

July 1st

Psalms: 77 (MP), 119: 81–104 (EP)

Caz Carter: Please pray for all our schools both pupils and teachers as they try and start to come back. Especially pray for all the year 6's as they finish in primary school and are looking towards their next step. It is a difficult time as they still can't meet altogether with the celebrations that would normally happen. Pray for the teachers as they try and make the transition as easy as possible and celebrate with them in ways that they can. Lord give them the knowledge that you love them and walk with them however difficult things are and give them your hope.

Location/Organisation: Hilmer Rise, Hill Path

Lectionary Readings: Judges 9: 22—end Luke 16: 1—18

July 2nd

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

Grace Isaac: God of grace and love, at this time the future seems uncertain and even dangerous, and we become distrustful and hard hearted. We are wanting to only believe those who agree with us, and fearful of different thoughts and opinions. We can become angry and defensive, hurting others before they can hurt us, regardless of the consequences. May we respond to the gospel of your love for us in Christ, help us to remember that although your birth was announced by angels, you came into this world vulnerable as a new-born child. So Lord help us in all that we may do in your name that I will be filled with compassion, justice and kindness. Amen

Location/Organisation: For those running our local Pubs.

Lectionary Readings: Judges 11: 1—11; Luke 16: 19—end

July 3rd

Psalms: 92 (MP), 139 (EP)

Our Staff/Church Offices:

Dear lord we pray for the church offices at both Congresbury and Banwell. We pray that as the restrictions are lifted that some normal admin duties can resume. We hold Caz, Lisa and Andrea in our prayer as they have been furloughed throughout this. We also pray for Kirsty who has continued to ensure that admin has been completed so that people can access the relevant information.

Location/Organisation: For Wrington, Redhill, Burrington & Butcombe churches.

Lectionary Readings: Ephesians 2: 19—end; John 20: 24—29

July 4th

Psalms: 76 (MP), 84 (EP)

Paul Denley: Dear Father, Please sustain us all at this challenging time. We thank you for all those who are working so hard to keep some degree of normality in our lives - providing power and clean water, maintaining food supplies and other deliveries - things that we can so easily take for granted. We remember those in other parts of the world where all these things are not so reliable and where life is even harder at the moment. Amen

Location/Organisation: The NHS, its work and its workers.

Lectionary Readings: Judges 12: 1—7; Luke 17: 11—19

Sunday July 5th

4th Sunday after Trinity

Matt: As this would be the first Sunday when we could have got together physically to worship following the government's announcement, we pray for each of our Church Buildings as Houses of Prayer in each of our communities. Lord, may they be places of welcome, custodians of faith, and pointers to you Gospel message of love, acceptance and transformation. May your Holy Spirit dwell in the quietness and the stillness and so bless each visitor with your tenderness and living presence. And may you inspire us, your "living stones," to do likewise, and so be a blessing to all whom we meet. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen"

Location/Organisation: Churches in Langford and Churchill.

Lectionary Readings: Romans 7: 15—25a; Matthew 11: 16—19, 25—end

July 6th

Psalms: 80 (MP), 85 (EP)

Gillian Welch: Thank you Lord for the joy of seeing and smelling so many pretty flowers and lots of butterflies in the sunshine that cheer us in these worrying times, also for the rain these plants and vegetables need. We are also so thankful for the medical people and hardworking research that has and being done for everyone. We pray for strength and wisdom to understand and cope with new changes in our lives in these forthcoming months. Amen

Location/Organisation: For better building laws in Bangladesh & oth-

Lectionary Readings: Judges 13: 1—24; Luke 17: 20—end

July 7th

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

Dave Hares: 2020 Has been a hard and worrying year, the old saying "oh well we are all in the same boat" is not true in this case. Please pray for those out of work, ill or lonely and help if we can. By the way how's Matts. boat ?

Location/Organisation: For the New Creation Churches

Lectionary Readings: Judges 14; Luke 18: 1—14

July 8th

Psalms: 119: 105—128 (MP), 91 (EP)

Jillian Ward Hastings: Lord, we have all been under extra pressure during lockdown, for lots of different reasons. Some of us have had less contact with our loved ones; others have been unable to get away from them! May we remember to listen for Your voice as the lockdown restrictions are now lifted, and seek Your help in navigating the new anxieties and challenges that this next stage will bring. Amen

Location/Organisation: For friendships to develop through the "Take 5" scheme

Lectionary Readings: Judges 18: 15—30; Luke 18: 15—30

July 9th

Psalms: 92 (MP), 94 (EP)

Barry Sparks: Dear Lord, thank you for the kindness and humanity shown by thousands of Extra-ordinary people who have helped and cared for many more thousands during this time of upheaval. Give comfort to those who have lost loved ones, and those who have had to comfort the seriously ill because their loved ones cannot be with them. Help us all to recognise the best in people and support all we meet so that our communities can flourish in peace and harmony. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Churches in Winscombe & Sandford

Lectionary Readings: Judges 16: 4—end; Luke 18: 31—end

July 10th

Psalms: 88 (MP), 102 (EP)



Take 5: Lord we think of all those families who loved the company and friendship of the Take 5 community. We pray for all those who miss this time, including the volunteers. We pray for all these families and children and ask you to bless them until such time as we can meet up again. Amen

Location/Organisation: Local music teachers

Lectionary Readings: Judges 17; Luke 19: 1—10

July 11th

Psalms: 97 (MP), 104 (EP)

Helen Jenkins: We pray for blessings on the scientists and their staff who are working on the vaccine for Covid-19. May God's hand be on them.

Location/Organisation: For people trafficking to be thwarted.

Lectionary Readings: Judges 18: 1—20, 27—end; Luke 19: 11—27

Sunday July 12th

5th Sunday after Trinity

Locking Deanery: Father, we thank You that You place us in families, not just as individuals but as churches in "church family" groupings such as our Locking Deanery. We pray for the Deanery and all the churches in it, rural and town, and ask that through Your Spirit you guide us forward and enable us to work together more and more effectively for Your glory and the advancing of Your kingdom in our area. We pray a special blessing upon Revd Tom Yacomeni, our Area Dean, and ask you to help and guide him in all the work he has to do. Help us all to support one another in love and fellowship, and please enable us to meet together in Synod before too very long.

Location/Organisation: For the work of Christian Aid and TEAR fund

Lectionary Readings: Romans 8: 1—11; Matthew 13: 1—9, 18—23

July 13th

Psalms: 98 (MP), 105 (EP)

Eddie Male: As life seems confusing and uncertain help us to:
Stop;
Be still and pray;
Look and appreciate at all of Gods wonderful creation;
Listen and wait on the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the Methodist Church Council

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 1—20; Luke 19: 28—40



July 14th

Psalms: 106 (MP), 107 (EP)

NHS: Father God we ask you to continue to care for all those in the frontline of the NHS services at this time. They are all working to complete exhaustion and will continue to do so because they see that as their calling. We bless and thank them all, including those in the ambulance service, those in all the complementary departments without whom the hospitals could not function in their enormous task of healing. Let them know that you are always there with your loving arms outstretched to comfort them when they are weary.

Location/Organisation: Security and long term stability in Iraq.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 21—2: 11; Luke 19: 41—end

July 15th

Psalms: 111 (MP), 119: 129—152 (EP)

Dinah Harrison: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all who are dear to us this day. Be with us in our going out and our coming in. Strengthen us for the work You have given us to do and grant that, filled with Your Holy Spirit, we may walk worthy of our high calling and cheerfully do those things that You would have us do.

Location/Organisation: For the World Trade Organisation to act fairly and honestly.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 2: 12—26; Luke 20: 1—8

July 16th

Psalms: 115 (MP), 116 (EP)

PCC's: Dear Lord, We pray for all those who sit on the PCC and little did they know that they would be needed to make some strange decisions around when and how to open churches safely. We pray for their families who have supported them through making decisions. Please hold them in your prayers.

Location/Organisation: For wisdom and integrity in UK Government.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 2: 27—end; Luke 20: 9—19

July 17th

Psalms: 139 (MP), 130 (EP)

Schools:

Father, we pray for all those in the teaching profession whose hard work and dedication to their calling is proving incredibly difficult to maintain and is being severely challenged at this time. We need to make sure that ALL children can return to school safely very soon, not just to continue learning but to allow them to meet up with their friends once again. This has been such a lonely time for so many but it has made many parents realise just how much they owe to teachers. God bless them all.

Location/Organisation: Our Police Force.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 3: 1—4: 1a; Luke 20: 20—26

July 18th

Psalms: 121 (MP), 118 (EP)

Pauline Patch: Dear Lord, In this time of confusion there are so many questions being asked that we are not able to have answers for. Lord please give us the strength, courage and patience to come through this situation. We may have to face a different way of living for some time but in you we have belief and trust. Amen

Location/Organisation: For the EU - for fair opportunities and legislation.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 4: 1b—end; Luke 20: 27—40

Sunday July 19th

6th Sunday after Trinity

Barbara Ruffle: My prayer, Loving Heavenly Father, I lift before you a world in great and desperate need for you. I ask that you would bring healing in mind, body and spirit to those who are suffering at this time of pandemic, those who are refugees, those who are unable to self isolate, those who live with civil war around them. I prayer your loving arms will surround them and give to them your peace, thank you Lord, Amen.

Location/Organisation: The World Health Organisation.

Lectionary Readings: Romans 8: 12—25; Matthew 13: 24—30, 36—43

July 20th

Psalms: 126 (MP), 127 (EP)



Love Banwell: We pray for everyone in the village as we begin to ease out of lockdown. We pray particularly for the events of Banwell Summer Fun and hope that it brings some joy into the hearts of people in the village. Please bless everyone who takes part and Thank You for inspiring the wonderful creativity that is shown. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For good health care for the traveller communities

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 5; Luke 20: 41—21: 4

July 21st

Psalms: 132 (MP), 135 (EP)

Mary Krawczenko: Lord we pray for all the grandparents absolutely longing to have a hug after all these weeks. The people who have been alone and worried about health of themselves and their families and friends. Be with all the nurses, health workers, and all the volunteers who have shown your love to everyone. We trust that with your help we will return to a more understanding loving world knowing you are always with us in the ups and downs of life. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For wisdom for the General Synod of the Church of England.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 6: 1—16; Luke 21: 5—19



July 22nd

Psalms: 30 (MP), 63 (EP)

Foodbank: Dear Lord, we pray for the generosity of local people in Congresbury who have given so much over this period and may they continue to do so. So many people will still need this valuable service that is provided as people readjust.

Location/Organisation: For peace in Israel/Palestine & that Jerusalem will be a place of peace.

Lectionary Readings: 2 Corinthians 5: 14—17; John 20: 1—2, 11—18

July 23rd

Psalms: 143 (MP), 138 (EP)

Gemma Stocker: Dear Lord I would like to thank you for this time to be able to reflect on how lucky we are to live in your beautiful creation! To be able to live and spend time in nature may we be able to let go of any anxieties we may have over the future and therefore be able to trust in your knowledge and the understanding we have in you.

Location/Organisation: For those who publish Viewpoint & Banwell

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 8; Luke 21: 29—end

July 24th

Psalms: 144 (MP), 145 (EP)

Joan Fowke: Dear Father God, I pray for your comfort and love for us all in this season of plague. Your closeness to us Your children, may many turn to You who have not previously known You. We pray for our persecuted Brethren around the World, in places like The Mid-East, Far-East and Africa. In China where Christians, Muslims and Political Prisoners are being used as body parts in transplant surgery. I pray for Brexit and the Christian influence in our land to grow. Bless us all in Our Lord Jesus Christ's glorious name and we look forward to His soon return. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the Toddler groups

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 9: 1—14; Luke 22: 1—13

July 25th

Psalms: 7 (MP), 94 (EP)

Martin & Rosemary West: We pray for those who would have been ordained Deacon last month and who are now working as Lay Ministers in their parishes until their ordination in September. We especially think of Sue Hoskins now working in Wrington, Redhill, Burrington & Butcombe churches.

Location/Organisation: The media - pray for integrity.

Lectionary Readings: Acts 11: 27—12: 2; Matthew 20: 20—28

Sunday July 26th

7th Sunday after Trinity

Howard Worsley: Father God, allow us the grace to be learners as a single global species as this lockdown unlocks....may we be aware of the environment as we begin to travel again, may we be aware of the inequities between black and white people as we begin to physically relate again, may we be more sensitive to the needs of the poor as we reboot our economic trading. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For Cafe Church

Lectionary Readings: Romans 8: 26—end; Matthew 13: 31—33, 44—52

July 27th

Psalms: 1 (MP), 4 (EP)

Howard Worsley: Lord Jesus, help me to survive this day with hope, to find enough energy not to despair at the loss of contact with my loved ones, to be aware of my current bereavements so that I do not dump my grumpiness on others. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Knightcott Gardens, Knightcott Park, Knightcott Road

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 10: 1—16; Luke 22: 24—30

July 28th

Psalms: 5 (MP), 9 (EP)

Jenny Humphreys: We pray today for the World Trade Organisation, the international organization dealing with the global rules on trade. Its main function is to ensure that trade flows as smoothly, predictably and freely as possible. We pray that all those involved in making decisions and settling disputes do so for the benefit of all people of every nation, and with proper regard for the environment which we all share. May God bless all those who campaign for fairly traded goods, safe working practices, proper animal welfare, and a sustainable sharing of the world's limited resources.

Location/Organisation: For guidance and protection for our armed forces

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 10: 17—end; Luke 22: 31—38

July 29th

Psalms: 119: 1—32 (MP), 11 (EP)

Avril Chadwick: Father we pray for our world. We know that the current situation, where people can't easily meet up and share communion, breaks your heart, as it does ours. May we use this time wisely as we prepare for the next season of life. Guide us we pray. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the expanding church in Africa, China and S.America.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 11; Luke 22: 39—46

July 30th

Psalms: 15 (MP), 18 (EP)

Government: Lord, we know You see far beyond our limited vision as humans, and we ask for Your wisdom, guidance and influence for our government, national and local, and all our civil service, as they plan and lead us out of lockdown and back to a more normal way of life. Please keep us all as a nation willing to co-operate with measures which we may find inconvenient and stress-inducing, always remembering that we work together for the common good of all.

Location/Organisation: For the drop in coffee mornings

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 12; Luke 22: 47—62



July 31st

Psalms: 19 (MP), 22 (EP)

Love Congresbury: Dear Lord, Though we may not be able to join together yet, we pray that the spirit of community and friendship will remain strong. We thank you for the quality time spent with our families, finding new and fun ways to enjoy the beauty of Your creation. We pray that families engage with the range of activities of the 'virtual' fete and enjoy doing something a little bit different and thank You for all the organisations who have generously given their time to help. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the 'underground' violence in N. Ireland to stop

Lectionary Readings: 1 Samuel 13: 5—18; Luke 22: 63—end