

February 1st

Psalms: 1 (MP), 4 (EP)

Government: Please pray for all those who advise Government, be they scientists, medical professionals or indeed experts in any area of life today. May they give wise, sound and measured advice based on accurately gathered and interpreted data, and may government ministers be wise in how they implement any necessary decisions.

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

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 9; 1 Corinthians 12: 12—end

February 2nd

Psalms: 5 (MP), 9 (EP)

Karen Scully: As we go through another lockdown and all the restrictions that go with it, we pray that everyone will abide by them as our way of supporting the hospitals, doctors and nurses as they struggle daily to deal with the huge numbers of people suffering with COVID. We give thanks for the vaccines that are now being administered and pray that there will be a continuous supply of them to enable all those administering them to keep going. We pray also for all those people who are having to shield, particularly those who may be living on their own, that they will be given the strength to get through these difficult times.

Location/Organisation: Congresbury Youth Partnership

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 10; 1 Corinthians 13

February 3rd

Psalms: 119: 1—32(MP), 11 (EP)

Hazel Bassingham: Please pray with me for the many ordinary people, those who have been furloughed or are self-employed, for those who have lost their jobs or whose small businesses are on the rocks, for those working from home - especially those who are also overseeing the home education of young children and are desperately juggling their time. It is so easy to feel overwhelmed with uncertainty. Lord, please remind us all that we may leave our burdens with you, our long term future is in your hands. Amen

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

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 11: 1—11; 1 Corinthians 14: 1—19

February 4th

Psalms: 15 (MP), 18 (EP)

Barry & Ruth Wratten: As we enter the season of Lent, Lord, we ask you to help us as we are encouraged to look at ourselves and examine our own spirituality. Help us maybe take on something new, or resume something we have let lapse, as a discipline to help us focus on our relationship with you - rather than just "giving up" something. Lent is with us as the days start to lengthen and the hope of Spring and new life is in the air - just as the promise of new life comes with your death and Resurrection at Easter.

Location/Organisation: Neighbourhood Watch Association

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 11: 12—end of 12; 1 Corinthians 14: 20—end

February 5th

Psalms: 19 (MP), 22 (EP)

Angela & Mike Bennett: We pray for all the people in our parish that are missing the church services, especially the old and lonely. We pray you will draw near to them and comfort them, and help them in their times of distress and worry. We pray they will have hope for the future. In Jesus name. Amen.

Location/Organisation: Homes in Venus St and Nomis Park

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 13: 1—14; 1 Corinthians 16: 1—9

February 6th

Psalms: 23 (MP), 24 (EP)

Nicky Bradshaw: We give thanks for Christmas and the joy we were able to share in, albeit it in different ways. We thank you Lord for the safety and comfort of our own homes and pray that you will be with us as we adapt to these difficult and changing times. We ask that you will hold all those who are struggling at this time in your arms Lord. Let them rest in the comfort of your unchanging love.

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

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 14; 1 Corinthians 16: 10—end

Sunday February 7th

2nd Sunday before Lent

Steve Marr: Lord, to our fragmented world; **bring your healing, uniting peace** to the divisions within and between our religious communities; **bring your healing, uniting love** to our communities, divided by race, colour, material possessions and status; **bring your healing, uniting hope** to our damaged lives - in health, wholeness, relationships and holiness; **bring your healing, uniting grace** O God - Father, Son & Holy Spirit, you show us that only in Unity of Love can truth be found, evil overcome and sacrificial love heal all division and despair. So in faith as I come to you **bring your healing, uniting Self into my life. AMEN**

Location/Organisation: Homes in Park Road & Park Mews

Lectionary Readings: Colossians 1: 15—20; John 1: 1—14

February 8th

Psalms: 30 (MP), 28 (EP)

Kirsty Bowles: Dear Lord, Today we pray for all the volunteers who give up their time and skills so generously to help during these uncertain and challenging times. A friendly neighbour, a helpful friend, our Church@Home coordinators and community and NHS volunteers. Please bless them and keep them safe as they try to ease the burden on others.

Location/Organisation: Those living in Mulberry Road

Lectionary Readings: Ecclesiastes 7: 1—14; John 19: 1—16

February 9th

Psalms: 36 (MP), 33 (EP)

Lynda Fell: Lord we thank you for everything that you give to us each day, the sunrise the smile from a friend the person that takes time to ask us if we're doing ok. All of these things are gifts from you. May we always give you thanks for everything we have and not take these gifts for granted, may we help where we can and support each other and be always there to help when needed. This we ask in your name, Amen

Location/Organisation: Those living in Mulberry Road

Lectionary Readings: Ecclesiastes 7: 15—end; John 19: 17—30

February 10th

Psalms: 34 (MP), 119: 33—56 (EP)

Cath Kemplay: Thank you for the beauty of the trees, the clouds, the ice crystals. We now know that these seemingly ordinary miracles of nature are good for us, heal our brains and help our mental health. Help us to make use of these wonders, and to appreciate the joy of the simple beauty around
Amen

Location/Organisation: For members of the Bowls Clubs.

Lectionary Readings: Ecclesiastes 8; John 19: 31—end

February 11th

Psalms: 37 (MP), 40 (EP)

Mary Krawczenko: As we look forward this month to spring it seems time to thank God for the last year, a year none of us will forget but one which brought out so much good in people; doctors nurses and the fantastic people from all walks of life who stepped in to help others. We thank you for all of them but most of all we thank you for the gift of a vaccine to help the whole of your world to overcome this awful pandemic. May we all put our trust in you and thank you for the gift of your son Jesus to always be by our side.

Location/Organisation: For homes in Dickensons Grove

Lectionary Readings: Ecclesiastes 9; John 20: 1—10



February 12th

Psalms: 31 (MP), 35 (EP)

Foodbank: Lord, we give thanks for the continuing generosity of the Foodbank donations during the latest lockdown period, and how good it is that people have found it in their hearts to keep giving to those in need. As Jesus said, "what you did for the least of these you did for me." May this spirit of generosity continue for as long the need is there. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the residents of Yeo Court

Lectionary Readings: Ecclesiastes 11: 1—8; John 20: 11—18

February 13th

Psalms: 42 (MP), 46 (EP)



NHS: Healing God we pray for you to heal all those who are hurting. Hurting physically, mentally, and or spiritually. Those hurting from sheer exhaustion. Give strength to all who are your hands and feet helping those hurting. In your precious name we pray. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For Guides, Brownies & Rainbows

Lectionary Readings: Ecclesiastes 11: 9—end of 12; John 20: 19—end

Sunday February 14th

Sunday next before Lent

Matt: True love comes in many forms and many colours. On this day when we celebrate the great gift of love we pray for couples in relationships especially where things may have been tense or fraught over this time. We also pray for those whose relationships have been changed out of all recognition during this time of the pandemic. Finally, let us pray for the love and joy we can each discover by spending time with you Lord in our prayer lives and in our quiet times. May your Holy Spirit guard, protect, and nurture our relationships with You during this challenging time. May Love blossom in so many ways today. Amen

Location/Organisation: For the Scout & Guide Group Management

Lectionary Readings: 2 Corinthians 4: 3—6; Mark 9: 2—9

February 15th

Psalms: 44 (MP), 47 (EP)

Ken, Yvonne & Maddie Beard: Please pray for all hospital staff working under such pressure & also everyone working long hours to give the COVID vaccine & for people with COVID & their families.

Location/Organisation: The homes in Weir Road

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 1; John 3: 1—21

February 16th

Psalms: 48 (MP), 50 (EP)

A prayer for Shrove Tuesday. On this Shrove Tuesday, Lord help us to enjoy and give thanks to you for the bounty you provide for us and remind us to share your gifts with others. And as Lent begins tomorrow, prepare our hearts and minds to reflect upon the temptation of Jesus for 40 days and nights and what that means for us.
Amen

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

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 2: 1—13; John 3: 22—end

February 17th

Psalms: 38 (MP), 51 (EP)



Ash Wednesday: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Location/Organisation: The team producing the local papers.

Lectionary Readings: 2 Corinthians 5: 20b—6: 10; John 8: 1—11

February 18th

Psalms: 77 (MP), 74 (EP)

A prayer for this season of Lent:

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the gift of this season. Thank you for knowing our hearts and our need for rhythms in our lives, and for drawing us into a deeper communion with you throughout the coming 40 days.

Location/Organisation: Churchill School Christian Union and CAST

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 2: 14—32; John 4: 1—26

February 19th

Psalms: 3 (MP), 31 (EP)

For the Christian community: We are not people of fear: we are people of courage. We are not people who protect our own safety: we are people who protect our neighbours' safety. We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity. We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs. For as long as it takes wherever you call us.

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

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 3: 6—22; John 4: 27—42

February 20th

Psalms: 71 (MP), 73 (EP)

For hospital staff and medical researchers:

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 4: 1—18; John 4: 43—end

Sunday February 21st

1st Sunday of Lent

A Prayer of Gratitude for Creation. God of the universe, We thank You for Your many good gifts -. For the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits, For clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants. Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources. for granted.

Location/Organisation: Local Horticultural Societies

Lectionary Readings: 1 Peter 3: 18—end; MRK 1: 9—15

February 22nd

Psalms: 11 (MP), 13 (EP)

Schools: Lord we pray for our schools. We pray for all those making the decisions right through to each child that is impacted by the decisions. We pray for those children who have to go to school because their parents are frontline workers. We pray for those who can't go to school who otherwise find school a refuge. Please watch over each of your children. Amen.

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

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 4: 19—end; John 5: 1—18

February 23rd

Psalms: 44 (MP), 49 (EP)

Methodists: Heavenly Father, we bring before you the many people around the world facing extreme poverty due to the COVID-19. We pray for those now living with food shortages and uncertain futures, trapped in a cycle of debt in order to provide for their families. We pray for local organisations that are working to tackle these difficulties. May they be sustained and equipped to deal with the challenges they face. Amen

Location/Organisation: For Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 5: 1—19; John 5: 19—29

February 24th

Psalms: 6 (MP), 28 (EP)

Caz: please pray for the mental well being for all young people everywhere. like everyone they have been affected by all that has been going on and it can seem a very isolated and scary time still.
pray for all the teachers as they also help guide and lead during these difficult times.
pray for all parents and carers who are trying to reassure and care for them as well.
Pray for Gods comfort and guidance at this time and to remind them that the storm doesn't last forever and the sun will shine.

Location/Organisation: The Elms nursing home

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 5: 20—end; John 5: 30—end

February 25th

Psalms: 42 (MP), 142 (EP)

Howard & Ruth Worsley: Please pray for

1) For The Nation and Wider Community....That we will not grow weary of doing good and acting on behalf of others when our actions seem to make little difference, that we do not become cynical as we view wider political trends in USA and Europe
2) For ourselves.....That we will find healthy rhythms of prayer, exercise and work amidst these days of COVID .

Location/Organisation: Methodist Church Fellowship Group

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 6: 9—21; John 6: 1—15

February 26th

Psalms: 22 (MP), 55 (EP)

Barbara Pearce: We wait in hope for the Lord, he is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his Holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us Lord, even as we put our hope in you. Psalm 33.

Location/Organisation: For the Mendip Morris Men

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 6: 22—end; John 6: 16—27

February 27th

Psalms: 63 (MP), 4 (EP)

Dave & Mai Miles: Can we please keep in our thoughts, all of our young people during this pandemic especially those that have to endure hours of social media for their lessons. All of those who are missing exams, missing friends and missing the important social side, whether at schools, university or clubs. Please pray that that they can return to some sort of normality as soon as possible.

Location/Organisation: For the Friends of St Andrews

Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 7: 1 20; John 6: 27—40

Sunday February 28th

2nd Sunday of Lent

**We remember before God those who have died
and we pray that God's love will surround all who mourn them, now and always**

Gracious God,

as we remember before you the thousands who have died,
surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.

Be gentle with us in our grief,

protect us from despair,

and give us grace to persevere

and face the future with hope in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Amen.

Location/Organisation: The Bellringers

Lectionary Readings: Romans 4: 13—end; Mark 8: 31—end