

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.

Please look out for us on Facebook.

Search for “Ross and Archenfield Deanery”

*Collects © The Archbishops’ Council 2000 & 2002. Bible quotes from
the NRSVACE.*

Ross and Archenfield Deanery

Praying Together

Prayer Diary for 1st June 2022

to 3rdth July 2022



Revd Mark Johnson writes:

Welcome to our prayer diary for June. We see the change across the Church calendar from the joy of Pentecost, to the theological reflection of Trinity Sunday, the celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to ordinary time and the Sunday's after Trinity.

June also see us celebrate John the Baptist, a favourite saint of churches across our Deanery, and Barnabas. We also include Corpus Christi—on English a Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion. Like Ascension Day, a feast day that has been side-lined by the world, but mean a lot to us, as followers of Jesus.

Revd Mark

Please get in touch with suggestions for events, and places to pray for in your parish or benefice so that we can update this prayer diary as things change.

Please continue to pray for Ukraine and the ongoing conflict:

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

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 the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Sunday 3rd Thomas the Apostle

Scripture: John 20 verse 27

²⁷Then Jesus said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

Collect: Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him:
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;
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's faith had come through a period of doubt and are now filled with the knowledge of our God.

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

For our Prayers: Those who fear they will be forgotten, that their names will not live on, that they know they are loved by God from eternity and will never perish from his sight.

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.

Saturday 2nd—Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Scripture: Luke 1 verses 41-42

⁴When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'

Collect: Mighty God, by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary and greeted her as the mother of the Lord:
look with favour on your lowly servants that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: All who are pregnant and those who support them through this time of life, for maternity care and Sure-Start.

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.

Wednesday 1st June Justin, Martyr at Rome, c. 165

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1 verses 23-25

²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Collect: God our redeemer, who through the folly of the cross taught your martyr Justin the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ:
remove from us every kind of error that we, like him, may be firmly grounded in the faith, and make your name known to all peoples; 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 witness for their faith, particularly in places where they are likely to be arrested or imprisoned, praying for Christians in China and Iran.

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.

Thursday 2nd

Scripture: Psalm 38 verses 5—8

⁵My wounds grow foul and fester
because of my foolishness;
⁶I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;
all day long I go around mourning.
⁷For my loins are filled with burning,

and there is no soundness in my flesh.

⁸ I am utterly spent and crushed;

I groan because of the tumult of my heart.

For our Prayers: All who are struggling with pain this day, physical, mental or spiritual. For those who bring healing and care to those in distress.

Across our Deanery: St. Peter's Dixon. For the PCC, those working to restore the church, for the local school and nursery.

Friday 3rd

Scripture: Psalm 38 verses 9—11

⁹ O Lord, all my longing is known to you;
my sighing is not hidden from you.

¹⁰ My heart throbs, my strength fails me;
as for the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.

¹¹ My friends and companions stand aloof from my affliction,
and my neighbours stand far off.

For our Prayers: Those who are isolated because of their disability or feel that they cannot be part of their neighbourhood due to disability. All who are recovering from long COVID.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary's, Foy. For the hamlet of Foy and for those who raft and canoe down the Wye past the church.

Saturday 4th

Scripture: Psalm 38 verses 12-14

¹² Those who seek my life lay their snares;
those who seek to hurt me speak of ruin,
and meditate treachery all day long.

For our Prayers: For the churches dedicated to Peter across our Deanery, Dixon and Peterstow. That we, with them, may continue to feed God's people with spiritual nourishment.

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.

Thursday 30th

Scripture: Psalm 41 verses 1—3

¹ Happy are those who consider the poor;
the LORD delivers them in the day of trouble.

² The LORD protects them and keeps them alive;
they are called happy in the land.

You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.

³ The LORD sustains them on their sickbed;
in their illness you heal all their infirmities.

For our Prayers: Those who are struggling with the cost of living rises, those reliant on our foodbanks, that the Lord will continue to protect and bless them.

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

Friday 1st July

Scripture: Psalm 41 verses 4—5

⁴ As for me, I said, 'O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you.'

⁵ My enemies wonder in malice
when I will die, and my name perish.

Tuesday 28th

Scripture: Psalm 40 verses 16-17

¹⁶ But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation
say continually, 'Great is the LORD!'
¹⁷ As for me, I am poor and needy,
but the Lord takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
do not delay, O my God.

For our Prayers: That we may have confidence in the faithfulness of our God, to see us through the good times and the difficult of this this life.

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.

Wednesday 29th Simon Peter the Apostle

Scripture: Matthew 16 verses 15-16

¹⁵ Jesus said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

Collect: Almighty God, who inspired your apostle Saint Peter to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:
build up your Church upon this rock, that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

¹³ But I am like the deaf, I do not hear;
like the mute, who cannot speak.

¹⁴ Truly, I am like one who does not hear,
and in whose mouth is no retort.

For our Prayers: People who are struggling with anxiety, or other problems that make them feel paranoid. All who work in mental health support.

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

Sunday 5th Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2 verses 2—3

² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

Collect: God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: As we celebrate the birthday of the Church, for all the people in our congregations to be uplifted by the Spirit and to proclaim the Kingdom of God in word and deed.

Across our 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.

Monday 6th

Scripture: Psalm 38 verses 15-16

¹⁵ But it is for you, O LORD, that I wait;

it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.

¹⁶ For I pray, 'Only do not let them rejoice over me,
those who boast against me when my foot slips.'

For our Prayers: Those waiting patiently on God to answer their prayers. All who pray this day but do not feel close to God that they may continue in their prayers.

Across our 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.

Tuesday 7th

Scripture: Psalm 38 verses 17—20

¹⁷ For I am ready to fall,
and my pain is ever with me.

¹⁸ I confess my iniquity;
I am sorry for my sin.

¹⁹ Those who are my foes without cause are mighty,
and many are those who hate me wrongfully.

²⁰ Those who render me evil for good
are my adversaries because I follow after good.

For our Prayers: All people who are confessing their faults before God, that they may receive forgiveness and the burden eased from

Collect: Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth:

send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.

Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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 have courage to walk the way of the Cross and find it none other than the way to life and peace.

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

Monday 27th

Scripture: Psalm 40 verses 13-15

¹³ Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.

¹⁴ Let all those be put to shame and confusion
who seek to snatch away my life;
let those be turned back and brought to dishonour
who desire my hurt.

¹⁵ Let those be appalled because of their shame
who say to me, 'Aha, Aha!'

For our Prayers: for all who will be taunted and humiliated this day, that they may have courage and self-belief and to know that God loves them as they are.

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

The Lea, Upton Bishop and Llanrothal and the congregations that worship there.

Across our Deanery: St. Peter, Peterstow, for those who rely on the local shop and those who live in the village.

Saturday 25th

Scripture: Psalm 40 verses 11-12

¹¹Do not, O LORD, withhold
your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe for ever.

¹²For evils have encompassed me
without number;
my iniquities have overtaken me,
until I cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails me.

For our Prayers: All who feel overwhelmed by life this day, those who are feeling hopeless and lost. May they have family and friends to support them.

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

Sunday 26th Second Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Luke 9 verses 61-62

⁶¹Another said to Jesus, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' ⁶²Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

their shoulders.

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

Wednesday 8th—Thomas Ken, Bishop and hymn writer 1711

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4 verses 5 –6

⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Collect: O God, from whom all blessings flow, by whose providence we are kept and by whose grace we are directed:
help us, through the example of your servant Thomas Ken, faithfully to keep your word, humbly to accept adversity and steadfastly to worship 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.

For our Prayers: People who write the hymns we sing and will sing, that they may express our theology in words and lead us to a deeper understanding of our faith.

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

Thursday 9th Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary 597

Scripture: Titus 2 verses 13b-14

Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Collect: Almighty God, who filled the heart of Columba with the joy of the Holy Spirit and with deep love for those in his care: may your pilgrim people follow him, strong in faith, sustained by hope, and one in the love that binds us to 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.

For our Prayers: The ecumenical community in Iona, the Wild Goose Worship Group and the Celtic Spirituality resources they provide for the church.

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

Friday 10th

Scripture: Psalm 38 verses 21-22

²¹Do not forsake me, O LORD;
O my God, do not be far from me;
²²make haste to help me,
O Lord, my salvation.

For our Prayers: For ourselves that we may not feel abandoned by God in the challenges and changes of life.

see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O LORD.

¹⁰I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.

For our Prayers: that we might proclaim what God has done for us as we go about our daily business.

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

Friday 24th Birth of John the Baptist

Scripture: Luke 1 verses 59-60

⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.'

Collect: Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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: the churches across our Deanery dedicated to John, Llanwarne (old church), Kings Caple, Aston Ingham, Orcop,

For our Prayers: That the law of Love, as revealed by Jesus the Christ, may fill our lives today and all the days to come.

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

Wednesday 22nd Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c.250

Scripture: John 12 verses 25-26

Jesus said, ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

Collect: Eternal Father, when the gospel of Christ first came to our land you gloriously confirmed the faith of Alban by making him the first to win a martyr's crown:

grant that, following his example, in the fellowship of the saints we may worship you, the living God, and give true witness to 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: The city of St. Albans and the people who live there. For the Diocese, its bishop, clergy and congregations.

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.

Thursday 23rd

Scripture: Psalm 40 verses 9—10

⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;

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.

Saturday 11th Barnabas the Apostle

Scripture: Acts 11 22—24a

²²News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; ²⁴for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.

Collect: Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us, by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service;
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: All who serve the church in unexpected and quiet ways, for those who clean our churches.

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

Sunday 12th Trinity Sunday

Scripture: John 16 verses 13-14

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will

Speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:

keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
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 are faithful to the doctrines of the church, knowing God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Monday 13th

Scripture: Psalm 39 verses 1—3

¹ I said, 'I will guard my ways
that I may not sin with my tongue;
I will keep a muzzle on my mouth
as long as the wicked are in my presence.'

² I was silent and still;
I held my peace to no avail;
my distress grew worse,

³ my heart became hot within me.
While I mused, the fire burned;
then I spoke with my tongue:

Monday 20th

Scripture: Psalm 40 verses 4—5

⁴ Happy are those who make
the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.

⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;
none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

For our Prayers: That our souls be filled with the light of God's peace this day and we show that peace in the places where we work and rest.

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.

Tuesday 21st

Scripture: Psalm 40 verses 6—8

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have not required.

⁷ Then I said, 'Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart.'

Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.

For our Prayers: That we may sing God's praises in the tasks and work that we do this day.

Across our Deanery: Christ Church, Llanwarne and St. John the Baptist (ruin), Llanwarne, for its future as a Festival Church and for who worked on restoring the village hall.

Sunday 19th First Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Luke 8 verses 38-39

³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away,

Collect: O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 our worship this day may be filled with songs of joy and moments of delight in our God.

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

For our Prayers: Those who stand up to injustice and work for a fairer society, the common good and human rights.

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

Tuesday 14th

Scripture: Psalm 39 verses

⁴'LORD, let me know my end,
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting my life is.

⁵You have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight.
Surely everyone stands as a mere breath. *Selah*

⁶ Surely everyone goes about like a shadow.
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
they heap up, and do not know who will gather.

For our Prayers: That we may hold on to our faith while all seems to be changing and in turmoil around us.

Across our Deanery: St. David's, Little Dewchurch with St Dubricius', Ballingham (closed), St John of Jerusalem (closed), Bolstone, St Andrew's, Dinedor and St. Cuthbert's, Holme Lacy (in the care of the Council for the Care of Churches Trust) and for the future of the parish.

Wednesday 15th

Scripture: Psalm 39 verses 7—10

⁷'And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?
My hope is in you.

⁸ Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool.

⁹I am silent; I do not open my mouth,
for it is you who have done it.

¹⁰Remove your stroke from me;
I am worn down by the blows of your hand.

For our Prayers: Those who feel that their faith is slipping away this day. That they may have persistence in prayer and remember the goodness of our God.

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

Thursday 16th Corpus Christi

Scripture: John 6 verses 51

Jesus said to the Jews: ⁵¹'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption;
for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: Giving thanks for Holy Communion, remembering our link with Jesus and the Disciples in that Upper Room on the night before he was betrayed.

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

Friday 17th

Scripture: Psalm 39 verses 11-13

¹¹'You chastise mortals
in punishment for sin,
consuming like a moth what is dear to them;
surely everyone is a mere breath. *Selah*

'Hear my prayer, O LORD,
and give ear to my cry;
do not hold your peace at my tears.

For I am your passing guest,
an alien, like all my forebears.

¹³Turn your gaze away from me, that I may smile again,
before I depart and am no more.'

For our Prayers: That we may behold the glory of the Lord and find in him, a path through this world, that leads to peace.

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

Saturday 18th

Scripture: Psalm 40 verses 1—3

¹I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

²He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.

³He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.