

Benefice Prayer Diary
Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton
June 2020

A Benefice Prayer: Lord, let us not labour for you in vain. Teach us to pray, deepen our fellowship, enable our ministry, strengthen our benefice, and nurture our children. That, united in Christ, we might indeed become a holy temple in which you dwell by your Spirit. Amen

Monday 1st June:

Pray today for the parish of Marshfield, for its PCC, and their churchwardens Eric Pullin and Paul White.

Tuesday 2nd June:

Pray for other Christians who live in our community but are not part of our parish churches. Remember particularly the congregation at Marshfield Chapel.

Wednesday 3rd June:

Give thanks and pray for all those individuals, organisations and businesses that maintain and support the life of our local communities at this difficult time.

Thursday 4th June:

“Trying to do the Lord’s work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you” (*Corrie Ten Boom, 1892-1983*). Pray that the Fire of God will ignite us, the Wind of God invigorate us, the Word of God inspire us, and the God of Pentecost be our blessing today and always.

Friday 5th June:

“God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good” (*Genesis 1: v31*). On World Environment Day, ask for God’s forgiveness for any harm we have done to His creation.

Saturday 6th June:

Pray for parents as they face the challenges and dilemmas of bringing up their children, particularly during the pandemic when they face additional issues of childcare and home-schooling.

Sunday 7th June: Trinity Sunday

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.

Monday 8th June:

In our link Diocese of Mukono, Uganda, pray for the clergy and people of KAWOLO-KITEGA Parish.

Tuesday 9th June:

Pray today for the parish of Tormarton, for its PCC, and their churchwarden Bruce Finnermore

Wednesday 10th June:

“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” (*Proverbs 11:25*). Give thanks for the generosity and sharing of gifts by volunteers in our communities, in “normal” times as well as the present crisis. Pray that their example lead us to being more giving and generous towards others in need.

Thursday 11th June:

Pray that all the gifts God gives us - time, talents and money - are put to good use as we work to build His kingdom here.

Friday 12th June:

Pray today for family and friends who need a kindling of faith and to know the love of Christ in their lives

Saturday 13th June:

Pray (in the words of the Bible Reading Fellowship Prayer) that "all who prayerfully read your word will deepen their fellowship with each other through your love".

Sunday 14th June: 1st Sunday after Trinity

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.

Monday 15th June:

Pray today for the parish of West Littleton, for its PCC and for their churchwarden David Adams.

Tuesday 16th June:

"Wherever you travel I'll be there". Pray that, as we travel through life may the Holy Spirit give us words to say and the discernment to act appropriately. May we see the lost, the shy and the lonely and like Jesus, bring light into their lives.

Wednesday 17th June:

Some of the prayers in this Diary are taken from "Families Worldwide", the Mothers' Union Prayer Diary. Pray for the local branch and for the work of MU in providing Christian care for families.

Thursday 18th June:

Pray for the unity of God's people worldwide, and that we may show respect and understanding in our relationships with those of other faiths.

Friday 19th June:

Pray for those facing long-term or life-threatening illness, and those who care for them in a hospital, hospice or at home.

Saturday 20th June:

Today is World Refugee Day, established by the United Nations to remember those forced to flee their homes under threat of persecution, conflict and violence. Ask for forgiveness that we live in a world where such a Day is necessary.

Sunday 21st June: 2nd Sunday after Trinity - Fathers Day

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.

Monday 22nd June:

In our link Diocese of Mukono, Uganda, pray for the clergy and people of LUGAZI Parish.

Tuesday 23rd June:

Pray today for the parish of Cold Ashton, its PCC, and their churchwarden Monica Green.

Wednesday 24th June:

Today, the Church remembers the birth of John the Baptist. Pray that God will "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" (*from the Collect for the day*)

Thursday 25th June:

Pray for our linked CMS mission partners Jimmy and Katia Rocks and their family Joanna and Davi as they continue to develop their ministry of outreach in one of the areas of Brazil that is most in need.

Friday 26th June:

Today marks International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking. Pray for those whose lives have been ravaged by drug abuse and illicit trafficking and for those helping them to salvage hope and a future.

Saturday 27th June:

Pray for the Benefice Ministry Team members - Rev Sally Wheeler, Rev Lynne Godfrey, Andrew Gammie, Aurea Hart, Charles Keene and Mike Strathdee - and their ministry to us. Pray also for all those who help maintain this ministry at a time when we cannot meet up in person

Sunday 28th June: 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of 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.

Monday 29th June:

Pray for our diocesan Bishop, Vivienne Faull, our suffragan Bishop Lee Rayfield, and for the staff that support them in leading this diocese.

Tuesday 30th June:

Pray today for all who are burdened by the cares of life, particularly at the present time when their future still may seem uncertain to them. Ask that the love of Christ will touch their hearts and bring tranquillity within despite the pressures they face.

Please Note: If you would like a prayer to be included in our Tuesday prayer group or in this Prayer Diary, please contact Paul Sawyer, 16, Fairfield Close, Marshfield (891436)