

Prayer Calendar

August 2023

**Tuesday,
1 August**

Caring God, today on national 'promise to care' day, may we be aware of all those who live and work in care homes. Help us to show care through loving kindness, not only to our family but to those around us, both friend and stranger.

**Wednesday,
2 August**

Everywhere God, we pray for Readers sharing their faith outside the church building; maybe in schools and care homes, on beach missions or at forest school. Be with all as they meet people where they are and speak of your love in creative and imaginative ways.

**Thursday,
3 August**

Loving God we pray for the people and parishes of Axbridge Deanery; all those leading and affected by the changes they face, and for the many visitors to the area and those who care for them.

**Friday,
4 August**

Lord of life we pray for the Satellites youth event taking place this weekend at the Bath and West Showground. May the hundreds of teenagers and leaders who gather encounter you and seek to live with God at the centre of their lives.

**Saturday,
5 August**

As we remember King Oswald of Northumbria, we pray for all monarchs, presidents, prime ministers and political leaders, that they may follow in the example of Oswald and do justly, love mercy and walk humbly.

**Sunday,
6 August
The
Transfiguration
of Our Lord**

Holy God, as churches gather across our diocese today, we pray for those who are leading and those who will gather. We pray that your Holy Spirit will inspire hearts and minds to continue your work here on earth.

**Monday,
7 August**

Creator God, we pray today on Farmers' Day in Zambia for all who work hard to feed their families and to supply food for the nation. May they learn to adapt to new weather patterns with improved crops and new skills.

**Tuesday,
8 August**

Jesus, Word of God, we pray for the Order of Preachers, for all who proclaim the word of God afresh in this generation and for all who are called to preach and to live and tell your story.

**Wednesday,
9 August**

Loving God, as we remember your servant Mary Sumner, we pray for the Mothers' Union, in our Diocese of Bath and Wells, in our link dioceses in Zambia, and around the world. We give thanks for them and pray for their care for their most vulnerable.

**Thursday,
10 August**

Thank you God that you call us all to live and tell the story of Jesus. We pray for all who are exploring a vocation to ministry and for those who accompany them and help them discern the next steps, as well as those who equip and support others in ministry.

**Friday,
11 August**

Creator of all things, as the FIFA Women's World Cup continues this weekend, we thank you for sport that brings people together and is enjoyed by so many. We pray for Christians in sport and chaplains serving major sporting events and for all involved in local sport.

**Saturday,
12 August**

God of all, we rejoice today on this celebration of International Youth Day for young people everywhere. Help us to value and champion young people and give them opportunities to be agents of change in our diocese and beyond.

**Sunday,
13 August**

Jesus, pioneer, as we remember Florence Nightingale and Octavia Hill, we pray for all those who seek to bring about change for good in our society. Give them wisdom and courage to spot possibilities and act on them.

**Monday,
14 August**

Creator God, in this summer season, we give thanks for all who tend churchyards across our diocese, helping them to be places of rest, offering a place of reflection to those who mourn and a home to your diverse creation.

**Tuesday,
15 August
The Blessed
Virgin Mary**

Jesus, Son of Mary, as we remember and give thanks for the life of your mother, we remember with gratitude her courage and clarity as she accepted God's call. We ask you to help us to play our part in lifting up the lowly and to have courage when that will mean letting go of some of our own power.

**Wednesday,
16 August**

God of healing, we pray for all who work and serve within healthcare, in the NHS, hospices and care homes. We give thanks for the care and dedication of staff amidst so many pressures and pray for healing and wholeness and peace.

**Thursday,
17 August**

God of love, we pray for A-level students as they collect their results today and for all who accompany and support them. We pray that, whatever their grades, they may know themselves to be made in your image: unconditionally loved and valued.

**Friday,
18 August**

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the Lay Deans across our diocese, who faithfully serve you and our deaneries without financial reward and often at great personal cost. We ask you to bless them in all they are and do.

**Saturday,
19 August**

Father, we pray today for all those who will be preparing for services tomorrow in all different places across our diocese. We give thanks for their faithful service.

**Sunday,
20 August**

On this Sabbath day, Lord, we thank you that you call us to rest in you and be refreshed. We ask you to help us to take that rest and to feel the power of your Holy Spirit restoring us.

**Monday,
21 August**

Lord, we give thanks that, amongst the changes and challenges of recent years, there are many new things and signs of new growth in Ivelchester Deanery. May they be bold to follow and trust in hope for your glory in all these things.

**Tuesday,
22 August**

Loving God, thank you for those people who journey with us and help us grow in our faith. We pray for all small groups that meet across our diocese, that together they might grow in relationship with one another and with you.

**Wednesday,
23 August**

Lord, we pray for parish administrators across our diocese. We thank you for their skill in helping things run smoothly and the role they often play in caring for and connecting people.

**Thursday,
24 August
Bartholomew
the Apostle**

Loving God, we pray for GCSE students as they collect their results today and for all who accompany them. We pray that, whatever their grades, they may know themselves to be made in your image: unconditionally loved and valued.

**Friday,
25 August**

Lord, we pray for the many different events that will take place this Bank Holiday Weekend. As some will be gathering for Greenbelt we give thanks for those who organise and enable Christian festivals. May all who go meet with you.

**Saturday,
26 August**

We thank you, God, for all those who bring music, dance and the creative arts into our life of worship. We thank you for their skill and ask you to bless them as they seek to enable others to connect to your creative heart.

**Sunday,
27 August**

Generous God, we pray for all those who would love to be worshipping alongside others today but, for whatever reason, are unable to do so. We give thanks for the possibilities created by online services and we pray that all your people will discover ways to worship you.

**Monday,
28 August**

Loving God, our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Help us to allow ourselves to depend on you and so discover the abundant life you desire for us.

**Tuesday,
29 August**

Loving God, we thank you for those who are part of our diocesan support services, whether paid or unpaid. Give them wisdom and strength as they seek to support people locally.

**Monday,
30 August**

We give you thanks Lord for the gift of words as we remember John Bunyan today. We pray for all authors, hymn writers and spiritual writers. May we be inspired by their creativity.

**Tuesday,
31 August**

As we pray today for Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, we lift to you all those who commit themselves to following your call to serve, including those from our diocese serving with CMS, USPG and other mission agencies.

