

April 1st

**Psalms:** 55 (MP), 62 (EP)

**Government** Please pray for our Government at this difficult time as they try and manage the spread of Coronavirus. Pray for wise counsel and clear guidance.

**Location/Organisation:** Homes in Silver Street.

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 9: 1–12; Hebrews 12: 3–13

April 2nd

**Psalms:** 40 (MP), 43 (EP)

**Ken Hill** Loving God, As the days brighten we look forward to the long days of summer. Help us bring joy to those around us day by day, May your presence be with us today and every day. In Jesus name Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** Congresbury Royal British Legion.

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 9: 13–end; Hebrews 12: 14–end

April 3rd

**Psalms:** 22 (MP), 31 (EP)

**NHS** Please pray for all health workers and ancillary staff who are enabling people to get the care they need at this difficult time.

**Location/Organisation:** Congresbury Parish Council

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 10; Hebrews 13: 1–16

April 4th

**Psalms:** 23 (MP), 130 (EP)

**Jenny Humphreys** We pray for Fr Friday Malaya, the new priest at our link parish of Chililabombwe; our link correspondent Mr Lesley Ngoma; and Archbishop Albert Chama, Bishop of Northern Zambia as coronavirus now starts to impact Zambia. We pray for the safety of all our friends there and call for global leaders to offer debt relief to Zambia and all the world's poorest countries so that they can spend their resources on fighting the pandemic.

**Location/Organisation:** Those living in Silver Mead.

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 11; Hebrews 13: 17–end

Sunday April 5th

Palm Sunday

**Sunday Lunch** St Andrews continues to provide Sunday Lunch on most first Sundays of the month at a very reasonable cost for those single persons who might otherwise eat alone. (note- temporarily stopped due to Coronavirus) It is thanks to Jan Thomson and her cooking skills, who also does all the shopping, that they receive an excellent main course, dessert and tea or coffee for £5.

**Location/Organisation:** Homes in Silverstone Way.

**Lectionary Readings:** Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 21: 1–11

April 6th—Holy Week

**Psalms:** 41 (MP), 25 (EP)

**Mercy Ship**. Pray that the Mercy Ship which has set sail from West Africa can dock so that the nurses and doctors on board can find a way home. pray for peace for their families at this stressful time.

**Location/Organisation:** St Peter's Hospice

**Lectionary Readings:** Lamentations 1: 1–12a; Luke 22: 1–23

April 7th—Holy Week

**Psalms:** 27 (MP), 55: 13–24 (EP)

**Church at home** As we look to a new way of doing Church during this difficult time, pray for the Church at Home co-ordinators to enable everyone to feel included.

**Location/Organisation:** 0-90's coffee.

**Lectionary Readings:** Lamentations 3: 1–18; Luke 24: 39–53

April 8th—Holy Week

**Psalms:** 102 (MP), 88 (EP)

**Katie Chappell-Davies** Dear Lord, We thank and praise you for the hope and joy of the resurrection that Jesus gives us. We pray that this would be revealed to us by your spirit all the more clearly through the coming months and it would bring us peace through difficult times.

**Location/Organisation:** Congresbury Recreation Club

**Lectionary Readings:** Jeremiah 11: 18–20; Luke 24: 54–end

April 9th—Maundy Thurs

**Psalms:** 42 (MP), 39 (EP)

**Mo Barber** Thank you Lord for allowing me to stay on this earth a little longer - it seems that you still have things for me to do. Thank you in particular to all my family, friends and members of St Andrews and the Methodist Church congregations for their constant prayers. I felt very uplifted by them all and hope to be back with you soon so that I can thank you in person.

My heartfelt prayers are for the members of the Ambulance Service, all who work so efficiently in A and E Departments, those in peripheral services such as X-ray in all its branches, doctors and nursing staff. For all who keep the wards clean and who deliver food to the wards with a smile. God bless you all.

**Location/Organisation:** For Brunel Manor.

**Lectionary Readings:** Leviticus 16: 2—24; Luke 23: 1—25

April 10th—Good Friday

**Psalms:** 69 (MP), 130 (EP)

**Pastor Nihad** We pray for our fellow Christians in Bethlehem, particularly those who normally make a living from tourism at this time of year. We pray particularly for good health care for Palestinians who have Covid-19 but have limited access to medical supplies.

**Location/Organisation:** Congresbury WI.

**Lectionary Readings:** John 18:1—end of John 19.

April 11th—Holy Saturday

**Psalms:** 142 (MP), 116 (EP)

**Dinah Harrison** A prayer for use by, or on behalf of, all front-line workers in the battle against coronavirus: "O Lord, Thou knowest how busy I must be this day. If I forget Thee, do not thou forget me". Prayer of Sir Jacob Astley before the Battle of Edgehill, 1642

**Location/Organisation:** Those living in Stonewell Lane.

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Peter 4: 1—8; John 19: 38—end

Sunday April 12th

Easter Sunday

**Matt Thomson**— "Alleluia!! The Lord is Risen!! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!!" So goes up the great Easter cry, although, as at the time of writing this, it feels as if it is likely to be a very different sort of Easter this year. And yet, over all the centuries, ever since that first Easter dawn, this has been our Christian faith and out of which we live. Lord, thank you. Thank you that Easter so powerfully shows us, "Love wins!" May your Love live in our hearts today.

**Location/Organisation:** Weston Hospicecare.

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 10: 34—43; John 20: 1—18

April 13th—Easter Week

**Psalms:** 111 (MP), 135 (EP)

**Easter Monday** As we wake today to a very different Bank Holiday, we pray for the many people who are self isolating and feeling lonely. May we continue to be alert to the needs of those who would value a phone call or card this week.

**Location/Organisation:** Congresbury Art Group.

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 12: 1—14; 1 Corinthians 15: 1—11

April 14th—Easter Week

**Psalms:** 112 (MP), 136 (EP)

**Toddlers** Whilst at TDI we all love the fact that everyone cares and looks after all the other members, we are very much aware that there are families all over the country who desperately need this sort of support. We pray that in these areas someone will find it in their heart to give their time to achieve this for them. We know from experience that they will receive so much back for their kindness.

**Location/Organisation:** Congresbury Cricket Club.

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 12: 14—36; 1 Corinthians 15: 12—19

April 15th—Easter Week

**Psalms:** 113 (MP), 105 (EP)

**Kay & Paul Friend** We have been very moved by the huge numbers of offers of help around the village and on Facebook, as well as texts, phone calls and emails from friends and family. It is not the spirit of fear that drives us apart, but the Holy Spirit who can bring us closer together. The world needs the love of God right now - he is asking us to be his hands, his feet and his voice

**Location/Organisation:** Homes in Yew Tree Park.

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 12: 37—end; 1 Corinthians 15: 20—28

April 16th—Easter Week

**Psalms:** 114 (MP), 106 (EP)

**Love Banwell** We pray for all that Lisa and Kirsty are doing in Banwell to enable collaborative working with the Parish Council and other agencies. Pray for creative ways for the work to continue despite the Coronavirus restrictions.

**Location/Organisation:** Congresbury Football Club.

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 13: 1—16; 1 Corinthians 15: 29—34

April 17th—Easter Week

**Psalms:** 115 (MP), 107 (EP)

**Georgina Walker** Dear Lord, We pray for all children at this time who are being home-schooled for the first time, who are confused about what is going on around them and who miss the companionship of their friends. Help us to guide and nurture them through this difficult time and inspire and enrich them at home. Amen

**Location/Organisation:** People living in Stonewell Park Road.

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 13: 17—14: 14; 1 Corinthians 15: 35—50

April 18th—Easter Week

**Psalms:** 116 (MP), 145 (EP)

**Avril Chadwick** Thank you for the gift of relationship and community. We pray that, despite the evidence to the contrary, this crisis will bring people together, not drive them apart. For those of us who are anxious, bring peace. For those of us who are sick, bring healing. For those of us who are caring for others, bring strength. For those of us who are lonely, bring comfort. For those of us who are not lonely, help us to see those who are, and help us to reach out to them in whatever ways we can. In Jesus' name we pray

**Location/Organisation:** Wrington & District Young Farmers.

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 14: 15—end; 1 Corinthians 15: 51—end

Sunday April 19th

2nd Sunday of Easter

**Lewis Walker**, Dear God. Thank you for our animals and pets who give us so much comfort at this time. Thank you for their cuddles and their love, especially when we can't cuddle our friends and family.

**Location/Organisation:** Homes in Stonewell Drive

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 2: 14a, 22—32; John 20: 19—end

April 20th

**Psalms:** 19 (MP), 139 (EP)

**North Somerset Villages Covid-19 Mutual Aid**

We pray for this group and others like it springing up in the area, please enable those who need help to connect with those who can offer it.

**Location/Organisation:** Congresbury Tennis Club

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 15: 1—21; Colossians 1: 1—14

April 21st

**Psalms:** 8 (MP), 104 (EP)

**Elms Nursing Home** We pray constantly for all who work at The Elms, for their dedication and patience despite such a difficult job with which many members of the nursing staff have to cope on a daily basis. We know that all enjoy our visits and we are glad to spread a little of God's word and love.

**Location/Organisation:** Shops in the Precinct.

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 15: 22—16: 10; Colossians 1: 15—end

April 22nd

**Psalms:** 30 (MP), 33 (EP)

**Flares** Please pray for all members of our youth group and the volunteers who help support them. Pray that although we don't see each other that we continue to walk with His and each other during this time. Give us the knowledge that you walk with and carry us when things seem really tough.

**Location/Organisation:** Homes in Stonewell Grove.

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 16: 11—end; Colossians 2: 1—15

April 23rd—St George

**Psalms:** 5 (MP), 3 (EP)

**Kirsty Bowles**. Dear Lord,

In times like this it is all too easy to lose sight of You as we feel disconnected from life and from each other. Help us to come together as Your community, strong in a common goal as we strive to help the vulnerable in society. Guide us through this difficult time, reassure us when we doubt, comfort us as we weep and strengthen us as we persevere. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** Congresbury Post Office

**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Timothy 2: 3—13; John 15: 18—21

April 24th

**Psalms:** 61 (MP), 118 (EP)

**Foodbank** We pray for the many casual or self employed workers who have lost their livelihood in recent weeks. We ask that local foodbanks will be able to cope with increased demand.

**Location/Organisation:** Congresbury Singers.

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 18: 1—12; Colossians 3: 12—4: 1

April 25th—St Mark

**Psalms:** 37: 23—end (MP), 45(EP)

**Grace Isaac** Dear Lord, at this difficult time, in our prayers Today and every day we pray especially for all people within our wonderful Weston hospital, and the NHS throughout the land, they are always working under pressure but more so at this time. Please Lord keep them all safe and well, Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** The work of the PCC (Parochial Church

**Lectionary Readings:** Ephesians 4: 7—16; Mark 13: 5—13

Sunday April 26th

3rd Sunday of Easter

**Wardens** Dear lord as I write this prayer we are in the middle of the Coronavirus. We thank you lord for giving the strength to the wardens team, who over the last few weeks have worked very closely together to work out a plan for all that is going on. May you keep them all safe with their loved ones as they look out for others in our community. When this is read, who knows what stage we will be at but lord we ask that you are continually there giving us all hope that soon it will be over and lives can be rebuilt. Thank you.

**Location/Organisation:** Those living on The Causeway.

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 2: 14a, 36—41; Luke 24: 13—35

April 27th

**Psalms:** 96 (MP), 61 (EP)

**Lay Ministry** Dear God, As we are challenged in these uncertain times, I pray that we can all be pioneers, finding new ways to explore our relationships with You. Let us use this as an opportunity to go beyond the familiar places and look for You with fresh eyes and in different ways.

In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** Congresbury Over 60s Club.

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 19; Luke 1: 1—25

April 28th

**Psalms:** 98 (MP), 71 (EP)

**Caz** Please pray for all young people during these uncertain times. For all those who are facing schooling at home pray that they will know this isn't forever and they will soon be back with their friends and teachers and normality will return. But also lets pray for all those in their final year at school, whether primary, secondary 6th form or college. Pray that they although they have missed do much , proms, special assemblies, final shows or concerts and their exams that they will know that all that hard work goes with them. God knows all that they are and all that they will be. Give them your peace and your hope, lord during these next few months.

**Location/Organisation:** For the Deanery Synod.

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 20: 1—21; Luke 1: 26—38

April 29th

**Psalms:** 105 (MP), 72 (EP)

**Pastoral care co-ordinators** Lord at this most challenging time we thank you so much for our pastoral care coordinators, and all those who are helping others. Please give them wisdom and patience and strengthen them as they take around your light and grace. We thank you Lord for your unchanging and unending love. Amen

**Location/Organisation:** For the local law courts, JPs and local po-

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 24; Luke 1: 39—56

April 30th

**Psalms:** 136 (MP), 73 (EP)

**Families** We pray for those self isolating who are already struggling with poverty, anxiety and unsettled lives and we pray that they will find enough food and support .

**Location/Organisation:** Weston General Hospital

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 25: 1—22; Luke 1: 57—end