

Week 1: 1st July - 5th July

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." John 14:5-7 NIV

This week we pray for the parishes of Nether Stowey, Enmore and Holford with Dodington.

Heavenly Father, as the United States celebrate 250 years of independence, we reflect on our own freedoms, and give thanks to those, both past and present, who have protected us.

Gracious God, when we meet people and struggle to understand their opinions or their lifestyle, help us to see You in them, and we pray, that they will see You in us.

With Wimbledon starting and the football world cup at the knockout stages, we will witness the reactions of the competitors. Grant them a spirit of grace in both victory and defeat.

We pray for all who feel discouraged or disheartened with their lives. Lift up their spirits and bless them with hope, and gift them with comfort from friends, family or supportive agencies. We give thanks Lord, that when we turn to You, we gain strength and a sense of peace.

Enmore and Nether Stowey have their school fayres this week. We pray for all who attend them and for those who have worked hard to make them a success.

Week 2: 6th July - 12th July

For ye shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12 KJV

This week we pray for the parishes of Aisholt, Stringston and Spaxton with Charlynch.

Heavenly Father, we pray for a revival of faith in Christ as Saviour. " Faith goes up the stairs that love built and looks out of the windows which hope has opened. " Charles Spurgeon

We pray for all attending and praying for the 'God let Your Kingdom Come in the South West' on 11th July. May their witness shine the light and love of Christ throughout the region.

Let us pray for peace in areas in this country, and throughout the world, where disagreements simmer beneath the surface or have erupted into armed conflicts. Holy Spirit, please sweep into these places and change people's hearts.

We pray for the victims of violence. For those affected physically, emotionally and mentally. May they find a safe haven, in a refuge or new area, so that healing can begin.

Let us remember to pray for the perpetrators of violence. Gracious God, you know their stories. We find it hard to forgive, to trust again, to move on. Please help us as we struggle to balance justice for the victims too.

Week 3: 13th July - 19th July

Lord, teach me your way, that I may walk in your truth. Let me worship your name with undivided heart. (Psalm 86:11)

This week we pray for the parishes of Over Stowey, Goathurst and Kilve with Kilton and Lilstock.

As the summer term draws to a close, we pray for school staff, as they prepare for their summer holidays. Lord Jesus, may they find rest and recuperation after a busy term.

We also pray for the children who are leaving their school for the final time. Sorrow mixed with excitement, as they move onto the next stage in their lives.

Heavenly Father, we ask for protection over the children who are most at risk when a school term finishes.

We also pray for parents as they navigate the holiday expectations of their children with the realities of family life. Gift them with patience and resourcefulness.

As a community we pray for our young people and all those who nurture, educate, and care about their well-being.

O Lord, we may grow older but please help us to be young at heart, viewing the world with joy and anticipation, knowing that God the Creator of all things, rejoices in us, His children.

We keep in our prayers those walking the Deanery Pilgrimage, the people they meet on their journey and those who observe the walk but watch from afar. May the Holy Spirit touch them and change their lives.

Week 4: 20th July - 26th July

Your statutes are wonderful; therefore, I obey them. The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.... Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not obeyed. Psalm 119:129,130 and 136.

This week we pray for the Benefice.

As Glasgow welcome competitors from around the world, for the Commonwealth Games, we pray for all those competing and all who are behind the scenes, working to make the games successful.

Heavenly Father, You desire each one of us to be the best that we can be, whatever job we are doing. Help us to walk each day with our focus on You and Your will for us.

Most loving God, we pray for the homeless. Those sleeping on the streets, sofa surfing or facing imminent eviction. We give thanks for the various agencies involved, such as social services, the food banks, Nelsons Trust, Salvation Army etc..

Let us pray for Steve Atkinson, who is cycling from London to Lands' End, raising money for the Deanery Mission Appeal. We ask for his protection as he travels and a warm welcome when he rests.

Our government has a new leader who now has to deal with the immense difficulties of the prime ministerial office. We pray for them and for all who hold positions in public service. Guide them, O Lord, as they make decisions and protect them from all harm.

Week 5: 27th July - 2nd August

*"There He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light." Matthew 17:2
"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever-increasing glory." 2 Corinthians 3:18*

This week we pray for the Deanery, and the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

To couples getting married in the next few weeks, we pray for calm where there is panic and peace where there is stress. May the lead-up to their new lives be filled with joyful anticipation.

We pray for all new parents as they enter, maybe for the first time, the challenging world of raising a child in today's world.

Loving God, we pray for the children in areas in the world where life is dangerous, where food and water is scarce and children are dying of starvation. Lord Jesus, we pray that aid gets through and isn't hampered by conflicts or greed.

Let us pray for our clergy and give thanks for all they do for us. We especially pray for those on holiday, that they enjoy the different pace and get some well-earned rest.

We pray for Christians who are ridiculed, discriminated against or threatened with violence. We think of parts of the world where Christians have to worship in secret. Holy Spirit, we pray for their protection and ask that you bless them greatly as they live out their faith as best they can.

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