

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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Praying Together

Prayer Diary for July 31st to

September 4th 2022



Revd Mark writes:

As we come to August, it can be a bit of a “dead” time. Schools have closed, people are coming and going on holiday, the regular routine of life is a little disrupted and it is easy to let the days just drift by.

But for those who work the land, things are in full swing. Harvest is happening, crops are being brought in and stored, land is being prepared for the next crop. Life is a full throttle for them as bad weather may well threaten the crops and, by extension, the profitability of the farm and the hope for future generations.

So please remember and pray for our farmers, big and small, over these weeks.

Revd Mark

Please get in touch with suggestions for events, and places to pray for in you parish or benefice so that we can update this prayer dairy as thing change. You can reach Mark at revmark100@yahoo.co.uk

Please continue to pray for Ukraine and the ongoing conflict:

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.

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.

For our Prayers: our sense of discipleship and of following Jesus in our day to day life, that we may walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Across the Deanery: St. David's, Little Dewchurch with St Dubricius', Ballingham (closed), St John of Jerusalem (closed), Bolstone, St John the Baptist (closed) Aconbury, 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.

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

Saturday 3rd September: Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2 verses 7b-8

^{7b}But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Collect: Merciful Father, who chose your bishop Gregory to be a servant of the servants of God:
grant that, like him, we may ever long to serve you by proclaiming your gospel to the nations, and may ever rejoice to sing your praises;
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 Bishop Richard, Archdeacons Derek and Fiona, and for their leadership of our Diocese as we explore the new Diocesan priorities.

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.

Sunday 4th Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Luke 14 verses 25b—27

^{25b}Jesus turned and said to the crowd, ²⁶'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Sunday 31st Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Luke 12 v 15

¹⁵And Jesus said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.'

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: That we might hold the right balance when it comes to possessions and generosity, care for ourselves and our families and the needs of the world.

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

Monday 1st August

Scripture: Psalm 44 vv 9-10

⁹Yet you have rejected us and abased us,
and have not gone out with our armies.
¹⁰You made us turn back from the foe,
and our enemies have taken spoil for themselves.

For our prayers: Those who feel betrayed by families and friends, and have lost trust in those closest to them.

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.

Tuesday 2nd

Scripture: Psalm 44 vv 11-12

¹¹ You have made us like sheep for slaughter,
and have scattered us among the nations.

¹² You have sold your people for a trifle,
demanding no high price for them.

For our prayers: Refugees who have been exploited in their journey to find safety . For all who are victims of modern slavery and those who bring the law breakers to justice.

Across our Deanery: For all who teach in our primary and secondary schools and for a time for them to relax and recharge over the summer holidays

Wednesday 3rd

Scripture: Psalm 44 vv 13—14

¹³ You have made us the taunt of our neighbours,
the derision and scorn of those around us.

¹⁴ You have made us a byword among the nations,
a laughing-stock among the peoples.

For our prayers: The poorer nations of the earth as they struggle with the effects of climate change, droughts, floods and fires, loss of agriculture and production.

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.

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.

For our Prayers: The island of Lindisfarne and the many people who visit as tourists or as pilgrims, for the people who live on the island.

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

Thursday 1st September

Scripture: Psalm 45 vv 10—11

¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;

forget your people and your father's house,

¹¹ and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him;

For our Prayers: Those in forced marriages and those working to help them escape.

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.

Friday 2nd September

Scripture: Psalm 45 vv 12—13a

the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts,

the richest of the people ¹³with all kinds of wealth.

For our Prayers: Those standing up to corruption and all who are whistle-blowers, that they may be seen as honest and upright people.

ject at St. Catharine's to improve access, the local pub and shop in Hoarwithy.

Tuesday 30th John Bunyan, Spiritual Write, 1688

Scripture: Hebrews 12 verse 2

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.

For our Prayers: Theological writers and those who compile bible studies and reflections that help us to find treasure in the words of Scripture.

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

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

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9 verses 17-18

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:

Thursday 4th

Scripture: Psalm 44 vv 15-16

¹⁵All day long my disgrace is before me,
and shame has covered my face

¹⁶at the words of the taunters and revilers,
at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.

For our prayers: All who suffer bullying at work or at school. For those campaigning to stop bullying and to bring respect to the workplace.

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.

Friday 5th Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

Scripture: 1 Peter 4 verses 12—13

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

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.

For our prayers: The people of North East and the cities of Newcastle and Sunderland and Durham. For the prosperity of the region and for those who are visiting it over their holidays.

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.

Saturday 6th Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

Scripture: Luke 9 verses 28—29

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.

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.

For our prayers: that our lives may be transfigured to reflect the goodness of God and that our love of Jesus may shine in our lives.

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

Sunday 7th Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Luke 12 verses 32-34

Jesus said to his disciples, ³² Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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.

For our Prayers: the gift of hospitality and of sharing what food we have with those who are struggling to feed themselves and their families.

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.

Monday 29th Beheading of John the Baptist

Scripture: Matthew 14 verses 10—12

¹⁰ Herod sent and had John beheaded in the prison. ¹¹ The head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, who brought it to her mother. ¹² His disciples came and took the body and buried it; then they went and told Jesus.

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.

For our Prayers: Those who are being persecuted for their faith, especially those who have been imprisoned and whose fate is uncertain.

Across the Deanery: St. Dubricius', Hentland and St. Catharine's, Hoarwithy. For the two villages and those who live there, for the pro-

Across the 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.

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

Scripture: Ecclesiasticus 26 verses 3

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.

For our Prayers: Those who guided us to faith and that we can guide the next generation to be the followers of Jesus.

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.

Sunday 28th Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Luke 14 verses 13-14

¹³Jesus said "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

Collect: Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:

when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For our Prayers: that our hearts may be set on heaven and not on the acquisition of earthly wealth.

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

Monday 8th Dominic, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

Scripture: Ecclesiasticus 39 verses 9 –10

⁹Many will praise his understanding; it will never be blotted out.

His memory will not disappear, and his name will live through all generations.

¹⁰Nations will speak of his wisdom, and the congregation will proclaim his praise.

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.

For our Prayers: all called to preach the Gospel, for the College of Preachers and the work they do in encouraging challenging and entertaining preaching of Jesus.

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.

Tuesday 9th: Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mother's Union, 1921

Scripture: Hebrews 13 verses 1-2

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it

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.

For our Prayers: The Mother's Union and the local and Diocesan branch, for Revd Penny Littlewood in her role as Chaplain.

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.

Wednesday 9th: Laurence, Deacon at Rom, Martyr, 258

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9 verses 10

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

Collect: Almighty God, who made Laurence a loving servant of your people and a wise steward of the treasures of your Church:

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 Armenia and Azerbaijan, and all who are working for justice and peace in those countries.

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

Thursday 25th

Scripture: Psalm 45 vv 6 –7

⁶Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever.

Your royal sceptre is a sceptre of equity;

⁷ you love righteousness and hate wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

For our Prayers: Those who campaign for justice and peace, especially in places of civil conflict and at great risk to themselves.

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

Friday 26th

Scripture: Psalm 45 vv 8—9

⁸ your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

⁹ daughters of kings are among your ladies of honour;

at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

For our Prayers: Those who work in the fashion industry and especially those working to promote sustainable use of fabrics and longer lasting clothing.

For our Prayers: That the grace of God be poured into our hearts and lives this day.

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

Tuesday 23rd

Scripture: Psalm 45 vv 4—5

⁴In your majesty ride on victoriously
for the cause of truth and to defend the right;
let your right hand teach you dread deeds.

⁵Your arrows are sharp
in the heart of the king's enemies;
the peoples fall under you.

For our Prayers: all who defend the poor and the marginalised, those who stand up for communities under threat.

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.

Wednesday 24th Bartholomew the Apostle

Scripture: Luke 22 verses 28-30

Jesus said to his disciples ²⁸“You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.’

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;

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.

For our Prayers: Those who were made Deacon at Petertide in Hereford Cathedral this year Richard Lonsdale (Pontesbury First and Second Portions; Minsterley, Habberley and Hope with Shelve); Linde Melhuish (the Hop Churches, NSM); Jonathan Roberts (Leominster Team Ministry).

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

Thursday 11th: Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares), 1253

Scripture: Song of Solomon 8 verse 7

⁷Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

Collect: God of peace, who in the poverty of the blessed Clare gave us a clear light to shine in the darkness of this world:
give us grace so to follow in her footsteps that we may, at the last, rejoice with her in your eternal 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

For our Prayers: The Monastery of the Poor Clares in Much Birch and for the 6 sister who live there including Sister Josephine.

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.

Friday 12th

Scripture: Psalm 44 v 17—19

¹⁷All this has come upon us,
yet we have not forgotten you,
or been false to your covenant.

¹⁸Our heart has not turned back,
nor have our steps departed from your way,

¹⁹yet you have broken us in the haunt of jackals,
and covered us with deep darkness.

For our Prayers: faithful Christians in difficult circumstances, those who are fleeing war or civil conflict in Southern Sudan.

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.

Saturday 13th: Jeremy Taylor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667

Scripture: Titus 2 verses 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:

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

Sunday 21st Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Luke 13 verses 12-13

¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, ‘Woman, you are set free from your ailment.’ ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

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.

For our Prayers: Those with the gift of healing and those who practice the ministry of lay on of hands.

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

Monday 22nd

Scripture: Ps 45 vv 2-3

²You are the most handsome of men;
grace is poured upon your lips;
therefore God has blessed you for ever.

³Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one,
in your glory and majesty.

Friday 19th

Scripture: Psalm 45 vv 1 -

¹My heart overflows with a goodly theme;
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

For our Prayers: Those who write and compose hymns and worship songs, that they praises may be sung on high.

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

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

Scripture: Revelation 19 vv 5—6

⁵From the throne came a voice saying,
'Praise our God, all you his servants, and all who fear him, small and great.'
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.'

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.

For our Prayers: those called to live the monastic lifestyle, whether in community or dispersed across the country. In the new monastic movement.

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.

For our Prayers: Theological writers and teachers, those who are teaching and lecturing in our theological colleges and on WEMTEC and its link with Ripon College, Cuddesdon.

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

Sunday 14th Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Luke 12 verses 49-50

Jesus said to his disciples: ⁴⁹'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!'

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: Those being baptised over the summer, in our local churches and across the Deanery, for parents and Godparents.

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.

Monday 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.

For our Prayers: Churches dedicated to St. Mary and all those who are blessed with motherhood, for the love and care of our mothers.

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

Tuesday 16th

Scripture: Psalm 44 vv 20—22

²⁰ If we had forgotten the name of our God,
or spread out our hands to a strange god,

²¹ would not God discover this?

For he knows the secrets of the heart.

²² Because of you we are being killed all day long,
and accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

For our Prayers: Those who find themselves strangers in a strange land and with no place to call home. For those who live on our streets and the charities the reach out to them.

Across the Deanery: John Kyrle High School, Ross on Wye, for the Head, staff and pupils.

Wednesday 17th

Scripture: Psalm 44 vv 23-24

²³ Rouse yourself! Why do you sleep, O Lord?

Awake, do not cast us off for ever!

²⁴ Why do you hide your face?

Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?

For our Prayers: Those who feel abandoned by God and cry out in prayer but hear no words of comfort.

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

Thursday 18th

Scripture: Psalm 44 vv 25-26

²⁵ For we sink down to the dust;
our bodies cling to the ground.

²⁶ Rise up, come to our help.

Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love.

For our Prayers: those imprisoned in sin and who cannot find a way to escape and all who counsel and pray with them.

Across the Deanery: The Deanery Leadership Team, Revd Sean Semple (Rural Dean), Revd Tim Starling (assistant RD), Patrick Darling (Lay Co chair), Gill Wylie (assistant Lay-Co chair), Paul Baker (Deanery Treasurer).