

Prayer Calendar

June 2024

Saturday, 1 Lord, we pray for unity and grace for Bath Deanery as clergy and lay leaders, seek to lead their parishes and chaplaincies through these challenging times. We especially pray for your wisdom and guidance in the new appointments to be made this month.

Sunday, 2 God of our calling, we give thanks for all lay people called into ministry. We ask you to bless our Lay Ministries Pathway so that it enables a wider variety of people to offer themselves for ministry in your Church.

Monday, 3 Jesus, Teacher, as schools and colleges return after half term, we pray for young people and those who teach and support them. We pray for those who are in the midst of exams, especially for those who struggle to show their abilities in that format.

Tuesday, 4 Holy God, we pray for chaplains and chaplaincies across Somerset and for those gathering for the South West Chaplaincy Quiet Day. We ask that they are able to find rest and refreshment in recentering themselves in you.

Wednesday, 5 God, Lord of all, as our Readers' Council meet today, we pray for all who tirelessly spread your word and seek no reward other than knowing they are doing your will, both in our Magnificat parishes and across our diocese.

Thursday, 6 As our Board of Education meets today, Lord we pray that their support may lead to life in all its fullness in our places of education. We pray that students of all ages grow in knowledge and confidence: equipped to serve you and others in all that they do.

Friday, 7 Lord Jesus, we pray for all those with a pioneer ministry in our diocese. Bless them as they journey with others in exploration, discovery and discipleship and help us to hear the voice of those on the margins.

Saturday, 8 Lord, we give thanks for those in clergy households across our diocese and today pray for those attending Family Max at the Mendip Activity Centre. We ask that their time together will be fun-filled and Spirit-led and that they may build sustaining relationships.

Sunday, 9 Father of all, we pray for people of different nations who commit their lives to sharing the good news of Jesus. Guided by the Spirit, may you empower them with your love and open the hearts and minds of those to whom they witness.

Monday, 10 Transforming God, we pray for the Moving up Celebrations for children marking their transition between schools. As they gather in Taunton Minster, Bath Abbey and Wells Cathedral we ask that they feel your guiding presence as a comfort and a source of courage.

Tuesday, 11 Today as we remember Barnabas the apostle and his gift of encouragement, Lord, help us to actively seek ways to encourage and support one another, so that we live out and share the good news of Jesus.

Wednesday, 12 Loving God, we pray for wisdom and grace for all who live, work and worship in Sedgemoor Deanery, in this time of change. We ask for your blessing on our new Lay Dean, Ann Philcox, and ask for the prompting of your Holy Spirit to find a new Deanery Secretary.

Thursday, 13 Eternal God, we pray for Area and Lay Deans as they lead our deaneries, seeking to see where you are at work and enabling people to join in. Bless those leaders as they meet with Bishop's Staff today so that we may share in ministry and leadership across our diocese.

Friday, 14 Giving thanks for the Spiritual writer Evelyn Underhill, Lord we pray for all those involved in Spiritual Direction. May this gift of accompaniment be a blessing to those who give and receive, so that both may grow more attentive to the promptings of your Spirit.

Saturday, 15 God of sound and silence, we give thanks for all who will attend the National 12 Bell Striking Competition in Chilcompton today. May the organisers, helpers, ringers and supporters all know your loving presence in their lives and may the bells proclaim our living God joyfully to the world.

Sunday, 16	Living God, we pray for our Cathedral as Toby is installed as Dean today. Pour your blessings upon him, his family, our Cathedral and our diocese, that the joy of this day may overflow and fill the wider community and our diocese with life-giving joy and hope.	Sunday, 23	Creator God, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Zambia. We pray for those experiencing the extreme effects of drought: whether hunger through failed harvests, or lack of hydro-electric power. Give us a heart to take action locally on climate change, to make a difference globally.
Monday, 17	God of calling, as priests and deacons gather today for the Clergy Day in Bath and Wells, we pray that it will be a day of rest and refreshment, prayer, challenge and inspiration. We give thanks for their ministry amongst us.	Monday, 24	Loving God, as Readers and Reader Council gather today for prayer in the Cathedral, we pray for your Spirit to equip and inspire them, so that we may continue to understand and develop the place of Reader ministry in our diocese and your Church.
Tuesday, 18	Creator God, we remember all those with a learning disability, their families, and all who care for them. Being aware of the challenges, we also give thanks for the gifts they share and the joy that each person brings through their own uniqueness.	Tuesday, 25	O God, widen the doors of our hearts and buildings to receive all who need human and divine love and care. Shut out all envy, pride, and hate. Smooth the way for those who feel unwelcome to enter and find safety and life.
Wednesday, 19	Eternal God, as Bishop's Council meets today, we pray that you enable them to have fruitful and discerning discussions, leading to wise decisions. We pray that your voice will be heard for the flourishing of our diocese and your Church.	Wednesday, 26	God of all things, we pray today for PCC and Church Treasurers around our diocese as they faithfully seek to serve you and the mission of your church.
Thursday, 20	Jesus, you know what it means to be a refugee and to have no place to lay your head. Fill us with compassion for people fleeing war or persecution and those who find no hope in their homeland. May we be welcoming people and work together to overcome the causes of their troubles.	Thursday, 27	God of creativity, we give thanks for Messy Church and the many iterations of church that seek to engage with people of all ages. Sustain and energise their leaders so that they can live and tell the story of Jesus in their communities.
Friday, 21	Loving God, we give thanks for the many small groups, home groups, Bible Study groups and the like that meet regularly across our diocese. May they be spaces of listening, learning and growing faith.	Friday, 28	Lord, as we remember Irenaeus, Teacher of the Faith, we pray for all those who teach the faith to others, whether that be in church, in small groups or in daily life. Equip them, Lord with the skills to communicate the wonder and depth of the Good News.
Saturday, 22	Life-giving God, today we celebrate and give thanks for lay people offering their many and varied gifts in church and community. May the Celebration of Lay Ministries be a blessing to all and an inspiration to explore how you are calling us.	Saturday, 29	God of calling, as deacons and priests are ordained this weekend in our cathedral and across the country, we give thanks and pray for those called to ordained ministry and for those who live with and support them.
		Sunday, 30	Timeless God, we ask you to help us grow churches where people of all ages can flourish and contribute, learning from each other and reflecting the glorious diversity of your creative power.

