the church.

Saturday 17th

Scripture: Psalm 20 verses 6 –8

⁶Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.

⁷Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.

⁸They will collapse and fall,
but we shall rise and stand upright.

For our prayers: That we may be strong in our faith as we work and live in the world and that we shall stand upright in face of those who would sneer.

Across the Deanery: St. Mary's, Foy. For the hamlet of Foy

and for those who raft, walk, swim and canoe down the Wye past the church.

Sunday 18th Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Mark 6 verses 31—32

³¹ Jesus said to his disciples, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.



Collect: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:

graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: For all who need a holiday and time away, especially those who care for elderly or infirm or disabled members of their family. For those who run retreat centres.

Across the Deanery: St. Swithin, Ganarew. For the people of the village and the care home next to the church.

Monday 19th Gregory and Macrina, Bishop and Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith c. 394 & c. 379

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2 verses 15—16

¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶ 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?'

But we have the mind of Christ.

Collect: Lord of eternity, creator of all things, in your Son Jesus Christ you open for us the way to resurrection that we may enjoy your bountiful goodness:

may we who celebrate your servants Gregory and Macrina press onwards in faith to your boundless love and ever wonder at the miracle of your presence among us; 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 for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: For spiritual guides and those who accompany us on our journey of faith. For our brothers and sisters in the Orthodox Church.

Across the Deanery: St. Michael and All Angel's, Garway. For those who worship there, those who live in Garway and those looking to the future of the church building.

Tuesday 20th

Scripture: Psalm 20 verse 9

⁹ Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.