

Ross and Archenfield Deanery

Praying Together

Prayer Diary

Thursday 1st August to

Sunday 1st September 2024



Revd Mark writes:

August is often the month of holidays and days lazily lying in the sun wondering if it is time for an ice-cream! Across the Deanery we will be taking time of rest and well-earned recuperation.

In the Commandments, God reminds us that we are to take one day a week off, not to work or toil but to set the day aside. It can be more and more difficult in our always-on 24hour world to find these times, but we all need to do so.

We are not at our best and we cannot serve God if we are always at the ragged end of our range, emotions strained and tiredness holding on to our bones. The wisdom of God in saying that there needs to be time for rest is not to be underestimated.

So do find yourself some time for yourself—and maybe a little time for God. Our prayer diary helps you day by day to bring God into where you are and whom you are with, so let his Spirit fill you as you pray and on those quiet days, let his Spirit bring you a peace the world cannot provide.

With every blessing,

Revd Mark

Please get in touch with suggestions for events. You can reach Mark at revmark100@yahoo.co.uk

Please continue to pray for Ukraine and Gaza/Israel and the ongoing conflict: for the rapidly changing situation.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for all people across the world. Amen.

Thursday 1st August

Scripture: Psalm 89 verse 3—4

- ³ You said, ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:
⁴ “I will establish your descendants for ever,
and build your throne for all generations.”’ Selah

Across our Deanery: St. Swithin, Ganarew. For the people of the village, the work going on in the church and the care home next to the church.

For our Prayers: Remembering the promises from our baptisms and those affirmed in our confirmation, that we should be faithful to God, who is faithful to us.

Friday 2nd

Scripture: Psalm 89 verse 5—6

- ⁵ Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.
⁶ For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,

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

For our Prayers: That our prayers and praises join with the angels and heavenly choirs to affirm the praises of our God, for Holy is his name.

Saturday 3rd

Scripture: Psalm 89 verse 7—8

⁷ Our God is feared in the council of the holy ones,
great and awesome above all that are around him?

⁸ O Lord God of hosts,
who is as mighty as you, O Lord?
Your faithfulness surrounds you.

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

For our Prayers: May our lives echo the praise that rings in the courts of heaven as we give thanks to the God who created us.

Sunday 4th 10th Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: John 6 verse 25—27

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ 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: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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.

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

For our Prayers: That our hearts may treasure that which is eternal and not seek after that which is fleeting and of this world.

Monday 5th Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr 642

Scripture: John 16 verses 31—33

³¹Jesus answered them, 'Do you now believe? ³²The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. ³³I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!'

Collect: Lord God almighty, who so kindled the faith of King Oswald with your Spirit that he set up the sign of the cross in his kingdom and turned his people to the light of Christ:

grant that we, being fired by the same Spirit, may always bear our cross before the world and be found faithful servants of the gospel; 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.

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

For our Prayers: The people of Northumbria that they may recognise their spiritual heritage and follow the ideals of Christ in the world.

Tuesday 6th The Transfiguration

Scripture: Luke 9 verses 28—30

²⁸ Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

Collect: Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Across our Deanery: St. Andrew with St. Mary, How Caple. For those who live in the village and surrounding farms. For How Caple Court and those who are getting married there this year.

For our Prayers: That we may see the glory of God in the everyday and so know something of the power and God's presence.

Wednesday 7th

Scripture: Psalm 89 verses 9 –10

⁹ You rule the raging of the sea;
when its waves rise, you still them.

¹⁰ You crushed Rahab like a carcass;
you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

Across our 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.

For our Prayers: Giving thanks for God's creation, for the power of storms which reveal the might of our God, who is Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

Thursday 8th Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers,
1221

Scripture: Ecclesiasticus 39 verses 6—7

⁶If the great Lord is willing,
he will be filled with the spirit of understanding;
he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own
and give thanks to the Lord in prayer.

⁷The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge,
as he meditates on his mysteries.

Collect: Almighty God, whose servant Dominic grew in the knowledge of your truth and formed an order of preachers to proclaim the faith of Christ:

by your grace give to all your people a love for your word and a longing to share the gospel, so that the whole world may come to know you and your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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

For our Prayers: All who preach regularly in churches across our Deanery, especially for Clergy, Readers and Licensed Lay-leaders.

Friday 9th Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

Scripture: Hebrews 13 verses 4—5

⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'

Collect: Faithful and loving God, who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life:

give us the gift of your Holy Spirit, that through word, prayer and deed your family may be strengthened and your people served; 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.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary, Little Birch and for those who live in the village. For those walking the Herefordshire Trail as it passes the church, The Village Hall and all working to improve it.

For our Prayers: The Mothers' Union across our Diocese and for Andria Lewis, Diocesan President and Revd Penny Littlewood, Chaplain, and local branches, especially for St. Mary's, Ross.

Saturday 10th Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9 verses 6—7

⁶The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Collect: Almighty God, who made Laurence a loving servant of your people and a wise steward of the treasures of your Church: fire us with his example to love as he loved and to walk in the way that leads to eternal life; 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.

Across our Deanery: South Wye Rural Benefice of St. David Little Dewchurch with St Dubricius Ballingham (closed), St John of Jerusalem (closed) Bolstone, Aconbury, St Andrew Dinedor and St. Cuthbert Holme Lacy (in the care of the Council for the Care of Churches Trust).

For our Prayers: Those recently ordained as Deacon—Angela Forster (Highley with Billingsley, Glazeley and Deuxhill and Chelmarsh), David Hall (Bromyard and Stoke Lacy), Tracy Jones (Great Hanwood and Longden, and Annscroft with Pulverbatch), Sam Rigby (Wenlock Team Ministry) and William Talbot-Ponsonby (Leominster Team Ministry)

Sunday 11th Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: John 6 verses 35a, 45b—48

³⁵Jesus said to the crowd ^{45b} Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life.

Collect: O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

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

For our Prayers: That we may know the Father through his only Son, Jesus the Christ, and in knowing him, may draw closer each day to the one who calls us.

Monday 12th

Scripture: Psalm 89 verses 11—12

¹¹ The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours;
the world and all that is in it—you have founded them.

¹² The north and the south^l—you created them;
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.

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

For our Prayers: The whole nation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, that our land be blessed, north and south, east and west, by the power of God's blessing.

Tuesday 13th Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667

Scripture: Titus 2 verse 7 –8

⁷Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, ⁸and sound speech that cannot be censured; then any opponent will be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of us.

Collect: Holy and loving God, you dwell in the human heart and make us partakers of the divine nature in Christ our great high priest:

help us who remember your servant Jeremy Taylor to put our trust in your heavenly promises and follow a holy life in virtue and true godliness;

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.

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

For our Prayers: The Bishops and Suffragan Bishops across the Church of England as they listen to the Holy Spirit to guide them in the challenging decisions they have to make.

Wednesday 14th Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941

Scripture: Wisdom of Solomon 4 verses 13—14

¹³Being perfected in a short time, they fulfilled long years;

¹⁴for their souls were pleasing to the Lord,

therefore he took them quickly from the midst of wickedness.

Collect: O God, who filled Maximilian Kolbe with a burning love for the Virgin Mary and with zeal for souls and love of neighbour, graciously grant, through his intercession, that striving for your glory by eagerly serving others, we may be conformed, even until death, to your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Across our Deanery: Christ Church, Llanwarne and St. John the Baptist (ruin), Llanwarne, for its future as a Festival Church and for those working to restore the old church.

For our prayers: For all who are imprisoned because of thier faith, that they may have patience in thier suffering and be saved from despair by the power of God's love in Jesus.

Thursday 15th Blessed Virgin Mary

Scripture: Galatians 4 verses 4—5

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

Collect: Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:

grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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.

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

For our Prayers: Giving thanks for Mary and her “Yes” to God. May we have the courage to also respond to our God when he calls us to do something extra-ordinary.

Friday 16th

Scripture: Psalm 89 verses 13—14

¹³ You have a mighty arm;

strong is your hand, high your right hand.

¹⁴ Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

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

For our Prayers: That our world be filled with God’s justice, the low lifted high and peace restored and that we may live in harmony with Creation.

Saturday 17th

Scripture: Psalm 89 verses 15—16

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout,

who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

¹⁶ they exult in your name all day long,

and extol your righteousness.

Across our Deanery: St. David, Much Dewchurch and for those who live in the village. For Charnwood Nursing Home and the residents and staff, for the Steiner Academy and the staff and pupils.

For our Prayers: That we may be joyful in our faith, and through our prayers and hymns, worship our God with a glad heart.

Sunday 18th Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Luke 12 verse 55—56

Jesus also said to the crowds, ‘⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve:

pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Orcop and all who live in the village. For the village hall and the events that take place there.

For our Prayers: Our world and the challenges it faces, especially when it comes to climate change, that the world may find common cause to care for the whole earth and restore God’s creation.

Monday 19th

Scripture: Psalm 89 verses 17—18

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favour our horn is exalted.

¹⁸For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Across our Deanery: St. Denys, Pencoyd, St. Mary, Tretire and St. Michael and All Angels, Michaelchurch (under the care of CCT). For all who live and farm in the area.

For our Prayers: All who need protection and shelter this day, that the shield of God's love with cover them in time of need and protect them in times of conflict.

Tuesday 20th Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153

Scripture: Revelation 19 verse 6—7

⁶Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out,

'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

⁷Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.'

Collect: Merciful redeemer, who, by the life and preaching of your servant Bernard, rekindled the radiant light of your Church: grant us, in our generation, to be inflamed with the same spirit of discipline and love and ever to 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.

Across our Deanery: St. Peter, Peterstow, for those who rely on the local shop and those who live in the village, for the church and its role as a village hub.

For our Prayers: All who are called to the monastic life, especially those who live in community and work and pray together. Remembering all those who are Tertiary members of an order, who live in the world but are not of it.

Wednesday 21st

Scripture: Psalm 89 verses 18—21

¹⁹ Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said:

‘I have set the crown on one who is mighty,
I have exalted one chosen from the people.

²⁰ I have found my servant David;

with my holy oil I have anointed him;

²¹ my hand shall always remain with him;

my arm also shall strengthen him.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary, Ross-on-Wye, for all who live in the town and those moving into the new housing. For the work of the Messy Church.

For our Prayers: That your people, O God, may have a vision for your kingdom and that vision be made real in the lives of the churches where they worship and the communities where they live.

Thursday 22nd

Scripture: Psalm 89 verse 22—23

²² The enemy shall not outwit him,
the wicked shall not humble him.

²³ I will crush his foes before him

and strike down those who hate him.

Across our Deanery: For the Life-Link Chaplain’s appointment and links with John Kyrle Academy and community organisations across

the Ross.

For our Prayers: All who are fearful this day, that God will reach out to them to give them a place of safety and a rock on which to stand firm.

Friday 23rd

Scripture: Psalm 89 verses 24—25

²⁴My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him;
and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

²⁵I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.

Across our Deanery: St. Tysilio, Sellack and for all who live in the village and farm the local area.

For our Prayers: That we may know God's Holy Spirit with us all through this day as we walk the pilgrim path.

Saturday 24th Bartholomew the Apostle

Scripture: Luke 22 verse 25—27

²⁵But Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive 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.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael, Sollers Hope and for those who live and work in the area.

For our Prayers: Churches and congregations dedicated to St. Bartholomew, Especially the church in Holmer, Hereford as they welcome their new vicar.

Sunday 25th Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: John 6 verses 67—69

⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’

Collect: Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Across our Deanery: St. Weonards, St. Weonards church, the village hall, the new housing being built in the village, the local shop, and St. Weonards Primary School.

For our Prayers: That we may continue in our journey to follow Jesus, no matter how difficult the journey is and how steep the path.

Monday 26th

Scripture: Psalm 89 verses 26—27

²⁶ He shall cry to me, “You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation!”

²⁷ I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, The Lea and all who live and work in the village, The Lea C of E Primary school and all who teach and study there.

For our Prayers: All who cry out to God this day, that they may know the power of God to protect and save them.

Tuesday 27th Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Scripture: Ecclesiasticus 26 verses 2—3

²A loyal wife brings joy to her husband,
and he will complete his years in peace.

³A good wife is a great blessing;
she will be granted among the blessings of the man who fears the Lord.

Collect: Faithful God,

who strengthened Monica, the mother of Augustine, with wisdom,
and through her patient endurance encouraged him to seek after you:

give us the will to persist in prayer that those who stray from you may be brought to faith in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Upton Bishop, for those who live in the village, for the local pub and the village hall.

For our Prayers: All who are mothers and those who are pregnant. Maternity services across our County and those who are in the mid-wifery department at Hereford County Hospital.

Wednesday 28th Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 430

Scripture: Romans 13 verses 13—14

¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Collect: Merciful Lord, who turned Augustine from his sins to be a faithful bishop and teacher:

grant that we may follow him in penitence and discipline till our restless hearts find their rest in you;

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.

Across our 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. For the appointment of the House for Duty Post.

For our Prayers: Those who work at our Theological Colleges and are leading summer schools or preparing for the next intake of ordinands, all who work in our Diocese who train the next generation of Readers and Clergy.

Thursday 29th Beheading of John the Baptist

Scripture: Matthew 14 verse 9—11

⁹The king was grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he commanded it to be given; ¹⁰he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. ¹¹The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother.

Collect: Almighty God, who called your servant John the Baptist to be the forerunner of your Son in birth and death:

strengthen us by your grace that, as he suffered for the truth, so we may boldly resist corruption and vice and receive with him the unfading crown of glory;

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.

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

For our Prayers: Those in prison and those who work within the prison system, charities that work with prisoners to help them face their future. Persecuted Christian in prison, especially those in Iren.

Friday 30th John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688

Scripture: Hebrews 12 verses 1– 2

¹Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Collect: God of peace, who called your servant John Bunyan to be valiant for truth:

grant that as strangers and pilgrims we may at the last rejoice with all Christian people in your heavenly city;
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.

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

For our Prayers: All writers of spiritual books and guides, and those who work for the publishing houses of religious books that enhance our understanding of our faith journey.

Saturday 31st Aiden, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9 verses 16 –18

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

Collect: Everlasting God, you sent the gentle bishop Aidan to proclaim the gospel in this land:

grant us to live as he taught in simplicity, humility, and love for the poor;
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.

Across our Deanery: St. Dubricius, Whitchurch and for those who live and work in the village, for Whitchurch House Care Home and the local C of E Primary school.

For our Prayers: Those who are visiting Lindisfarne as pilgrims, that they may find the presence of God amidst all the noise and busyness of the place.

Sunday 1st September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Mark 7 verses 14—15

¹⁴Then Jesus called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’

Collect: Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence:

give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;

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.

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

For our Prayers: That the words of Jesus may reside in our hearts and displace all that might be unclean, so our hearts are pure and filled with light.

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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