

# Prayer Calendar

July 2022

<b>Friday, 1 July</b>	Faithful God, we thank you for those you have called into ministry of all different types. As our Lay Curates begin their time in this role we pray for them and for those they serve alongside.	<b>Friday, 8 July</b>	Father God, we lift to you the homes and families of young people, especially where there are struggles. We pray too for young people facing homelessness or living on the streets; for those living in care, those fostered and adopted, and those who care for parents or siblings.
<b>Saturday, 2 July</b>	Life giving God, today we celebrate all those involved in lay ministry with the variety of gifts people offer to church and community. We also give thanks for all who give encouragement and support. Help us all to respond to your call.	<b>Saturday, 9 July</b>	Jesus, who made time for children, as we conclude our Week of Prayer for Young People, give us wisdom and grace to listen to their voices and make space for them in our churches.
<b>Sunday, 3 July Thomas the Apostle</b>	Almighty God, as we begin a Week of Prayer for Young People, we pray for the many children and young people in homes, churches and schools across our diocese. Help us as we seek to serve, bless and share your story with them.	<b>Sunday, 10 July</b>	As we wait eagerly and prayerfully for our new bishop, Bishop Michael, we commend to God's love and care the process to elect a new bishop for the Diocese of Lusaka; that a good, wise and godly person may be discerned to lead that diocese.
<b>Monday, 4 July</b>	Lord of life, we pray for the well-being and mental health of young people. Thank you for the vibrancy they bring to communities and for the impact they can have in changing the world.	<b>Monday, 11 July</b>	Lord, as we remember St Benedict, we pray for religious communities and those who live within them. We pray for all who live by a rule of life, inspired by monasticism and ask that we may be inspired by the prayer and service of religious communities.
<b>Tuesday, 5 July</b>	Lord of all creation, we join in praying for opportunities for young people as they look to the future. Be especially with those transitioning to new things this summer and grant them new ways to use their voices, their gifts and their talents.	<b>Tuesday, 12 July</b>	Loving God, we pray for all those who live and work in Sedgemoor Deanery and for those responsible for leading the deanery as they seek to offer a Christian presence in every community.
<b>Wednesday, 6 July</b>	God of infinite wisdom, we ask for greater understanding of what it is like to grow up in this generation with the many complex issues young people face, the pressures to achieve and how, in spite of all this, they still persevere.	<b>Wednesday, 13 July</b>	Holy God, we pray for Diocesan Synod, meeting today. Thank you for all who serve as members of Synod. We pray for the discussions and decisions that will be made, that they may speak of your great love for your world.
<b>Thursday, 7 July</b>	We pray for all those who work with young people through churches, youth organisations, schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit refresh and renew them today, and Lord of the Harvest, raise up a new crop of workers with a heart for young people.	<b>Thursday, 14 July</b>	Lord, we ask for wisdom and grace for Bath Deanery as clergy, with their lay leaders, seek to lead their parishes through these challenging times.
<b>Friday, 15 July</b>		<b>Friday, 15 July</b>	Loving God, as the Investments Committee meets today, we pray that we may use our money wisely and generously. We pray especially that we will use our resources to help those who are cold, hungry or fearful because of the cost of living crisis.

**Saturday,  
16 July**

God of Creation, we pray for the EcoFair event taking place at Holy Trinity Yeovil today. May all those taking part be inspired and renewed as we strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

**Sunday,  
17 July**

Jesus, Rabbi, we give thanks for all the Readers in our diocese today; especially those preaching and involved in leading worship today as teachers of the faith.

**Monday,  
18 July**

God of healing, we pray for all who work and serve within healthcare. Thank you for their skill, care and dedication. We pray that they may have the energy and resilience needed for each day.

**Tuesday,  
19 July**

Lord of life, in this last week of term we pray for children and staff in our schools and the many Leavers Services taking place. May the year finish well and your peace rest on those who are moving to new things in September.

**Wednesday,  
20 July**

God, our ruler, we pray for the elected leaders and officers who serve our communities; for local government and for the MPs who represent us. We pray that they will always act for the good of all.

**Thursday,  
21 July**

God of all things, we pray for wisdom for the Finance Group as they meet today. Help them to place you at the centre of their discussions and may your Holy Spirit guide their decisions.

**Friday,  
22 July  
Mary  
Magdalene**

Jesus, friend of Mary Magdalene, on this day we pray for all churches dedicated to her. Inspired by her example we pray that we may love generously and serve faithfully, even at the foot of your cross.

**Saturday,  
23 July**

God of the sabbath, we pray for all arriving in Somerset on holiday and for all who work in the tourist industry. Give rest to those who need it and be with all who work hard to enable the holidays of others.

**Sunday,  
24 July**

Creator God, we pray for farmers and for all who work in agriculture. Thank you for all that they do to grow food, care for the land and contribute to our communities.

**Monday,  
25 July  
James the  
Apostle**

God of all things, at the start of the school holidays, we lift to you the many events and activities planned in churches and communities around our Diocese this summer. May they bring life and hope!

**Tuesday,  
26 July**

God of Justice, we pray for all who work within the criminal justice system: for the police, courts, prisons and probation service. Affirm in them a commitment to justice and we pray that we may all play our part in making the world a place of greater justice.

**Wednesday,  
27 July**

God of compassion, we pray for all who offer spiritual care to those at the end of their lives. We pray for healing and wholeness and peace on them and those they serve.

**Thursday,  
28 July**

Global God, we pray today for Royal Portbury Dock and Avonmouth, for all the seafarers who bring goods to this country and for all who support them, including the Mission to Seafarers. Give comfort to those far from home and compassion to those who support them.

**Friday,  
29 July**

Lord Jesus, as we remember Mary, Martha and Lazarus and their friendships with you, we pray that in the ordinary and everyday, at work, in the community and at home, we share God's love as you did on earth.

**Saturday,  
30 July**

God of Justice, we give thanks for all who campaigned against the transatlantic slave trade. We pray that we may better understand its continuing impact, that we may end the evils of modern slavery, and give thanks for the work of the Clewer Initiative.

**Saturday,  
31 July**

As we remember Ignatius of Loyola today, Lord, we pray for the Jesuits in the UK and around the world: for their prayer, their work in education and for all who are inspired and strengthened in their faith by the Ignatian spiritual exercises.

