

November 2024 Prayer Diary

Friday 1st – *All Saints Day* - Give thanks for the lives of all the saints who have borne faithful witness to Christ, and pray that we may follow their example and be living saints here on earth.

Saturday 2nd – *All Souls Day* - Remember the departed and pray for all who mourn, however distant or private their loss.

Sunday 3rd – Give thanks and pray for all who contribute to our Sunday worship, and our amazing technical teams. Pray too for the residents of Hale Lane and the work of the Bible Society

Monday 4th – *Children's book week* - Give thanks for the gift of literature and pray for all working to increase literacy around the world.

Tuesday 5th - *Bonfire Night* - Pray that everyone may have fun safely tonight, and give thanks for the emergency services at what is often a busy time.

Wednesday 6th – *National Stress Awareness Day* - Pray for all who suffer from mental health difficulties, that they may be calmed and comforted.

Thursday 7th – Give thanks for the life of our village, and pray for all who contribute to it through running clubs, societies and charities.

Friday 8th – Give thanks for all who work to keep our church beautiful – flower arrangers, brass polishers, churchyard gardeners and many more. Pray for God's blessing on their labours

Saturday 9th - Give thanks for the love shown by all carers and pray that they will be given the strength and patience needed to go on when times are hard. Pray too for those they care for.

Sunday 10th – *Remembrance Sunday* - "*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.*" Pray for all involved in the special service today and for all who serve in our armed services, both on active service and in the reserve.

Monday 11th - *Armistice Day* – Remember the fallen in all wars, give thanks for their lives and their final sacrifice and pray for peace.

Tuesday 12th – *Anti Bullying Week* – Pray for all victims of bullying and for all who support them. Pray for the bullies that they may find a better way to manage their lives and to respect others.

Wednesday 13th – Give thanks for the Book of Common Prayer which has been the foundation of our worship for many centuries – and pray for all who attend our Wednesday morning communion services

Thursday 14th – Give thanks for all who give their time and talents to sit on our Finance Committee and work for the common good.

Friday 15th – Pray and give thanks for our mission partners, for all the work they do spreading God's love in practical ways. At home we support the Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust, Sevenoaks Counselling, The Children's Society, The Scripture Union, and the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank. Overseas we support Pursue, The Bible Society, The Church Missions Society, Hospices of Hope and Christian Aid.

Saturday 16th – Give thanks and pray for Margaret, Dawn and Mags, our Readers, and all the visiting clergy supporting us during the vacancy. Pray for faith that in God's plan for our parish.

Sunday 17th – Pray and give thanks for all attending our services today and Messy Church this afternoon. Pray too for the residents and businesses in the High Street and the work of Christian Aid

Monday 18th - Give thanks for a special blessing you have been given. Pray for someone you know needs your prayers – and pray for someone you don't want to pray for.

Tuesday 19th – *St Hilda of Whitby, patron saint of learning and culture* – Pray for all our local schools, and pray for girls' education world-wide, especially in countries where girls are often not able to go to school.

Wednesday 20th – *World Children's Day* - Give thanks for all who support our children and young people through First Steps, Messy Church, Sunday Club, Epic and YPF. Pray that they may be sent strength, wisdom and patience to continue with this ministry – and pray too for all our children and young people.

Thursday 21st – Pray for all seeking to find a solution to climate change. Pray for the many communities already adversely affected. Pray that we can find a way to make a difference in our daily lives.

Friday 22nd - *The feast of St Cecelia, patron saint of Music* - Give thanks for the joy that music gives us, and pray for the special ministry of our organist, choir and worship band.

Saturday 23rd – Pray for our Christmas Fair - that it may be a time of fun and fellowship as well as financially successful. Give thanks for everyone involved in making it possible.

Sunday 24th – *Christ the King (Stir up Sunday)* – Pray that we may acknowledge the dominion Christ our Lord has over all aspects of our lives. Pray too for the residents of Hillydeal Road and the work of the Tear Fund

Monday 25th – Give thanks for our bell ringers and pray for all who hear them calling us to worship on Sunday

Tuesday 26th –. As we continue through the vacancy give thanks for the dedication of our Church wardens Joan and Janet, our pastoral assistants Margaret and Susan and Clive in the office. Ask for a blessing for them as they continue to take on extra duties.

Wednesday 27th – As winter approaches and the weather gets colder, pray for the homeless and for all facing financial hardship. Give thanks for the agencies offering help and support, and pray for a fairer society.

Thursday 28th – *Thanksgiving Day* - Give thanks for all involved in providing our daily bread, and pray for the millions who do not have enough food – pray for a more equitable sharing of our world's resources

Friday 29th - *Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church* - Pray especially for all Christians working in areas of danger and for the people they reach out to in both spiritual and practical ways

Saturday 30th – *St Andrew the Apostle, patron saint of Scotland* – Give thanks for the life and work of all the apostles and pray for the people of Scotland.

