



**St. Mary's**  
Warwick's Church of Treasures

# June 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 **blue country names** remind us of countries at various stages of their Covid journey. Please share your ideas for July's diary, ideally by 10<sup>th</sup> June: [prayerdiary@stmaryswarwick.org.uk](mailto: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).

### Wed 1

...North Korea  
Taiwan  
Australia

O God, as we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, we use the words of John Rutter's new choral work, written in response to the invasion: "Good Lord, protect Ukraine. Give her strength, courage, faith and hope." We give thanks for the funds being raised by the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Appeal and pray that you would direct their use to aid this war-torn country.

### Thu 2

Japan  
USA  
South Korea

Lord, we celebrate with gratitude 70 years of wise leadership and loyal service from our Queen Elizabeth II, Defender of the Faith and most notable witness through her own, lived-out, personal faith. We thank you for her influence and the respect she has won from people worldwide and we pray for her health and continuing spiritual strength inspired by the life of Jesus, her role model and the anchor in her life.

### Fri 3

Italy  
France  
Brazil  
Chile  
Thailand

As fêtes, concerts and street parties take place across the country, we thank you for all with the vision and skills to bring people together and we pray for a lasting legacy of community. Father, you have made us for relationship and all people have value and dignity in your sight. Again, drawing wisdom from the woman who devoted herself to the service of this country and the wider Commonwealth 70 years ago, we ask for guidance to give the best of ourselves (not for ourselves), in the service of others, knowing that, in so doing, we do your will.

### Sat 4

Russia  
Germany  
South Africa

Bountiful Father, as people celebrate the Platinum Jubilee with coffee mornings, lunches and teas, we give thanks for all who are involved in growing and rearing the food we eat, remembering especially our local farmers. Bless the Kenilworth Young Farmers Club and all who are celebrating the many aspects of farming life, at the Kenilworth Agricultural Show.

### Sun 5

**Day of Pentecost**  
Greece

*And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. (Acts 2.2-3) Come, Holy Spirit... give voice to our witness, that we might be able to speak the good news in words those around us can understand. (++)Justin, **Thy Kingdom Come***

## Mon 6

India  
Austria

Generous Father, as term resumes, we give thanks for the initiative by the Anglican Churches in Warwick and Budbrooke to present all the town's school children with a chocolate box and an age-appropriate book on the life, faith and service of The Queen. May this commemorative gift bless them and their families and inspire faith.

## Tue 7

Malaysia  
Vietnam  
Canada  
Turkey  
Netherlands

Holy One, we lift our praises to you for your boundless creation! When we look at the faces of your beloveds, and the rich and full lives they lead, it is indeed a cause for celebration because you have named and claimed us all as holy and worthy of love. We give thanks this month especially for our LGBTQIA+ siblings, who embody the diversity of your Kin-dom – in every shape, race, ability and disability, neurodiversity, age, and more. Help us to see our LGBTQIA+ siblings in your glorious image. (**Reconciling Works**)

## Wed 8

Peru

Lord of all creation, we give thanks for the work of the charity Plantlife to save threatened wild flowers, plants and fungi. We pray that all who took part in their No Mow May campaign enjoyed their wildlife lawns while providing nectar for much-needed pollinators.

## Thu 9

Columba  
Israel

Loving Father, we pray for young people taking important exams at this time: grant them clarity of mind, serenity of spirit and confidence in the good news that you can and will hold them secure, and creatively shape any future entrusted to your hand. Sustain too their teachers and families as they offer support.

## Fri 10

Jamaica

As Pub in the Park returns to St Nicholas' Park, we give thanks that such gatherings are once again allowed and pray that those who attend will be blessed as much by the sharing of the experience as by the celebration of music and food itself.

## Sat 11

Barnabas, Apostle  
Trinidad and Tobago

On this day when we commemorate St Barnabas 'the Encourager', we thank you for all whose generosity of spirit brings out the best in others. Today we give thanks for the experienced riders volunteering as Warwickshire Cycle Buddies. Bless them and the adults they ride with, who are seeking to gain confidence riding on our roads and cycleways.

## Sun 12

Trinity Sunday

Glory to thee, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; three in one. How wonderful! How beautiful the sight of you must be – the endless wisdom, boundless power and awe-inspiring purity!

## Mon 13

Iran  
Namibia

Lord, we thank you for all children's and youth workers in our churches and ask that you would continue to guide and inspire them. We remember especially those involved in today's interviews for a Project Lead & Youth Mission and Discipleship Enabler at St Michael's Budbrooke, and pray for your Spirit's direction on the appointment.

## Tue 14

Indonesia  
Romania  
Brunei

Let the air be filled with peace as we remember all who are attending the Royal British Legion's Commemorative Event to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end the Falklands War. We give thanks for all who gave so much in the fight for freedom. Bless our veterans, their comrades and families and comfort them as they remember with sadness those who did not return.

## Wed 15

Philippines

Loving Father, we thank you that permission has been granted for the construction of the **Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer**. As land surveys for the sculpture take place, we pray that a million people will accept the invitation to share their stories of your generosity and power.

## Thu 16

Corpus Christi

Barbados

China

O broken body of Christ, by, through and in whom we are made whole! O poured-out blood of Christ, by, through and in whom we are purified for God's presence! O sacred heart of Christ, sustain and transform us as with humble thanks we share in broken bread and poured-out wine. Lord Jesus, make your dwelling in us and ours in you, as together we do this in re-rememberance of you.

## Fri 17

Qatar

Poland

Grenada

Lord Jesus, who reached out to Peter as he sank beneath the waves, we remember all who are in danger of drowning this summer, especially children who have missed vital swimming lessons during the pandemic. We give thanks for lifeguards and pray that you would bless their work and heighten the vigilance of others, that not one young life may be lost.

## Sat 18

North Macedonia

Czechia

Saint Lucia

Lord of mercy and hope, we give thanks for those who reach out to others whose lives have taken a wrong turn. As the Spring Quest 2022 programme continues, we give thanks for the Band of Brothers, who have come forward to help keep young men out of the criminal justice system. May the mentors and those they are guiding be proud of all they have achieved.

## Sun 19

**The First Sunday  
after Trinity**

Heavenly Father of us all, we give thanks for fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, godfathers and all who provide love, support and a strong foundation for younger generations. Uphold and bless them as they father those they care for on the journey from infancy into adulthood and beyond. Bring comfort and hope to all grieving the loss, absence or failings of fathers, and for those who long for fatherhood.

## Mon 20

Iraq

Bahamas

Malta

Holy is this fire of midsummer's eve, and holy are you, O God. From your burning heart you drew forth a fiery ball and flung it into space... As we celebrate this solstice feast, open our eyes to the countless wonders and to the sparks of fire-life that you have planted in each of us. May this holy night be aglow with star-fire and God-light as we once again begin the sacred season of summer. (*Edward Hays*)

## Tue 21

Guyana

Zambia

Afghanistan

We remember people across the world who are living with Motor Neurone Disease, as well as their larger circle of family, friends, relatives, workmates and others who are affected. At this turning-point of the year, Lord, we pray in hope and faith in the power of your healing love that this day will herald another turning point – in the search for the cause, treatment and cure of this awful disease.

## Wed 22

Madagascar

Montenegro

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the people who live, work and worship in Ansell Way, Saltisford, Deerpark Drive, Sharpe Close, Trueman Close and Vine Lane, lifting their needs before you. As Neighbour's Week draws to a close, we pray for your blessing on all that builds up a sense of community.

## Thu 23

Laos  
Albania  
Ghana

Bountiful God, we thank you for trees of life, providing food, medicine, fuel and fresh air, sunshade and windbreak, habitats for animals, materials for construction and craft, sweet fragrance and holy incense. Bless the new trees planted by Warwick Rotary in schools, as part of the Queen's Jubilee. Canopy. May the saplings of today become the heritage trees of tomorrow, telling this chapter of our shared story to future generations.

## Fri 24

Eswatini  
Mauritania  
Kenya

Faithful Father, we thank you for the **CMM Sisters** in Tanzania and Zambia and ask you to protect them as they do what they can to safeguard the limited supplies of food they have for themselves and those they seek to help. As the rising costs of staple foods cause hardship, and desperation turns some people to theft, we pray that you would guide the Sisters in their stewardship as they discern what to save and what to share.

## Sat 25

Uzbekistan  
Fiji

On Armed Forces Day, we give thanks to all who give their time working for the Soldiers', Sailors' & Airmen's Families Association (**SSAFA**) from its office in Smith Street. We ask your blessing on those who work so compassionately to bring relief to our armed forces, veterans and their families in times of suffering and distress.

## Sun 26

**Second Sunday  
after Trinity**

Mauritius

Lord God, as we meditate on today's gospel reading, shine a light on our own discipleship. Forgive us when we judge others, conveniently forgetting our sins that have been forgiven. Forgive us when we follow you with the the misconception of a life of glamour, ease or power. Forgive us when we say, 'Yes, Lord, but not yet,' or when our feet follow you yet our hearts hanker for what lies behind us. Then, hold up a mirror that we may see ourselves as you, through your love, see us... and rejoice!

## Mon 27

Mozambique  
Liechtenstein  
Rwanda

During the year of the Beijing Winter Olympics, Invictus Games and Commonwealth Games, we rejoice that the technological advances in prosthetics and orthotics have enabled people with disabilities to compete on their own terms. We pray that the day may come when NHS Orthotics teams are able to provide people with exactly what they need, whether for sporting events or for everyday use, so that whatever their aspirations, all may shine.

## Tue 28

O Lord, thou knowest how busy I must be this day: if I forget thee, do not thou forget me. (*Baron Astley of Reading*)

## Wed 29

Peter and Paul  
Senegal

Gracious God, as we remember with gratitude the ministry of Peter and Paul, travelling from place to place to share the Good News of Jesus, we pray for the Warwick Message Bus project. Bless and inspire its Bus Manager, volunteers and the young people they will engage with as sessions get under way.

## Thu 30

Cabo Verde  
St. Vincent  
Grenadines...

As the Leamington Night Shelter closes its doors after 13 years of service to the community, we give heartfelt thanks for all the volunteers who provided food, meals, money and advice to those in need of friendship and support. We also thank you and pray for the ongoing ministry of LWS Night Shelter, Helping Hands, P3, and The Way Ahead project at the Salvation Army.