

August 1st

**Psalms:** 23 (MP), 24 (EP)

**Pearl Salmon:** Please pray for my sister Rachel, who has been doing outreach work in Kenya during much of the lockdown period. Give thanks that she has remained safe and well, and that her travel there and back has been untroubled. I also give thanks for the kindness of the Parish in this time, particularly my home contacts who have looked after us so well and kept us informed when we could not venture out. I praise God that Church services have restarted in Church and that I am able to get there to worship. Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** For the Children and young people's groups

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 13: 5—18; Luke 23: 1—12

Sunday August 2nd

8th Sunday after Trinity

**Matt:** Traditionally August is a time for children and teachers to have a well earned rest from their studies but chatting to our youth group, many have further studies over the summer to try to catch up on missed work during the Lockdown. This seems to be particularly the case for those due to take key exams next year. Could we please pray for all young people, particularly those facing such extra burdens and challenges, and for those for whom it all seems too much. May we pray John 10:10 over them and with them so that we all may truly flourish - may all young people know that they are loved, and being married to a teacher and having a daughter in the same profession, can we pray for all teachers who likewise have worked tirelessly during this time coping with much anxiety and uncertainty as well as being first and foremost dedicated to the young people themselves.

**Location/Organisation:** Congresbury Youth Partnership

**Lectionary Readings:** Romans 9: 1—5; Matthew 14: 13—21

August 3rd

**Psalms:** 30 (MP), 28 (EP)

**George** (Kirsty's cousin) Dear God, Thank You for the time spent with families during this lockdown, but now as things start to ease out of lockdown, we pray that our children can enjoy their summer holidays, see their friends and have fun before school starts again. Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** For our local GP surgeries, and hospital medical staff.

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 14: 24—46; Luke 23: 13—25

August 4th

**Psalms:** 36 (MP), 33 (EP)

**From the Church of England:**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

**Location/Organisation:** Neighbourhood Watch Association

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 15: 1—23; Luke 23: 26—43

August 5th

**Psalms:** 34 (MP), 119: 33—56 (EP)

**Rev Meg Slingo:** Loving and hearing God. We turn to you in prayer. We know that you hear us and are with us, you are with all people. In these unprecedented times our world is in turmoil and the ripples shake our community but we know you hear our prayers. We pray for all among us who have been affected at this time. For the lonely, the vulnerable, those of us who are afraid and those who have lost loved ones and are feeling inconsolable. We pray for all who are facing an uncertain future, where jobs have been lost or may be lost? For businesses, where work life has changed due to the economic chaos.

**Location/Organisation:** Homes in Venus St and Nomis Park

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 16; Luke 23: 44—56a

August 6th

**Psalms:** 27 (MP), 72 (EP)

**Rev Meg Slingo:** We pray for all who continue to support our way of life they enable us to have what we need for life, these are people that once we took for granted. Our refuse collectors, delivery drivers, postal workers, shop workers, care workers, food bank volunteers, our teachers, school support staff and governors, for all cleaners and all who have volunteered in many unsung ways. Our NHS workers, many who will live with the memories of what they have witnessed. We remember their collective families. Bless them, as we give thanks, for them all. We pray that our community will grow stronger together and enable us to value every single life among us. In your Name Jesus we pray.

**Location/Organisation:** People living at Brinsea, and on Brinsea Road

**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Peter 1: 16—19; Luke 9: 28—36

August 7th

**Psalms:** 31 (MP), 35 (EP)

**Caz:** Please pray for all those expecting exam results this month. There has been so much uncertainty and worry surrounding these grades pray that God will give them peace during this time. Lord take away any anxiety and allow each one of them to realise that a number does not define who they are and that they are loved beyond measure. Hold them in you arms lord and let them know what amazing young people they are

**Location/Organisation:** Churchill School pupils, teachers, parents and Governors.

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 17: 31—54; Luke 24: 13—35

August 8th

**Psalms:** 42 (MP), 46 (EP)



**Bishop Ruth:** We pray for Bishop Ruth as she takes a well earned sabbatical. We pray that this may be a time for rest and refreshment and a chance to catch up with her family.

**Location/Organisation:** Homes in Park Road & Park Mews

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 17: 55—18: 16; Luke 24: 36—end

Sunday August 9th

9th Sunday after Trinity

**Liz & Tony Chappell:** May we pray for all Church Musicians. Father we lift to you all Men, Women and Children who have been called by you to lead Praise and Worship in our Churches and Cathedrals. We pray for them as they try to come to terms with a new way of working during this time of unemployment and may they continue to be blessed with creativity and love for you and a renewed desire to serve you. In Jesus name Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** Those living in Mulberry Road

**Lectionary Readings:** Romans 10: 5–15; Matthew 14: 22–33

August 10th

**Psalms:** 44 (MP), 47 (EP)

**Foodbank:** Lord we give thanks for the continuing generosity of giving to the Foodbank, people have been so kind to those in need which shows we can learn to live your gospel of love, kindness and generosity. Give thanks that we can still manage to donate to St Andrews School supplies and to the Clevedon foodbank based in Yatton. Donations are still required, the easing of restrictions has not eased the struggle some families have in trying to provide, so pray for ongoing generosity in the spirit of giving. Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** For members of the Bowls Clubs

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 19: 1–18; Acts 1: 1–14

August 11th

**Psalms:** 48 (MP), 50 (EP)

**China:** We pray Lord for the people of China, and in the light of our connection in history with Hong Kong, for their people especially. Help us to remember your command to love our neighbours as ourselves, remembering too that you didn't give us a get-out clause "as long as we agree with them politically". Whatever the governmental and political differences, help us to see the Chinese people as our fellow humans, and pray for and bless them as our brothers and sisters.

**Location/Organisation:** For homes in Dickensons Grove

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 20: 1–17; Acts 1: 15–end

August 12th

**Psalms:** 119: 57–80 (MP), 59 (EP)

**The Elms:** We continue to hold all the staff and residents of the Leonard Elms Home in our prayers. We thank you, Lord, for the care and kindness received by all those who are there because they now need specialist help. We look forward to a time when we can begin to visit once again and share God's word with them all.

**Location/Organisation:** For the residents of Yeo Court

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 20: 18–end; Acts 2: 1–21

August 13th

**Psalms:** 57 (MP), 62 (EP)

**NHS:** Lord, we pray for all those dedicated people who work in the NHS. Please protect them from all harm, give them all the resources they need to do their work, and the personal health, stamina and resilience they need. Especially we ask that you protect them from any additional stresses caused by the transition to increased non-Covid 19 caseload. May our expectations as patients be realistic, and may we be understanding in our response to delays in treatment.

**Location/Organisation:** For Guides, Brownies & Rainbows

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 21: 1–22; 5; Acts 2: 22–36

August 14th

**Psalms:** 51 (MP), 38 (EP)

**Trevor, Katie & boys:** Heavenly Father, We thank and praise you for the power of your Word and your Presence over our lives which we hold fast to during this difficult year. We prayer for strength, hope and encouragement to persevere, trusting in you always. Particularly we pray for scientific researchers as they continue to work towards developing a vaccine for Covid-19, praying Lord, that you would enable the use of their gifts and experience to provide a solution that will save many lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen

**Location/Organisation:** For the Scout & Guide Group Management Committee, and the Scout and Guide HQ.

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 22: 6–end; Acts 2: 37–end

August 15th

**Psalms:** 98 (MP), 132 (EP)

**Steve Marr:** we give thanks today for Steve Marr (Caz's dad) and thank him for his support and for his reflection which we have used on the front sheet. Please keep him and his family safe and well.

**Location/Organisation:** The homes in Weir Road

**Lectionary Readings:** Galatians 4: 4–7; Luke 1: 46–55



Sunday August 16th

10th Sunday after Trinity

**Flares:** Please pray for all members and volunteers of flares. Pray that though we have been unable to meet face to face we have continued to gather virtually and our journey with God has strengthened during this time.

**Location/Organisation:** Those living in the Lyes, Waverley Court and Glendare Court

**Lectionary Readings:** Romans 11: 1–2a, 29–32; Matthew 15: 21–28



August 17th

**Psalms:** 71 (MP), 72 (EP)

**Thanks:** Lord, we thank you for all those who give their hearts, energy, time and commitment to praying for others. Whether they are members of a prayer chain, a prayer group or just individuals who feel they are praying alone, we thank you for all the love they express, all the spiritual battles they fight on their knees, and all the blessings, benefits, healing and restoration resulting from their efforts. We pray your blessing upon them all!

**Location/Organisation:** The team producing the Yatton & Cong. [Paper](#).

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 24; Acts 3: 11—end

August 18th

**Psalms:** 73 (MP), 74 (EP)

**Ken Hill:** A prayer for ourselves. Almighty God, at this time of separation, isolation and shielding, we often find ourselves alone with our thoughts. We ask that you lead our thinking, and our actions thereafter that we may be a light in the world about us. Likewise we ask that we may study others and recognise when your spirit is working in them to give us new insights to inspire us in the days to come. This we pray in the name of your Son Jesus Our Lord. Amen

**Location/Organisation:** Churchill School Christian Union and CAST

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 26; Acts 4: 1—12

August 19th

**Psalms:** 77 (MP), 119: 81—104 (EP)

**Pastor Nihad:** please pray for 1) Heavenly strength to keep the witness for our Lord alive here in Bethlehem.

2) To refresh our soul and spirit as we are waiting upon the Lord.

3) for the mercy of the Lord upon us that the pandemic will pass away, our government is not equipped to handle the health situation.

**Location/Organisation:** People living in Mill Lane & Mill Leg

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 28: 3—end; Acts 4: 13—31

August 20th

**Psalms:** 78: 1—39 (MP), 78: 40—end (EP)

**Pastor Nihad (Continued):** Please pray for repentance, turning back to the Lord with repentance. we pray for a harvest and a revival that the Lord will pour out His Spirit upon the church to get ready for the harvest.

**Location/Organisation:** For God's wisdom at Diocesan Synod meetings

**Lectionary Readings:** 1 Samuel 31: 1—18; Acts 4: 32—5: 11

August 21st

**Psalms:** 55 (MP), 69 (EP)

**David Packham:** Pearl and family give thanks that David has remained safe and well where he lives during the week with Hilary, and although they miss him, Pearl was delighted to speak to him on the phone the other day and know he is being loved and cared for. Thank you Lord. Amen

**Location/Organisation:** Congresbury Horticultural Society

**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Samuel 1; Acts 5: 12—26

August 22nd

**Psalms:** 76 (MP), 84 (EP)

**TearFund:** Please ask God to have mercy and to protect countries where there is a lack of basic healthcare, or where there is already devastation because of conflict and natural disasters. Pray for strength, wisdom and protection for the healthcare workers in these places. Pray for Tearfund partners who are setting up hand-washing stations, distributing soap, providing hygiene training and raising awareness about coronavirus prevention. Continue to pray for them as you wash your hands throughout the day.

**Location/Organisation:** For those in Homefield, Bramley Square and Cadbury Square

**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Samuel 2: 1—11; Acts 5: 27—end

Sunday August 23rd

11th Sunday after Trinity

**Kay & Paul Friend:** Lord, we lay our situation before you - help us to use our common sense, but may we remember in all of this, to keep our focus on Jesus. And Lord, we pray for a successful vaccine. There are evil forces in the world and many unresolved problems, but when we don't have the words to pray, help us to remember that, according to your word, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are interceding for us, and that God sits above the circle of the earth. May our eyes and minds be on things above, and may your love be shown in us. Amen

**Location/Organisation:** For Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

**Lectionary Readings:** Romans 12: 1—8; Matthew 16: 13—20

August 24th

**Psalms:** 86 (MP), 91 (EP)

**Gaza:** Father, we pray for the inhabitants of the Gaza strip, as we learn of a marked increase in the suicide rate in this troubled little part of the world. Especially we pray for an improvement in relations with their neighbouring countries of Egypt and Israel. We pray too that young people will be protected from radicalization, and given hope for a better future that they will be inspired to work for.

**Location/Organisation:** The Elms nursing home

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 5: 12 - 16; Luke 22: 24 - 30

August 25th

**Psalms:** 89: 1—18 (MP), 89: 19—end (EP)

**Mo Barber:** Thank you Lord for providing all the superb medical care to those suffering from the coronavirus. We know how exhausted all the medical staff are in our hospitals, yet still they never give up on a patient. We thank you for all those who are able to return to their families after expert treatment. We pray for those still on ventilators, in comas, and who still hover in the balance between life and death, and whose lives may be altered irrevocably as a result. We pray for their families, still waiting for good news of their loved ones. Help them all to know your loving presence and compassion. In Jesus' name.

**Location/Organisation:** Methodist Church Fellowship Group

**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Samuel 5: 1—12; Acts 7: 1—16

August 26th

**Psalms:** 119: 105—128 (MP), 91 (EP)

**Iris Belsten:** Heavenly Father we pray for all those involved in the reopening of our churches. We pray for all Ministers and Preachers as they plan for their different Way of preaching and we pray for the teams who are involved in the measures taken to ensure the safety of the congregations according to Government guidelines. Be with us all Lord in this time of uncertainty. Amen

**Location/Organisation:** For the Mendip Morris Men

**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Samuel 6: 1—19; Acts 7: 17—43

August 27th

**Psalms:** 92 (MP), 94 (EP)

**Caroline Haynes:** Gives thanks that due to lockdown, she has been able to stay with Pearl and keep each other safe and well. Pray for all her friends and staff at Clevedon, who she hopes to see soon as restrictions ease. Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** For the Friends of St Andrews

**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Samuel 7: 1—17; Acts 7: 44—53

August 28th

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

**Zoe & Derek Parrett:** Dear Lord, We pray for comfort and relief for all those anxiously awaiting surgery and cancer treatment, having been postponed due to the NHS coping with the Covid 19 pandemic.

We ask that all aspects of the NHS have the support to cope with the adjustments needed to face the huge challenge of overcoming the back log of untreated patients.

**Location/Organisation:** For the RNLI lifeboat teams

**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Samuel 7: 18—end; Acts 7: 54—8: 3

August 29th

**Psalms:** 97 (MP), 104 (EP)

**Margaret Hamilton:** I am writing this on a beautiful morning having just returned from a walk with my dog and it is easy to be full of thankfulness and praise to God for all His many blessings. I pray that God will give us hearts whose default position is thanks and praise for all His love and compassion for each person, even in the darkest time He has a plan for us, we are not incidental in His sight. I would like especially to give thanks for technology, (me, the ultimate technophobe!) and the many ways it has been instrumental in blessing so many. I would like also to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the church in Chililabombwe in Zambia that they will have God's peace and security and ways to show God's love to each other in this time of global pandemic.

**Location/Organisation:** The Bellringers at St Andrews

**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Samuel 9; Acts 8: 4—25

Sunday August 30th

12th Sunday after Trinity

**Schools:** Father, we pray for children, parents, teachers and school admin staff as they all prepare for a return to classes in September, after all the disruption to routine which lockdown has brought about. Please help everyone to be patient, considerate, adaptable and accommodating as they seek to establish the pattern of education once again. Please especially protect the sensitive among them from unnecessary stress or trauma, and give a special blessing to all the children starting school for the first time in this season.

**Location/Organisation:** Weston Street Pastors

**Lectionary Readings:** Romans 12: 9—end; Matthew 16: 21—end

August 31st

**Psalms:** 98 (MP), 105 (EP)

**A prayer for us all:** Even in the darkest moments, love gives hope. Love compels us to fight against coronavirus alongside our brother and sisters living in poverty. Love compels us to stand together in prayer with our neighbours near and far. Love compels us to give and act s one. Now it is clear that our futures are bound together more tightly than ever before. As we pray in our individual homes we are united as one family. So let us pause and find a moment of peace as we lift our hearts together in prayer. (with thanks to Yatton Moor churches)

**Location/Organisation:** Yatton & Congresbury Wildlife Action Group (YACWAG)

**Lectionary Readings:** 2 Samuel 11; Acts 8: 26—end