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THU 1

Heavenly Father, we pray for the work to be done following General Synod members backing the motion to affirm the human dignity of disabled children. We pray for the church to be a leader in accepting people with disabilities; and to invest time and attention into figuring out ways of welcoming and supporting families with disabilities. Amen

FRI 2

Olwyn Powell invites us to pray,
Almighty Father, let us pray for all those who are travelling on holiday during the summer months. Lord keep them safe and also those who provide travel services for them. Amen

SAT 3

Prayer today is for a Fresh Expressions,
We are invited to pray for Forest Church, Shirley. Lord we pray for wisdom in extending the reach of Forest Church and for how we can make strong links with Messy Church. We pray for good weather and increased attendance. Amen



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THANKSGIVING

Sunday 4 August

Today's prayer is from Catherine Grylls: Brother Roger of Taizé (1921-2004),
O Christ, give us the gift of looking towards you at every moment.
So often we forget that you live within us, that you are praying within us, that you are loving within us. Your miracle in us is your trust and your forgiveness, always offered in that unique communion which is called the Church

MON 5

Lord, we pray for the team at Christ Church, Summerfield church revitalisation, that they have positive engagements with under 25's in the local community and that these young people come to know God. Amen

TUE 6

We are invited to pray for the 24 people who have signed up to 'Children and Families Leadership Formation',
Oh Lord, we pray that this course is beneficial to all who attend, and they remain committed and supported to complete it. Amen

WED 7

We pray for wisdom for the team at St Mary's, Pye Hayes as they continue to assess and develop the church works, which will make the church more accessible and useable. We pray that funding becomes available to make this possible. Amen

THU 8

We pray for the Gas Street South worshipping community, that they find a more suitable building for their services, for their growing congregation. God, please unblock whatever spiritual strongholds are holding back this church's search for a new home. Amen

FRI 9

Prayer today is for the Ministry Pathway,
We pray that the recruitment of participants will continue well for all cohorts in this pathway and for enablers as they go through the learning community model, that they will be encouraged and equipped to train others. Amen

SAT 10

Father, please surround our elderly with your protection. Keep them safe both physically and emotionally.
Bless them with the gift of wisdom, patience and grace. Let them be a source of inspiration and encouragement to those around them. May they continue to share their wisdom and knowledge with others, leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come. Amen

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 11 August

Prayer today is from Canon Claire Laland, Malawi Task Group,



Those living in Upper Shire Diocese, Malawi, invite us to pray with them to thank God for the enthronement of their new Bishop, Rt Revd William Mchombo. Bishop William was enthroned at St Peter and Paul Cathedral in Mangochi in May this year. Upper Shire had been without a Bishop for over a year and all give thanks to God as they look forward to the future.

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MON 12

Prayer today is inspired by International Youth Day,
We thank you for the youths among us, within our families, in our church and in our community. Lord, we pray for wisdom from above, to guard their hearts and minds. We pray that youths be understanding of others as they seek to be understood themselves. We pray that you will help them find purpose and meaning in life, as they discover their own purpose in the things of eternity. We pray they will develop love and passion for God. Amen

TUE 13

Prayer today is inspired by Genesis 8:22,
As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.

WED 14

Prayer today is from the Aston & Sutton Coldfield Children and Families Mission Enabler (CMFE),
Lord, we pray for the new worshipping community 'Church on Jarvis' at St Margarets Short Heath. For the faith journey of those attending together with sustainability for the leadership team. We ask for God to bring new leaders and show to us the potential in new leaders. Amen

THU 15

Heavenly Father, thank you for caring about my life. Thank you that I can talk to you about everything. I have lots of concerns so I'm bringing each one to you. Thank you for promising to give me your peace. Amen

FRI 16

Prayer today is for St Bartholomew's Allens Cross,
Heavenly Father, we pray for the Allens Cross church community, that they continue to know God's guidance as the building of their new church building progresses and we support them on this journey.





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SAT 17

John Nightingale invites us to pray,
Loving God, you give us the wisdom to know and courage to do what is right, we thank you that our government has committed itself to promoting more green energy and better house insulation. We ask it may give a lead to Birmingham Council Net Zero Team, BrumEnergy and all of us, in putting these policies into practice. Amen

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 18 August

Prayer today is for the Children and Families Missioners (CFM) Overarching Project,

Lord, we thank you for the CFM Project. Please pray for successful recruitment, that we may find the right person for Yardley & Solihull deanery and that through this, more people will come to know Jesus. Amen



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MON 19

Today is World Humanitarian Day,
O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace:
let the design of thy great love lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows: and give peace to thy Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts: through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen



TUE 20

Revd Louise Beasley, Assistant Curate in Lickey and Blackwell, invites us to pray,

Jesus, in your name, we pray for Cycle Church, hosted by St Catherine's Church in Blackwell. Throughout 2024, we ask that this fresh expression of Church will attract those who are new to the Christian faith. We ask that all who worship through Cycle Church, experience your love through your beautiful creation as we ride. Please protect us and help us to be a blessing to each other and everyone we meet on our monthly rides. Amen



WED 21

Prayer today is for Bearwood Revitalisation,
Father, please raise up the leaders at St Mary's Bearwood, building capacity within the team and supporting new individuals to step up. Grow individual's skills and capacity supporting the church enabling the load to be shared. Amen

THU 22

Prayer today is from the Coleshill & Polesworth CMFE,

Lord we pray for Ignite Youth Group, The Whitacres, Lea Marston and Shustoke, that new volunteers are found to support this group and the young people who are attending, so they can continue to gather to talk about life's big questions and faith. Amen

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FRI 23

Today is International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition,

Almighty and most loving God,
through your Son Jesus, who came among us as a slave, choosing rather to serve his disciples than to be served by them; help us in our weakness not to seek to oppress others, nor to make peace with any form of exploitation, but in all things earnestly and of our own free will, to seek to serve each other following Christ's good example; this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SAT 24

Prayer today is from the Warley & Edgbaston CMFE,

We pray that the leads for new project activities within Warley & Edgbaston deanery for children and families will be fruitful, and that new young people come to know God and build their faith through our activities. Amen

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 25 August

Catherine Grylls invites us to pray,
O Sabbath rest by Galilee!

O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity
Interpreted by love!

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

MON 26

Father Almighty, we pray for the churches who are considering setting up Safe Spaces for young people, that they recruit enough volunteers to support their project activities and they find ways to make new connections with young people in their neighbourhood.



TUE 27

We give thanks for the Places of Worship Heritage Trail around Handsworth and Lozells. We pray that those taking this walk learn about the rich variety of religious communities who live alongside one another and understand the diversity that is found across Birmingham and the West Midlands.



WED 28

In Jesus name, we lift up the Oversight Formation Area of Kings Norton, Moseley & Shirley, that they, and all new oversight areas will explore how to work together in new ways, collaborate together in mission and share existing resources between them more effectively. Amen

THU 29

Prayer today is for those taking part in Growing Gifts (training and formation for leading worship or preaching on an occasional basis, locally authorised),

Gracious and Holy God
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit.
Lead us in your Light
And guide us by your Grace.
Open our hearts to your Wisdom
And nourish us with your Goodness.
May our words and lives proclaim you
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



FRI 30

Prayer today is from the Colehill & Polesworth CMFE,

Almighty God, we pray for the Coleshill & Polesworth parishes to engage with new children and families and provide a pathway for them to build their faith through joining worshipping communities and becoming new disciples. Amen

SAT 31

Olwyn Powell invites us to pray,
The Church family of St Peter & St Paul's Water Orton seek prayer for their weekend away 6 – 8 September. We pray that they will be blessed and sanctified as a community of believers and grow as a church in love for one another. Amen