

September 1st

Psalms: 106 (MP), 107 (EP)

Nicky Bradshaw: Please join with us in praying for all those going back to school in September, whether they are teachers, pupils, support staff, lunch time assistants etc and for those moving on to University. Please be with them in all the changes and new surroundings. We particularly lift Bela and William to you Lord, as William enters year 11 and Bela begins year 7. Please bless them at this time and give us all the strength we need to adjust to the 'new normal'.

Location/Organisation: For our Churches flower arrangers

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 12: 1—15; Acts 9: 1—19a

September 2nd

Psalms: 111 (MP), 119: 129—152 (EP)

David & Beth Ashton-Hilton: Lord, during this time of so many changes in how we meet as your people, we can easily have a strong desire to "return to normal", even though when we finally do, we will probably find that "normal has moved". Help us to constantly think beyond ourselves, and remember our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who have never experienced the normality and freedom we long for. Many meet in secret, if at all, in fear of their government, their community, their neighbours and even their own family. Please hold them in the encouragement, comfort and safety of your love at all times.

Location/Organisation: For our Church wardens

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 15: 1—12; Acts 9: 19b—31

September 3rd

Psalms: 115 (MP), 116 (EP)

Joan Worrall: Heavenly and loving Father, we especially pray and give thanks for all those workers, services, volunteers and people who have 'gone that extra mile' to keep us safe, especially those who are confined to their homes. Let us look into our hearts and give thanks also to those who are working so hard to find the right answers to a vaccine against this virus. Let us pray for them with hope and faith in their knowledge. Dear Lord Jesus, help us all to have patience and understanding as we move forward slowly and hopefully to a more consistent normality of living. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen

Location/Organisation: Those living and working in Wrington Road

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 15: 13—end; Acts 9: 32—end

September 4th

Psalms: 139 (MP), 130 (EP)

Mike & Angela Bennett: Heavenly Father. We pray in this very difficult time we are in, that you will bring peace and healing to all those people who have lost loved ones, whether it be to the COVID virus or to other natural causes. Only you can mend our broken hearts when our loved one dies, only you can strengthen us and sustain us and help us make sense out of things that confuse us. In Jesus name.

Location/Organisation: For the Diocesan Healing Ministry

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 16: 1—14; Acts 10: 1—16

September 5th

Psalms: 121 (MP), 118 (EP)



Bishop Ruth: We pray for Bishop Ruth who has had to postpone her sabbatical to take on additional duties during Bishop Peter's absence.

Location/Organisation: People in Wrington Mead and Wrington Lane.

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 17: 1—23; Acts 10: 17—33

Sunday September 6th

16th Sunday of Trinity

Matt: Lord, as so many parts of our community seek to return to a new chapter in their lives this month - schools, workplaces, leisure activities and the like, please be with all those setting out on new paths and those for whom life continues to be a struggle. Please be with those who feel trapped by all that is going on and for those who feel left behind, for the anxious, the depressed, and those for whom this time of Lockdown has been particularly tough. Thank you that you promise to lose nothing and no one that you have made and that you go out to find the Lost Sheep in each of us. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the Parish Councils

Lectionary Readings: Romans 13: 8—end; Matthew 18: 15—20

September 7th

Psalms: 126 (MP), 127 (EP)

Mary Krawczenko: Lord please comfort all those who are missing family and friends, who have passed away from Covid 19. Please be with all the scientific workers that they will find a vaccine. Stay close to the lonely and anxious that they will feel your love shining through for everyone. Amen

Location/Organisation: Those living in Weetwood Road and Verlands.

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 18: 1—18; Acts 10: 34—end

September 8th

Psalms: 132 (MP), 135 (EP)

Ernie & Royette Chapman: Lord, during these difficult times never has friendship been more important and community spirit more necessary. Therefore we give thanks for the unsung heroes in our villages who have unselfishly given their time to care for all who need it.

Location/Organisation: For those in Cobthorn Way.

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 18: 19—19: 8a; Acts 11: 1—18



September 9th **Psalms:** 119: 153—end (MP), 136 (EP)
NHS: Lord we give thanks for all those who work for the NHS. We are so blessed to be able to access this service. Thank you for all the nurses and doctors who are your hands and feet healing and comforting those in need. Please protect them as they serve us. And we lift to you all those suffering at this time, please provide your healing touch and give them your peace. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For our Church treasurers
Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 19: 8b—23; Acts 11: 19—end

September 10th **Psalms:** 143 (MP), 138 (EP)

Rosemary and Geoff Bailey: We give thanks for the many acts of kindness and a swelling of community spirit over the past months. We pray that our eyes continue to spot those in need, we listen intently when people want to chat and that our hearts are full of love & compassion for all.

Location/Organisation: The Church Worship Groups.
Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 19: 24—end; Acts 12: 1—17

September 11th **Psalms:** 144 (MP), 145 (EP)

Baz Nottage: Dear Lord, we lift up to you in prayer all the young people in our parishes and especially those within New Creation. We pray that they will know your comfort in this uncertain time. Be with them every step as they embark on new and exciting paths in education, in work, and their every day. Be with them as they navigate the ups and downs of life, of love, and their faith. Be with them in the freshness of the morning, the bustle of the day, and quite of the night. Draw them closer to you.

Location/Organisation: Homes in Southside.
Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 23: 1—7; Acts 12: 18—end

September 12th **Psalms:** 147 MP), 148 (EP)

Caz Carter: Please continue to pray for all our young people as they start to get back into schools. This may feel like a scary time for pupils and parents alike but help them to feel peace at this time. Pray for all the teachers and members of the schools as they also make this time as easy as possible for the pupils
 Lord help each young person to know their value and their worth during this time and to know that above all you love them unconditionally.

Location/Organisation: People living in Southlands.
Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 24; Acts 13: 1—12

Sunday September 13th 14th Sunday of Trinity

Cathy Kemplay: We Thank you Lord for the beauty of Flowers, for their colours that make us happy, their intricate formations, the bees and butterflies that they attract. We thank you for the Joy of the beauty around us. Amen.

Location/Organisation: All those who do coffee in the churches.
Lectionary Readings: Romans 14: 1—12; Matthew 18: 21—35



September 14th **Psalms:** 2 (MP), 110 (EP)

CAST: As Churchill Academy start back please pray for all those involved with CAST as we try and work out how to continue to support the work there. CAST will continue to pray for the school and the teachers with the hope of being able to return as soon as we are able too.

Location/Organisation: For the Methodist Stewards
Lectionary Readings: Philippians 2: 6—11; John 3: 13—17

Diary: Pray for tomorrow's services

September 15th **Psalms:** 5 (MP), 9 (EP)

Marion Johnson: In these abnormal times, pray for the shopkeepers who have to overcome so many problems with social distancing and hygiene restrictions and keep positive and cheerful. I personally give thanks for the thoughtful villagers who have looked after Benji when I have had hospital appointments, delivered fresh runner beans already prepared to cook, and have helped me by picking pounds of damsons from my overloaded tree.

Location/Organisation: Those who clean the churches, brass and Refectory.
Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 1: 32—2: 4, 2: 10—12; Acts 13: 44—14:7

September 16th **Psalms:** 119: 1—332 (MP), 11 (EP)

Jackie Hampson: Like so many others I have been up and down this week, with my feelings and so wishing that the world could just return to "normal" as we used to know it. Then I found myself thinking of the words of the lovely hymn Great is Thy Faithfulness. "Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, great is Thy Faithfulness, Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside". We are truly blessed and as the hymn says hope for tomorrow, we must never give up hope and appreciate what we have.

Location/Organisation: Those living in Hill Park.
Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 3; Acts 14: 8—end

September 17th

Psalms: 15 (MP), 18 (EP)

Eddie Male: Thank you Lord for so many blessings
Thank you for the continuing recovery of my brother Philip We were able to finally meet after lockdown and shielding
Thank you NHS
Thank you for the safe arrival of Tabitha Maeve and all new babies
Thank you for dear friends who passed away recently. Pray for their families
Thank you for modern technology. (learning slowly) Have been able to keep in touch with so many people and groups. Thanks are endless
Thank you Lord Amen

Location/Organisation: Homes in Well Park.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 4: 29—5: 12; Acts 15: 1—21

September 18th

Psalms: 19 (MP), 22 (EP)

Friends of St Andrew's, Congresbury: Dear Lord, We give thanks for the work of the Friends, for their care and support in relation to buildings and maintenance, and for all their hard work in normal times in raising their own funds. Pray for all existing members and for a long and fruitful relationship with the church. Amen.

Location/Organisation: People living in Kent Road.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 6: 1, 11—18; Acts 15: 22—35



September 19th

Psalms: 23 (MP), 24 (EP)

Bishop Peter: O Lord, you are our strength and our shield.
Your love sustains us through all the challenges we face.
We place into your hands all who are facing challenges,
In this time of such uncertainty.
We hold before you all who are dear to us.
Particularly we pray for our Bishop, Peter,
His family and friends and all who love him,
As they face these coming months.
May they know your strength and protection,
Your healing and your love,
In the name of Jesus, And in the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen

Location/Organisation: Congresbury History Group.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 8: 1—30; Acts 15: 36—16: 5

Sunday September 20th

15th Sunday of Trinity

Liz Cran: September is the month we normally celebrate the gathering in of the harvest, but this year things will slightly different and more low key.
Lord we thank you for the Harvest and give thanks for our farmers and all who help to bring food to our tables. Please bless our farmers and all others who help. Give our farmers peace and strength of mind in a lonely occupation. May the government support them through uncertain times.

Location/Organisation: Homes in Smallway and Sheppey's Mill.

Lectionary Readings: Philippians 1: 21—end; Matthew 20: 1—16



September 21st

Psalms: 49 (MP), 119: 33—40 (EP)

St Matthew: O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Location/Organisation: The people and businesses of Bristol Road.

Lectionary Readings: 2 Corinthians 4: 1—6; Matthew 9: 9—13

September 22nd

Psalms: 36 (MP), 33 (EP)

Margaret Mellor: Dear Father, I bring before you all who at this times are without hope. There is a song "He's Faithful to me" that includes the lines (when my strength was all gone, when my heart had no song, still in love He's proved faithful to me.) Dear Lord, I prayer you will give them strength and songs in their hearts to help them through this dark time and bring them into your light. I ask this in your beloved son Jesus name and give you thanks for your faithfulness to us.

Location/Organisation: Homes in Gooseham Mead.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 8: 63—9: 9; Acts 16: 25—end

September 23rd

Psalms: 34 (MP), 119: 33—56 (EP)

Dave & Mai Miles: We thank the Lord for our allotments and gardens, especially during lockdown.
They have not only been a source of release helping us keep 'sane' during the pandemic, they are now producing vast quantities of food, and in the gardens flowers are plentiful.

Location/Organisation: All recreation grounds and play areas and those who use them.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 10: 1—25; Acts 17: 1—15

September 24th

Psalms: 37 (MP), 40 (EP)

Barry Sparks: Lord open our eyes to the beauty of your abundant world and how it refreshes itself daily. Help us to enjoy all it offers without wanting more than we need. Although we are insignificant in the whole scheme of things our impact on those close by can be huge so help us make good choices for the benefit of all. Amen.

Location/Organisation: The church's sidesmen and women.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 11: 1—13; Acts 17: 16—end

September 25th

Psalms: 31 (MP), 35 (EP)

Refugees: We hear almost daily of people desperate to reach the shores of this country and taking incredible risks to do so. O Lord, your Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; Amen.

Location/Organisation: Those who prepare the communion table, and those who help serve communion.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 11: 26—end; Acts 18: 1—21

September 26th

Psalms: 42 (MP), 46 (EP)

Ordinations: Please pray for Sue Hoskins as she is ordained by Bishop Ruth at 10.30 am this morning with a very small number of guests because of the COVID 19 restrictions. Please remember the 18 other new Bath & Wells Curates as they are also ordained as Deacons in groups of 5 over this weekend. (The services will be recorded but not live streamed). Please pray as well for the Benefice of Wrington, Redhill, Butcombe and Burrington as Sue starts her curacy amongst them.

Location/Organisation: For the church members from Puxton and Hewish

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 12: 1—24; Acts 18: 22—19:7

Sunday September 27th

16th Sunday of Trinity

Outlook: Having lost 2 members during the pandemic we ask that you pray for their families and friends as they will both be missed very much by them and all the members of Outlook too. Both had the ability to make you feel uplifted by their presence which is a wonderful gift. We pray that we may be able to emulate their gift and pass it on to others to keep their spirits alive in our hearts.

Location/Organisation: The homes on Rhodyate Hill, and Wood Hill

Lectionary Readings: Philipians 2: 1—13; Matthew 21: 23—32

September 28th

Psalms: 44 (MP), 47 (EP)

Mike & Alis Niebur: We invite you all to partner with us in prayer for the Lebanese people and those affected by the explosion last month. As many teams scramble to provide medical and rescue aid, we would like to support our friends on the ground who are providing food and logistical support to both those who have suffered from the explosion with the local authorities in the clean up effort.

Let's also pray that through this tragedy that the response of the followers of Yeshua in Israel and the nations will build a bridge of mercy between Israel and Lebanon that brings Lebanon into its true spiritual identity and redemptive purpose on the Highway.

Location/Organisation: For the Pastoral carers.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 12: 25—13: 10; Acts 19: 8—20

September 29th

Psalms: 34 (MP), 138 (EP)

Diana Blanchard-Taylor: 29th September - St Michael and All Angels
Heavenly Father, on this day we read in Revelation 10 how the "ancient serpent" (Satan) was thrown out of Heaven and came to wreak havoc on earth. And how! But a voice from Heaven proclaimed: "This is the time of victory for our God . . . when Christ comes to his rightful rule!" Thy Kingdom come, O Lord! Amen

Location/Organisation: Methodist Ladies Friendly Circle

Lectionary Readings: Revelation 12: 7—12; John 1: 47—end

September 30th

Psalms: 119: 57—80 (MP), 59 (EP)

Pastoral Care: Lord Jesus, you are the Word made flesh. We rejoice that you dwell amongst us, that you have shared our joys and sorrows, our frailty and pain. We bring to you all those who struggle with the confusion of dementia. We pray that you might touch their inmost hearts with the peace of your presence. For ourselves we beseech the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we, who know and love them, may serve them with your compassion, your understanding and your peace. May that same Holy Spirit raise us up into the presence of your Father. This we ask through the same Christ our Lord.

Location/Organisation: For the Vet School at Langford.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 17; Acts 20: 1—16