

Prayer Diary – July 2025

Spending time with God in prayer is fundamental to our Christian life and is a means by which we communicate with our heavenly father and build relationship with God. Below are some suggested prayer topics which are aimed at raising awareness rather than giving instructions. Use these suggestions as a guide but make them your own, in your own way, to build your own relationship.

Tuesday 1st	On Sunday we celebrated the Ordination of Lorima Cook (Lori) as Curate for the Parish. Today is her first official day with us; let us pray for her as she settles, and for her ministry among us.
Wednesday 2nd	Following yesterday's prayer, we have more cause for thanksgiving and prayer as we give thanks for Jan Durrant, a second Curate! Jan has now completed the Caleb course and has been accepted for ordination into the Church of England as a Deacon, (her ordination being in September). Let us give thanks for how God has led her this far and pray for her future among us.
Thursday 3rd	Today is the festival for Thomas the Apostle, known to us all as 'Doubting Thomas'. Do we doubt or know others who are struggling in their faith? Let us pray for a new awakening of God's Spirit among them and us.
Friday 4th	Pray for David and Marion as they seek to hear God's leading upon their own lives and for the Parish. We are pleased for their safe return and news of the healthy development of their grand-daughter.
Saturday 5th	Let us pray for the services being held tomorrow – for the Sung Holy Communion at St Martin's and the All-Age service at St John's. We think of those who will come, that God would meet with them, and for those on the livestream that all might feel God speaking to them in a real way.
Sunday 6th	Wonersh Fair starts today at 12.30pm. We are hosting the cake and biscuit stall. Do pray for a safe event and one where we can make good community contacts and share the love of God.

Monday 7th	As another working week begins, let us remember those who are working, for their involvement and interaction with colleagues, their travel and for guidance in all that they do today.
Tuesday 8th	There are troubled areas of our world desperate for peace and a new beginning. Call one such area of conflict to mind and pray for God to work mightily among the leaders and people of the countries involved.
Wednesday 9th	Spend some time today to give thanks for how God has touched your life and offer up some prayers of thanksgiving and celebration.
Thursday 10th	Let us remember Clare Hepworth, our children and families leader. Chatterbox meets in Lawnsmead where parents and carers share, support and enjoy time with each other and their children. Pray for this to be a 'Holy Place' and for strength, wisdom and energy for Clare and her team.
Friday 11th	Do pray for the Jazz Concert tomorrow evening in St John's. This draws many from our community and is a chance for us to share our fellowship with them.
Saturday 12th	Tomorrow, we celebrate communion at 8am (BCP) and Morning Worship at 10am, both at St John's. There will be a family gathering afterward to formally welcome Lori among us and so we would ask for a happy, loving and joyful time together; with some good weather!
Sunday 13th	Weekends are often a time for families to gather. Pray for God to be intrinsic in a family that you know and remember those for whom family life is difficult or perhaps even broken.
Monday 14th	We pray for our mission partner, Mim Friday and her colleague, Faith, working with Crane and Viva International. May their work with the children of Uganda be directed and upheld by God.
Tuesday 15th	Some in our community are struggling, perhaps with loneliness or illness. Bring someone that you know who is suffering in some way, to God, and seek their deliverance from their situation.
Wednesday 16th	The 'end of year special and graduation ceremony' for those older Chatterbox children will take place tomorrow. Do lift up these children to God as they embark on their school careers and enter new experiences.
Thursday 17th	Thursday is the time for our mid-week service for Senior's. Pray for Jan as she leads this group and for those that serve, and attend. This is a special community where we are pleased to see God at work. Pray for how this might be seen and exemplified through them
Friday 18th	Today the church formally remembers Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer. Let us, therefore, pray for those who are imprisoned in one way or another, and remember their humanity, their needs, their need for forgiveness and their release from what binds.
Saturday 19th	Our services tomorrow include a communion at 10am at St John's and Choral Evensong in St Martin's at 6pm. Do pray that these

	may be honouring times of worship and meeting with God, and for those involved.
Sunday 20th	We live in a wonderful environment, in a beautiful part of the country. Let us give thanks for all that we enjoy in the world around us but also remember those less fortunate and especially for those who make decisions that could impact the global climate.
Monday 21st	Today we hold a blessing for the gift of children, especially with members of the Mums, Bumps and Babies group. For some this may be their first time in a church so we pray for the children and parents that God may extend his love to each and every member in a special way.
Tuesday 22nd	Schools are breaking up for the summer holidays. We give thanks for the teachers and school staff and pray for a period of good rest and renewed vision over the next few weeks. Pray also for our continued good relations with Womersley and Shamley Green School.
Wednesday 23rd	The YMCA are a mission partnership who continue to house and support disadvantaged, many from overseas. Let us pray for their wellbeing and how our involvement with the YMCA may develop.
Thursday 24th	Pray for those groups that operate in our community for the good of others, which may include the shop, surgery, U3a and many others. Consider those who give their time to these groups and for their needs.
Friday 25th	Another working week draws to a close but for those in Government, there is rarely a close period. Pray for those who lead, that they may have wisdom, respect for their fellow and understanding of needs. May they be led by the principles of God.
Saturday 26th	Tomorrow, we have an 8.00am communion service, 10.00am Morning Worship at St John's, and in the evening at 6.00pm in St Martin's, chance to 'Be Still' with God. Pray that wherever we are, we may meet with God in these sacred moments.
Sunday 27th	Today we remember those who are on call for our safety – ambulance, police and fire services among others. Ask God to empower and aid them in their service to us all.
Monday 28th	GLO - Great Lakes Outreach, headed by Simon Guillebaud works in Burundi bringing dignity and Christian hope to many. Pray for its work and Simon's leadership and vision.
Tuesday 29th	There are two weddings coming up in early August (Lauren and Mark, and Tatiana and Theo). Please pray that God may be in their final preparations and central to the wedding day itself.
Wednesday 30th	Pray for our church in all its facets. Take one close to your own heart and bring God into this situation. Let us seek God's will for our future direction.
Thursday 31st	Many will be preparing to go on holiday. Pray that all may be kept safe on their travels and have the opportunity to spend time with each other and with God, as other distractions recede.