

Week 4: 22nd August - 27th August

**I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.**

Psalms 130:5

*This week we pray for Quantock Villages
Benefice and Quantock Deanery.*

- Keep us mindful, as we drive through our lanes, that the unexpected could be round the next bend. We pray for the safety of drivers, walkers and for our four-legged friends.
- We pray for the Deanery Mission Project and the Salvation Army, and the work to help the homeless people in west Somerset. Be with us as they work during these summer months.
- Let us pray for all the events going on in the Benefice and Deanery. Heavenly Father, we continue to give thanks for our community.
- As our Lay Dean – Julie Hall-Williams - and new Area Dean – Revd Mark Phillips - take on their new roles - let us pray that God will lead them as they explore the churches in the Deanery.
- The summer months are times for weddings. We pray for all those getting married in Quantock Deanery this month.
- We give you thanks and pray for our Benefice musicians who lead in worship, Sunday by Sunday.

Action: *Talk a walk close to home and look for houses where there will be new residents*

Week 5: 28th August to 31st August

**Let everything that has breath praise
the Lord.**

Praise the Lord

Psalms 150:6

*This week we pray for the Diocese of Bath and
Wells and the worldwide church.*

- Let us pray for the Christian Church and all who participate in our journey of faith. Heavenly Father, forgive us when we fall short and fail to love others, as your son, our Saviour, Jesus, demonstrated to all he met. Help us this week to grow in faith.
- We pray for our Bishops, Michael and Fiona and all Diocesan staff, mindful that for some this is the busiest time of the year with holiday clubs and children's events. We pray for their rest and relaxation.

Our Diocesan prayer for growth and transformation:

Loving God,
You alone bring growth to your Church and transformation to our communities.
We give thanks for the ways in which you are already at work in our lives and world.
As we look to the future, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, and grace in living and telling your story.
Help our churches to grow in commitment to you, in numbers and diversity, and in partnership with our local communities in all that gives life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Quantock Villages Benefice

Prayer Diary



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Week 1: 1st August - 7th August

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.

Psalm 23: 2-3

*This week we pray for the parishes of
Holford, Kilve and Enmore.*

- With the children out of school, this month of August is a time for family holidays. Let us pray for the safety and fun of all children, parents and carers.
- Let us pray too for all school staff, assistants and governors. May this be a time of rest and relaxation from their work.
- Not all people can leave home for holidays; may they find relaxation in their hobbies and the light and warmth in these days.
- On Saturday 1st, we pray for Holford on the day of their village Flower Show.
- On Thursday 6th, we remember the Transfiguration of our Lord. May we see Jesus in the world around us, in the people we meet and the countryside we see.
- The New Wine Festival meets at the Bath and West showground; we pray for all leading and attending that their lives might be touched by Christ.
- **Action:** Create a postcard for your village you live. What can we celebrate in the places we live.

Week 2: 8th August – 14th August

When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of
them,
human beings that you care for them?

Psalm 8:3-4

*This week we pray for the parishes of
Stringston, Nether Stowey and Over Stowey.*

- We are having a lot of sun and heat this summer; we pray for all those working the land and those who work outside.
- Heavenly Father, when we look at the sun, the moon and the stars may we be amazed by the vastness of the universe and give thanks. Help us this week as we see a partial eclipse of the sun on Wednesday, 12th at tea-time to be reminded of your greatness.
- In the dryness of this summer we pray for the fire service and all who work to extinguish the wild fires in the countryside.
- We pray for the Nether Stowey Flower Show committee as it prepares for the show tomorrow and give thanks for all who run the event, contribute and attend.
- We pray for all those who are preparing to get married this year.
- **Action:** List four people you know who will be at home this summer and plan a phone call or a visit to each of them.

Week 3: 15th August - 21st August

The Lord watches over you –
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
⁶the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

Psalm 121:5-6

*This week we pray for the parishes of Aisholt,
Goathurst and Spaxton.*

- We give thanks for the staff of the local hospices, for the love and care shown to the patients and their families.
- We offer prayers for those facing the end of their lives. May they know Christ's presence with them.
- Let us pray for the people throughout the world who are starving or who are lacking access to clean water. We continue to pray especially for the starving people of Gaza.
- Let us pray for all who are struggling with their mental health. When life is hard and hope seems far away, guide us back to you, O Lord. May we rest in the shelter of your love.
- In the heat of the summer, we pray for all of God's creation, and especially where animals are suffering through the effects of climate change.
- We pray for Andy Burnham, our Prime Minister and for all politicians. May they seek your guidance in the decisions they make.
- **Action:** sketch a picture inspired by a verse from the Psalms.