

April 1st

Psalms: 42 (MP), 392 (EP)

Wardens - Please pray for Churchwardens everywhere at this time in such a fulfilling role yet with its own demands and much work behind the scenes. This is particularly true at the present time with so many discussions over the Church's role in the Pandemic and how to open up again fully and safely for services. We bring all these decisions before God and pray for his word to guide such decisions. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Homes in Silver Street.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Corinthians 11: 23—26; John 13: 1—17, 31b—35

April 2nd

Psalms: 69 (MP), 130 (EP)

Good Friday: "...Christ carried the burden of our sins. He was nailed to the cross, so we would stop sinning and start living right. By his cuts and bruises you are healed..." 1 Peter 2:24. It's all about you Jesus. Thank you for saving us.

Location/Organisation: Local Royal British Legion branches.

Lectionary Readings: Hebrews 10: 16—25; John 18: 1—end of 19



April 3rd

Psalms: 142 (MP), 116 (EP)

Pauline Patch: Dear Lord the Media are constantly reminding us of the 1 year anniversary since the pandemic started, and we all have anniversaries both good and bad, the loss of a parent, partner, sibling or pet, and the good ones, a wedding, the birth of children and grandchildren, the buying of a home or passing an exam. Please let us not forget the biggest yet most bittersweet anniversary of all at this time of year, the death of Jesus. Let us celebrate his rising so we can shout Hallelujah on Easter morning. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Congresbury & Banwell Parish Councils.

Lectionary Readings: 1 Peter 4: 1—8; Matthew 27: 57—end

Sunday April 4th

Easter Sunday

Matt: Easter this year can feel very different to last year. So much has happened and for many it has been a really tough year. Some are weary, some are lonely, some are hurting, some have had moments of great joy. Lord, however we come to You this Easter may Your message of love and transformation renew, refresh and recharge our hearts. May Your Good News that whatever our current situation may be, it is not the final word. There is always Hope with You. May the love that overcomes all things burst through the clouds and like a ray of blazing sunshine warm our hearts, forgiving all things, hoping all things, being open to all things. And may Your New Creation come on earth as it is in heaven, our Lord and our risen King. Amen

Location/Organisation: Those living in Silver Mead.

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



April 5th

Psalms: 111 (MP), 135 (EP)

Foodbank: Lord we give you thanks for the continued generosity of all who donate to the Foodbank, and for those who collect, sort and distribute the offerings. Give thanks that we have also been able to help the School as well with donations for those who need them, and we pray that this spirit of giving

Location/Organisation: Homes in Silverstone Way.

Lectionary Readings: Matthew 21: 1—11

April 6th

Psalms: 112 (MP), 136 (EP)

Vanessa Cole: Many of us may remember Vanessa who served her curacy with us in Congresbury. Today is her last day serving as Vicar in the parishes in The Wallops. She is now considering future opportunities within the diocese.. Please pray that she and her family may know where God is leading them and that they have the courage to follow. Also please pray for James (formerly Emily) who is in his final year at school taking GCSE's.

Location/Organisation: St Peter's Hospice.

Lectionary Readings: Song of Solomon 1: 9—2: 7; Mark 16: 1—8

April 7th

Psalms: 113 (MP), 105 (EP)

Liz Chappell: We pray for all the businesses in this area that have suffered through the Coronavirus Pandemic We give thanks for the way they have found alternate ways to still serve the community. We pray that as the Lockdown is eased they may return to a new prosperity.

Location/Organisation: Local Coffee Mornings.

Lectionary Readings: Song of Solomon 2: 8—end; Luke 24: 1—12

April 8th

Psalms: 114 (MP), 106 (EP)

Joan Fowke: Dear Father God, We thank you for adopting us as your children, and thank you for our brothers and sisters all over the world who are standing firm in the faith and who are looking for your return. Help us all to share the knowledge of your Salvation with Family, Friends, Neighbours and Strangers. Help us to grow in love. We praise you at all times and thank you in Jesus name. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Local Recreation Clubs.

Lectionary Readings: Song of Solomon 3; Matthew 28: 16—end

April 9th

Psalms: 115 (MP), 107 (EP)

Romany Poppitt-Price: Our dear heavenly Father, today we pray for all those single highly vulnerable people of all faiths who have been in lockdown for the last year. Please send your Holy Spirit at their time of need to hold them close and give them hope that they are not truly alone. We pray for all those who have reached out to help these people from our parishes through all their good deeds. We pray that there will be no 3rd lockdown and that they all get their second top up vaccine so they may at last be able to go outside and see, touch and smell our Lord's beautiful earth. We say these prayers in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Location/Organisation: For Brunel Manor.

Lectionary Readings: Song of Solomon 7: 10—8: 4; Luke 8: 41—end

April 10th

Psalms: 116 (MP), 145 (EP)

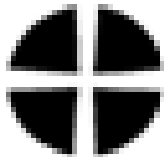
Margaret Hamilton: Dear Lord, > Amongst all the numbers and statistics we hear at the moment is the fact that those with the least are suffering most, not only in terms of health, but financially as well. Please help us to be really mindful of all the many provisions we have, and to be generous and compassionate in getting along side all we meet. We continue to be thankful for the food bank. May we be imaginative and responsive to all sorts of ways of spreading your bounty, remembering that what is true within our society is even more of a reality between nations. Amen

Location/Organisation: Local WI's.

Lectionary Readings: Song of Solomon 8: 5—7; John 11: 17—44

Sunday April 11th

2nd Sunday of Easter



From Methodist Prayer handbook: Lord of our windswept lives, shelter us today in the lee of your presence, still our blustering insecurities, our stormy protests, our billows of indignation, our squalls of regret. Give us harbour-time in the deep, calm, safe water of your grace and love. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Those living in Stonewell Lane.

Lectionary Readings: Acts 4: 32—35; John 20: 19—end

April 12th

Psalms: 19 (MP), 139 (EP)

Schools: We Pray for our Schools within the benefice for their safety and wellbeing on returning to classes, and for all schools and their staff in what has been such a difficult time in the last year. We pray for all the children happy to meet their friends again, and for all parents who have had to become teachers to get their children through home schooling. Lord help us to appreciate all the sacrifices made, and for the work of teachers, and pray they are now appreciated more than ever. Amen

Location/Organisation: Weston Hospicecare.

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 1: 3—18; John 20: 1—10

April 13th

Psalms: 8 (MP), 104 (EP)

Avril Chadwick: "...the greatest of these is love..." 1 Corinthians 13:13. Lord, you command us to love. Thank you for showing us how. Thank you for loving us just as we are. Thank you for loving those we so easily judge. Help us to love, without exception. For you are love. And we cannot have life without love. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Local Art Groups.

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 1: 19—40; John 20: 11—18

April 14th

Psalms: 30 (MP), 33 (EP)

Jillian Hastings Ward: Lord, as the days lengthen and the spring flowers bloom, help us to remember those who are struggling to find the beauty in Your world, due to loneliness, depression or the grief of losing someone dear to them during this pandemic year. May we reach out Your loving arms to them in the form of practical and emotional support, wherever we can. Amen

Location/Organisation: Local Cricket Clubs.

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 3: 18—end; John 20: 19—end

April 15th

Psalms: 28 (MP), 35 (EP)

Locking Deanery: Please pray for Locking Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group, that they may have wisdom and inspiration in their discussions and meetings, and that they may give strong and loving leadership within the Deanery. Please pray too that they may have a clear vision for our deanery as we go forward into new and exciting times.

Location/Organisation: Homes in Yew Tree Park.

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 4: 1—14; John 21: 1—14

April 16th

Psalms: 61 (MP), 118 (EP)

Sarah Simms: Dear Lord, we pray for our football clubs in Banwell and in Congresbury. Thank you for the joy that they bring for players and spectators alike. Thank you for the organisers and all that they do to encourage us to celebrate our healthy bodies and build team spirit. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Local Football Clubs.

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 4: 15—31; John 21: 15—19



April 17th

Psalms: 84 (MP), 66 (EP)

NHS: Lord, in your name we give our heartfelt love and thanks to all who work in the NHS in whatever role, especially in these tough and unrelenting times. For many patients in the absence of visitors, they have become surrogate family, and have kept their care and professionalism up to the highest standards. May we never underestimate the sacrifices they have made and the pain they have witnessed, so Lord be with them, comfort and sustain them, and rest with them when the shift is done. Amen.

Location/Organisation: People living in Stonewell Park Road.

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 4: 32—40; John 21: 20—end

Sunday April 18th

3rd Sunday of Easter

Marlene Holmes: I give thanks for the wonderful prayer garden adjoining the Refectory. Much time has been spent here by me and many others in the past year. Signs of Spring in this special place now abound: primroses are flourishing in huge numbers, Mrs Cran's lovely apple trees are budding, Tim's willow structure is coming to life again and it is all enhanced with gorgeous birdsong. The beauty of Spring is everywhere and after our long winter it is so welcome. Please pray that the flowers, birds and warmer weather help us all to feel better as we continue to deal with lockdown restrictions.

Location/Organisation: Wrington & District Young Farmers.

Lectionary Readings: Acts 3: 12—19; Luke 24: 36b—48 20: 19—end

April 19th

Psalms: 96 (MP), 61 (EP)

Iris Belsten: Heavenly Father we pray for all those concerned with our health and healing, especially for all the staff of Weston hospital. We pray that you will give them your strength during these testing times, and refresh them with your presence. Amen

Location/Organisation: Homes in Stonewell Drive.

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 5: 1—22; Ephesians 1: 1—14

April 20th

Psalms: 98 (MP), 71 (EP)

Jan Martin: Lord we lift to you all those who are displaced either in their own countries or who have had to cross borders. Will you be their refuge and strong tower. Care for all who have lost their homes, possessions, farmland and livelihoods. May they know your peace which transcends human understanding, and the certainty that their true citizenship is in heaven where you have a home prepared for them. In the mean time may they find a welcome and assistance in other lands.

Location/Organisation: Local Tennis Clubs.

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 5: 22—end; Ephesians 1: 15—end



April 21st

Psalms: 105 (MP), 72 (EP)

The Queen: Bountiful God, giver of all good gifts, we give thanks for the many years and long reign of our Queen; Bless our food, our neighbourhood, and our enjoyment of each other's company. Help us to learn from Queen Elizabeth's commitment to her people, so that our community may be strengthened and all may flourish. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the King of love.

Location/Organisation: Local Shops.

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 6; Ephesians 2: 1—10

April 22nd

Psalms: 136 (MP), 73 (EP)

Ernie & Royette Chapman: We give thanks for the amazing team at Langford Surgery who have worked tirelessly since January to deliver vaccinations to many people in our communities. Also the volunteers who meet and greet, reassure patients and keep the car parking running smoothly. Help them Lord to continue their dedicated work in future days. Amen

Location/Organisation: Local Post Offices.

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 7: 1—11; Ephesians 2: 11—end



April 23rd

Psalms: 5 (MP), 3 (EP)

St Georges Day: Heavenly Father, give us the bravery of St George to stand up for the truth and the glory of God that we have seen in the face of Jesus Christ. Give us the strength to overcome

Location/Organisation: Congresbury Singers.

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

April 24th

Psalms: 110(MP), 27 (EP)

Ruth Williams: Lord, break our hearts for people facing unimaginable hardship. People who have lost their homes and fled with their families to seek safety. May we be prepared to speak out in prayer for those whose voices are too often not heard. Amen

Location/Organisation: The work of the PCC (Parochial Church Council).

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 8; Ephesians 3: 14—end

Sunday April 25th

4th Sunday of Easter

Gemma Stocker: Dear Lord, please can we continue to pray for those who struggle with inner anxieties and mental health, especially in University students. As we see a hope for a joyful and exciting summer, please remember uni students as they come to the end of exams of the whole degree, may we remember that although there is hope for a brighter summer that people with anxiety and mental health may not feel hopeful and with exams struggle to look for the positives to come. May you bring us comfort and strength in times of exams and doubt that crosses our minds.

Location/Organisation: Congresbury Singers.

Lectionary Readings: Acts 4: 5—12; John 10: 11—18

April 26th

Psalms: 148 (MP), 45 (EP)

Caz: please pray that as we slowly emerge from lockdown that young people everywhere can look towards a more positive future. For all those who are suffering with their mental health please pray that they will receive the help and encouragement they need to see that things can and will get better. help them to know God's love and hope surrounds them and that they will feel peace.

Location/Organisation: Those living on The Causeway.

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

April 27th

Psalms: 139 (MP), 116 (EP)

Derek & Zoe Parrett: We thank you Lord for the rapid development of the Covid 19 vaccine and the ongoing research using RNA vaccine technology which will lead to new treatments for cancer, diabetes, cystic fibrosis and super infections. The brilliant work of Imperial College scientists in developing a joint vaccine against Covid 19 and flu gives us hope for the future.

Location/Organisation: Local Over 60s Clubs.

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 9: 23—10: 5; Ephesians 4: 17—end

April 28th

Psalms: 135 (MP), 47 (EP)

Bongi: Lord we lift Bongi to you. We thank you for her faith and energy to serve you. She has so many ideas to improve life for her community. We pray for her, and her village as they work with so little, but with so much love. Guide them and protect them we pray. Amen

Location/Organisation: For the Deanery Synod.

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 10: 12—end; Ephesians 5: 1—14

April 29th

Psalms: 118 (MP), 85 (EP)

Helen Jenkins: My prayer is taken from Hebrews 13. God has said "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me!"

Location/Organisation: For the local law courts, JPs and local police

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 11: 8—end; Ephesians 5: 15—end

April 30th

Psalms: 33 (MP), 36 (EP)

Kathleen Chaplin: Our Father in heaven, you know everything about us, our good days and bad, our happy and sad days and in this pandemic the sad days come more to the fore. Help us to feel your presence with us daily, giving us the strength to face each new day with a strong feeling of your loving arms around us, and prepare each and everyone of us to be ready to face whatever lies beyond this pandemic, and also the gift of patience to cope with whatever others may be feeling at this time. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Weston General Hospital

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 12: 1—14; Ephesians 6: 1—9