

The Benefice of  
St Mary the Less, Chilbolton  
St Mary's Crawley  
St Catherine's Littleton  
St Stephen's Sparsholt  
St Peter and Holy Cross, Wherwell

# PRAYER LIST

## April 2025

*Prayer is like opening a door and slipping into  
the presence of God.*

*There in the stillness to listen to His voice*

*Perhaps to petition – or only to listen*

*It matters not;*

*Just to be there, in His presence, is prayer.*

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O Christ for whom we search,  
our help when help has failed:  
give us courage to expose our need,  
and ask to be made whole  
in your healing love;  
That being touched by you,  
we may be raised to new life,  
in the power of your holy name. Amen.

This leaflet is used for prayers in the church room at Littleton on Thursdays at 4.15 pm each week, to which all are welcome, and can be used for your private prayers.

**We hold before God all those for whom prayer has been requested.**

*To comply with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), individual names are not printed, but we believe that God knows who these dear people are, and His Holy Spirit will intercede on our behalf.*

We also pray for anyone else on our hearts at this time and all those with temporary or long-term health problems and for the families and carers who support them.

We pray for those in residential care and the housebound.

We give thanks for those who are recovering from illness.

**We remember with compassion friends and relatives of the recently departed:**

Peter Haddon

Sandra Ormston

Doreen Cannings

John Maskill

Debbie Richardson

Douglas Buckingham

Ed Farrand

Brenda Headley

**We pray for all our ministry team and the work of all five churches in our Benefice**

For our Incumbent: Kevin Rogers, and his wife Lorna.

For the Ministry Team: Bruce Kington, Peter Lippiett, Alan Disher, Charlotte Nash, Andrew Kent, Sally Wesley, Alastair Barron and Carol Coleman.

Our Benefice administrator: Caroline.

All Parish Visitors and the support and time they give in the Benefice.

Anna Chaplaincy: for the recently appointed Anna Chaplain based at St Catherine's, who is due to start in early May.

**We give thanks for our Benefice and pray for a spirit of unity in the ministry we all share.**

As we prepare to review, and celebrate, all that has happened in our church communities and lives over the last year at our APCMs this month, may we also look to the year ahead, with inspiration and enthusiasm for the tasks ahead. We pray for guidance and wisdom as we seek to do God's work, in this place.

**We pray for the young in our area.**

For nurseries, schools, colleges and the university and for those who seek to work with young families in our churches, especially praying for the weekly Littleton Toddler Group and Bubble Church meeting in Chilbolton.

We pray for Sparsholt School and the recruitment process for a new headteacher.

**We pray for our local community**

For establishments with a caring outreach, their users and residents, their families, staff, pastors and administrators.

- For all Nursing and Care Homes in the area.
- The Lookout, Naomi House and jacksplace
- Andover, Basingstoke and Winchester Hospitals, Hospices and GP practices.

For groups which give aid and support to the community

- The Boaz Project
- The Prison and the Footprints Project, Street Reach
- The Emergency Services: Fire, Police and Ambulance,
- First Responders, Community Care Groups, Street and School Pastors
- Friends of the Family, Home Start, the Live at Home Scheme

We pray for the poor, homeless and hungry, and the on-going support given through the Trinity Centre, Winchester Beacon, the Basics Bank, Andover Food Bank and the Emmaus centre.

We pray for the Church of England and wider Anglican communion. We continue to pray for wisdom and guidance for those charged with appointing a new Archbishop.

Within our diocese of Winchester, we pray for Bishop Philip and Bishop Rhiannon (Suffragan Bishop of Southampton). We pray for Bishop David (current Suffragan Bishop of Basingstoke) as he and his wife Helen move to take up the position of Bishop of Truro this month and for the recruitment process for his replacement.

We pray for all those affected by the devastating earthquake in Myanmar; those injured, bereaved, left homeless and without hope, and for an effective relief programme to be established. We pray that the ruling junta will cease their hostilities against their own people and support the distribution of aid. We pray that basic necessities of water, food and shelter will be provided and there are no outbreaks of infectious diseases. We pray that the international community will be generous in donating in the face of such desperate need.

We pray for organisations such as Christian Aid and Tearfund as they seek to help support local partners on the ground to provide sustenance, safety and hope.

We pray for missionaries: Ben and Esther Brown (with Barny, Reuben and new-born Jesse), serving with MAF in Arnhem Land; Chris and Kesia Pain in Japan with OMF; for Bishop Crisanto in Northern Argentina supported by CMS; and The Brickworks supporting projects in South Sudan; for others known to, and supported by, individuals in our parishes. We pray for the ongoing work of Karis Kids in Kampala, praying for our link church, St Pauls in Okuvu, and the eight families supported by the Downs Benefice.

Requests for Prayers may be made through the Benefice Office or direct to Revd Kevin Rogers. ([office@downsbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@downsbenefice.org.uk); 01962 880845)