

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

## October 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:**

Geoffrey Blake

Michael Trumper

David Nevile

Jean Ward

Gwen Yeoman

Isaiah Jacob

Ron Foulkes

**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, 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 advertisement and subsequent appointment process for a new Anna Chaplain based at St Catherine's.

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

Give thanks for the Benefice Vision Day at the end of last month, when members of the PCCs, Benefice Council and the ministry team met together to share and discuss where God may be leading us in our ministry together. Pray for ongoing enlightenment and guidance and for the appointment of a small team to take this vision forwards.

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

For nurseries, schools, colleges and the university.

We uphold the Toddler Group which meets in Littleton Church Room and pray for all families in our parishes, that they may want to know more about Jesus and become active members of our church families.

**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 and Bishop David (Suffragan Bishop of Basingstoke). Give thanks for the appointment of Ven Rhiannon King as Bishop of Southampton (with her Consecration Service at Canterbury Cathedral on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00 am) and pray for her as she prepares for this new ministry.

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

As we come to the one-year anniversary of the 7<sup>th</sup> October attacks on Israel, amidst further disturbing escalation of hostilities in the Middle East, let us pray for all those who grieve the lost and pray for peace and wisdom to prevail.

13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> October is designated as Prisons Week, and so let us pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime.

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 nine families supported by the Downs Benefice. 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)