



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND BIRMINGHAM

PRAYING TOGETHER

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SAT 1



Our young person, Beckah is moved by the situation currently going on in America and asks us to pray for young peoples voices to be heard.

You can watch Beckah on our website.

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 2 August



From Sharon, St Stephen the Martyr, Rednal: Recently, my mum needed a job after not working for about six years to take care of us. She desired a particular kind of job but couldn't get it. But just as she was about to give up and settle for something else, God surprised us and gave her the job of her dreams. We give thanks to our God who answers prayers!

MON 3



Christine, St Mary's, Moseley, invites us to pray with music about God in all things, God made all things holy.

Choose your own song or listen on our website.

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TUE 4



Malawi Mothers' Union ask for our prayers for members as they seek to serve by planting trees and making PPE for hospitals. They give thanks for past gifts of sewing machines that enables them to sew whatever is required.

WED 5



David, St John Baptist and SS Lawrence & Anne, Knowle, invites meditation on the lyrics of the song 'The Splendour of the King'.

Choose your own song or read on our website.

THU 6



The Revd Canon Janet Chapman, St Laurence, Northfield, invites us to pray the end of Psalm 79:

"When faith is scorned and love grows cold, then, God of hosts, rebuild your Church on lives of thankfulness and patient prayer; through Christ your eternal Son."

You can hear Janet on our website.

FRI 7



The Revd Dr Sharon Prentis, Intercultural Mission Enabler and Dean of BAME Affairs, invites us to pray for the diversity of races and cultures.

You can watch Sharon on our website.

SAT 8



From Sarah Smith, CofEB Director of Education: Dear Lord, we pray for teachers and all who work in our schools. Thank you for sustaining them during the last few months. We thank you that there is now a time for rest. We pray for refreshment and renewed energy, a time to think about family and to engage with interests and to relax. Amen.

Thoughts

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THANKSGIVING

Sunday 9 August



From Jenny, St George's with St Michael's, Edgbaston: Invites us to give thanks with St George's, Edgbaston for the discernment and process that led to The Revd Sam Gibson coming and for the faithfulness and mutual care of the congregation.

You can also read Jenny's prayer on our website.

MON 10



From Laura, St John the Evangelist, Perry Barr: Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are preparing to receive Holy Orders. Strengthen our hands for service and may you always be our example and guide. In this time of waiting and anticipation of this Holy Sacrament we lay before you all we are and everything we have. Of your mercy accept, transform and bless these gifts and use them for the glory of your name. We ask this through Christ. Amen.

TUE 11



Kate, Shirley Parish, invites us to pray for their Messy Church families. Pray for their engagement with the activities that have been put up on line for them.

You can watch Kate on our website.

WED 12



From Fr Bob Stephen, St Mary's, Handsworth: We give thanks that the COVID restrictions have forced us to look beyond ourselves and for the financial support in making live-streaming a permanent feature. Not only can we now include those unable to come to Sunday worship, but also those who would have had to travel to baptisms, weddings and funerals. Thank God that he still finds ways to help us do things we wouldn't have thought possible. Amen.

THU 13



The Revd Canon Janet Chapman reflects on the churchyard of St Laurence's, Northfield, and invites us to pray for those who grieve for loved ones.

You can watch Janet on our website.

FRI 14



From The Revd Penny Harrison, St Leonard's, Marston Green: We pray for all the schools, staff, children and families who are returning in September, perhaps for the first time since March. We pray that this time will be peaceful, safe and that all will feel supported by God's love and our prayers. Amen.

SAT 15



A prayer of thanksgiving: Blessed are you, Lord our God. How sweet are your words to the taste, sweeter than honey to the mouth. How precious are your commands for our life, more than the finest gold in our hands. How marvellous is your will for the world, Unending is your love for the nations. Our voices shall sing of your promises and our lips declare your praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 16 August



From The Revd John Nightingale, St Francis of Assisi, Bournville: In the global south, debt payments are crippling the response of poorer countries to the pandemic and climate change. Thank God that so far there has been some debt cancellation and some rescheduling of debt payments. Let us continue to pray as so much more is needed, pray that this autumn the G20 richer countries may agree to debt cancellation. Amen.





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MON 17



The Revd Carole Young, SS Peter & Paul, Kingsbury, invites us to thank the Lord for the gift of love and friendship...

You can watch Carole on our website.

TUE 18



From The Revd Barrie Roberts for Rowley Regis: Creator God, 'we' love our church and the distinctive community it seeks to serve.

WED 19



Sharon, St Stephen the Martyr, Rednal, sings prayer with her children and invites us to join with these words: Thank you Father for you listen to us when we call.

You can watch Sharon on our website.

THU 20



The Parish Mission Support Team share an Irish Blessing to pray: May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.

FRI 21



Today, together we pray the CofEB People & Places Prayer:

Gracious and merciful God, as we pray for the future of The Church of England Birmingham, we thank you that the whole earth, its people and places, are equally precious to you.

In the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

SAT 22



Ophelie, our young person, asks us to join in prayer for students and the uncertainty and struggles they face through this period.

You can watch Ophelie on our website.

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 23 August



From The Revd Duncan Hill-Brown, St Philip's, Dorridge: Following years of prayer and work on our vision for demolition and rebuilding, building work has finally begun!

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you are building us together in Dorridge and Bentley Heath, to become a living temple filled with your Spirit.

MON 24



From the Parish Mission Support team: Thought for the day - Try asking God in prayer for just what you need to get through today.

TUE 25



The CofEB Communications Team invite you to pray with them: Thank you for the art of communication. Help us to listen carefully to others and respond with kindness.

WED 26



The Revd Canon Janet Chapman reflects on one of the old Nailer's cottages in the village of Northfield and asks us to pray for all who are going hungry at this time.

You can watch Janet on our website.

THU 27



The Revd Paul Hinton invites us to pray while walking, he feels he is able to stop and listen to the Lord, to be reminded of the extraordinary beauty of this world and love the place that God has put you in.

You can watch Paul on our website.

FRI 28



From Sarah Smith, CofEB Director of Education: Dear Lord, we pray for children we know through our church or through schools in our parish.

Thoughts

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SAT 29



The Collect for today: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid...

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 30 August



From Fr Bob Stephen, St Mary's, Handsworth: When we planned the reordering at St Mary's we hoped that it would strengthen our links with the community and that we would have an attractive building in which people would celebrate life's events and to include God.

MON 31



A CofE prayer for family life: God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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