



St. Mary's
Warwick's Church of Treasures

July 2022

Prayer Diary

Thank you for using these prayers to support our local, national and global communities, and thank you to everyone who has contributed prayers and ideas this month. **Highlighted words** are links to Bible readings or other material.

The **green country names** remind us of countries at various stages of their Covid journey. Please share your ideas for August's diary, ideally by 10th July:

prayerdiary@stmaryswarwick.org.uk or 07799 682872. If you know anyone who would like a paper copy but can't get one, or if you would like to receive the diary by email, please contact Kirsteen Robson (details above).

Fri 1

...UK
Spain

25 years after the transfer of sovereignty of Hong Kong from Britain to China, we pray for the people of Hong Kong. God of justice, break down the wall of hostility, and guide us all to paths that lead to peace. Bless the people as they seek their true identity and long for greater security. May they go forward in hope.

Sat 2

Argentina
Colombia
Mexico
Portugal

Bountiful God, we thank you for the gift of singing and for 'Warwick – a Singing Town's successful first year of promoting 'Health and Happiness in Harmony'. As the inaugural **Warwick Choral Festival** continues, we pray for all involved in events that will fill our churches, schools, theatres and castle with music, lifting spirits, gladdening hearts, making and waking memories and strengthening our community.

Sun 3

The Third
Sunday after
Trinity
Ukraine

Lord God, we pray for all who are being ordained today at Coventry Cathedral, remembering especially our Warwick Team curates Rev Eira Hale from St Nicholas and Rev Sarah Cushing from All Saints', Emscote. Thank you for the many ways you have challenged, blessed and inspired them this last year. We pray that you will continue to direct and shape their ministry, especially through their respective passions for mission and pastoral care.

Mon 4

Thomas the apostle
Democratic People's
Republic of Korea

On the feast of St Thomas, we remember all experiencing a season of doubt. Grant them patience to persevere and the reassurance that, in your time, your living streams will rise up in them to make their spiritual desert blossom. Give us all grace to support and encourage with sensitivity and sincerity.

Tue 5

Belgium
Switzerland
Denmark

As Mellors moves from Swan Street into Priory Health Centre, we give thanks for the healing, love and care that has been given by the pharmacists and staff over the years. We pray for Andrew and his team as they settle in new premises, and ask for your blessing for their plans for the future.

Wed 6

Sweden
Serbia
Bangladesh
Hungary

Lord Jesus, who leads his flock to pause in green pastures by refreshing waters, we ask for your blessing on our Vicar, Vaughan, during his period of sabbatical leave. Grant him rest and renewal in body, mind and spirit, as well as inspiration and insight for the writing projects he has planned. We give thanks for the visiting clergy leading our worship while he is away and ask you to guide and uphold all who bear the weight of other responsibility in his absence.

Thu 7

Merciful God, as the war in Ukraine rages on, strengthen our faith in the power of prayer. Protect all people from spiritual snares and temptations, and lead us on the path to peace.

Fri 8

Slovakia
Jordan
Georgia

God of compassion, we celebrate with gratitude 40 years of care-giving at Myton Hospice, remembering the comfort and support given to so many patients and their loved ones during that time. Bless the Cycle Challenge on Sunday, that all involved in any way will experience joy as they work together to raise vital funds for this amazing expression of your love.

Sat 9

Ireland
Pakistan

Heavenly Father, we thank you for church choirs and other musicians and for all they do to help people worship and commune with you and to unite with and encourage each other. Bless tonight's fundraising ceilidh at St Mary's, that all may enjoy a long-awaited evening of fellowship while supporting the activities of the choirs of boys, girls and adults.

Sun 10

The Fourth
Sunday after
Trinity

Lord God, we depend on you for life itself, and on seafarers to meet so many of our daily needs. This Sea Sunday and every day, watch over all who go down to the sea in ships – on business, for leisure, or to rescue those in peril or difficulty. Keep them from danger, befriend them in loneliness, and bring them safely home to those they love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (*Mission to Seafarers*)

Mon 11

Norway
Singapore
New Zealand

Gracious God, we give thanks for the success of the Clink Kitchens pilot project in three prisons, giving participants the skills to apply for catering and hospitality jobs on leaving prison, dramatically reducing the reoffending rate. Bless the initiative as it is delivered in up to 70 prisons in the next two years, extending the opportunity to 2000 men and women in need.

Tue 12

Kazakhstan

Lord, we bring before you those we know who are seeking you, and those who appear to deny you. Remove the barriers that keep them from you, so they may recognise your love and respond. Keep us faithful and hopeful in our prayers for them.

Wed 13

Hong Kong

We pray for today's **Faith Alliance Summit** taking place at Coventry Cathedral and give thanks for all this multi-faith network has achieved so far to enable, equip and empower local communities of all faiths and none to better understand and prevent serious youth violence.

Thu 14

Morocco
Bulgaria

This summer holiday season, we give thanks for the Gideons International and (in the UK) for Good News For Everyone. Bless their work, providing Bibles to spread the news of your love in hotels as well as schools, hospitals, prisons and care homes.

Fri 15

Croatia
Finland
Lebanon

Lord, who watches over our comings and goings, look upon all who are travelling near and far this summer and keep them safe and serene. We remember especially all attempting to journey by train or plane, while services continue to be disrupted by strikes and staffing levels. We pray particularly for vulnerable passengers or those travelling with small children.

Sat 16

Cuba

With the World Prayer Centre in Birmingham and all who would pave the way for the Commonwealth Games with prayer, Lord, we pray that visitors to the city will enjoy a warm welcome and that the Games will help renew relationships across the Commonwealth.

Sun 17

**The Fifth Sunday
after Trinity**

Lord, we ask for your blessing on all attending this afternoon's service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance at Warwick Cemetery, led by Churches Together in Warwick. Meet them wherever they are on their journey of grief, that they may know your love, hope and comfort as you walk on beside them.

Mon 18

Lithuania
Tunisia
Slovenia

As we walk on our way today, we give thanks for the life of Brian Hammonds, who for 60 years produced the wayside pulpit posters outside Warwick Methodist Church, offering people a spring in their step and something to ponder as they passed by. May others be inspired by his long and faithful commitment to spreading your good news.

Tue 19

Belarus
Nepal
Uruguay

Walk amongst all those taking part in the local **Slow Ways** project, Lord, as they establish safe walking routes between Warwick, Leamington, Kenilworth and Stratford. As people survey the routes, open their eyes to the practicalities of accessibility, loos, benches and cafés, as well as the flora and fauna, so others can follow in their footsteps knowing what to expect.

Wed 20

UAE
Mongolia

Heavenly Father, as the school holidays begin we pray for families that this will be a special time for them to be together... We pray for youngsters leaving school to find jobs, for those waiting for exam results: bless them all we pray with your guidance for their futures. (*Mothers' Union Prayer Diary*)

Thu 21

Panama
Costa Rica
Ecuador
Guatemala

Generous God, we thank you for all you have entrusted to us in many and varied ways. We give thanks that St Mary's Hall Trust is able to contribute financially to religious and charitable projects for the benefit of local people and we thank you for the many projects helped so far. Grant the trustees discernment as they meet this evening to consider how best to distribute and publicise the resources in their stewardship.

Fri 22

Palestine
Latvia
Bolivia

Lord God, as the Queen's Baton Relay passes today through Kenilworth, Warwick and Whitnash, we pray that the event will be well attended and help highlight untold stories of the Baton-bearers, who are striving for change in their communities. May the Relay be an inspiring symbol of hope, solidarity and collaboration across the Commonwealth at a time when it's needed the most.

Sat 23

Azerbaijan
Saudi Arabia
Sri Lanka

God of love, thank you for the gift of love between two people expressed in the commitment of marriage. Today we pray for Megan and Maxwell as they make these promises to each other. Grant them joy, patience and hope in the days, weeks and years ahead; that, growing together and rooted in you, they can be their best selves and be a blessing to others.

Sun 24

The Sixth
Sunday after
Trinity

Lord, as the Warwick Folk Festival concludes, we give you thanks and praise for the power of music and dance to give expression both to the rainbows and the shadows of human experience. Inspire all who participate as they share through words, melody and movement glimpses of each other's story resonating with the wider human story. And we pray you would call each person to a deeper understanding of the place you long for them to take in your story.

Mon 25

Paraguay
Kuwait
Bahrain

Loving Father, we give thanks for the **CMM Sisters** in Tanzania and Zambia and for their work in education, health and agriculture. With the end of the school year past and the results of the final exam received, we pray for new vocations coming forward to join the Community, that the Sisters' work in impoverished areas may thrive and your Gospel message continue to spread there.

Tue 26

Anne and Joachim,
parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Father of our Lord Jesus, on this day that commemorates St Anne and St Joachim, mother and father of Mary, we pray for all parents watching children grow and wondering what the future holds for them. Sustain them in their sacred commission of parenthood, give them wisdom, patience, confidence, humility and good humour, and the reassurance that you hear their prayers.

Wed 27

Dominican Republic

Father and Provider, with more families struggling to feed their children during the school holidays, we pray that local councils, schools and community groups will work well together to find ways to provide breakfast or lunch for those who need it.

Thu 28

Guide each of us in prayer today, Lord, for the residents, communities and businesses of Wathen Road, Wedgnoek Green, Newburgh Crescent, Percy Road, Tatnall Grove and Peel Road.

Fri 29

Myanmar...

Lord, we ask you to bless all involved in the Commonwealth Games Bowling and Para Bowling events being hosted in Leamington this week. May they run smoothly, bringing enjoyment to participants and spectators and prosperity to the town.

Sat 30

Lord, we pray for Rachel and Nick as they make their marriage vows at St Mary's today. May they draw ever closer in love to each other and to you, supported by those who love them.

Sun 31

The Seventh
Sunday after
Trinity

Generous God, we thank you for children, each one a precious gift, to the world entrusted into our care. Help us as the family of Christ to live in a way that sets a good example, guiding them to look beyond earthly things and fix their eyes on you. We pray for all the children in our churches, remembering especially Theodore, who is to be baptised at St Mary's today.