

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

## July 2024

*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:**

Janet Martin	Margaret Lee	James Plunton
Sir James Butler	Ian Hay	Derek Chant
Sylvia Evans	Joy Dewey	Bill Prince
Derek Hibdige	Margaret Twentyman	

**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, as they continue to settle into their new roles leading the ministry in our Benefice.

For the Ministry Team: Bruce Kington, 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.

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

We pray for Revd Kevin, the Ministry Team and PCCs as they prepare for an 'Away Day' at the end of September, that the day will be a real coming together of the parishes to seek God's will for the way forward, and for a vision for our part in God's work of ministry and mission in our communities.

**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. We uphold St Catherine's Toddler Group.

With the end of summer term close, we pray for youngsters leaving their current school and preparing for new schools or University in the autumn.

**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, providing work opportunities for adults with learning difficulties.
- 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 the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby.

Within our diocese of Winchester we pray for Bishop Philip, Bishop David (Suffragan Bishop of Basingstoke), and Bishop Geoff (Acting Bishop of Southampton). We pray for the appointment process for the new Bishop of Southampton, due to take place later this year.

This month in our Benefice we pray for the Parish of Crawley.

With the General Election taking place on 4<sup>th</sup> July, we give thanks for the opportunity to vote, to hold leaders accountable and to express our values. We pray for the newly elected government, asking that each member be filled with compassion, a desire for justice and the will to serve the people of this land. We uphold other countries facing elections this year including France and USA, for electors and candidates alike, that God's will prevail and those who are successful will lead with wisdom and integrity.

We pray for missionaries: Ben and Esther Brown, 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 nine families supported by the Downs Benefice. We pray for Michael and Carol Coleman as they prepare to join the team running the Karis Summer Camp in Kampala this August.

We pray for the work of Tearfund, Christian Aid and World Vision, together with organisations supporting the persecuted church including Open Doors.

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)