

## LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 8 MAY

The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:5-7

Sun 8 May Fourth Sunday of Easter	Pray for the Lord's blessing on the Benefice Eucharist service today as the Rt. Rev. Sarah Bullock celebrates
Mon 9 May	Pray for God's help and guidance for the Church AGM and APCM this evening, that all practical matters may be addressed for the smooth running of the Church.
Tues 10 May	Pray for those families struggling with food poverty that they may be well supplied by the Food Bank, Wem Food Hub and other community assistance.
Wed 11 May	Pray for the Churches in Wem, for greater unity and working together.
Thurs 12 May	Pray God will guide the right person to apply for the post of Rector for the Benefice - someone who is close to God and at ease with children.
Fri 13 May	Pray for God's protection over the people of Wem, especially young people, that all criminal activities such as drug dealing may cease.
Sat 14 May	Pray for the Lord's blessing on the Community Lunch in the Church Hall and on Wem Store Cupboard and the Youth Club organising it.

Almighty God hear the prayers of your people for those with whom we share our lives and on whose work we depend. Be with those who mourn, the lonely, anxious, or distressed and grant your grace and strength to all whose work is essential or places them at risk. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask and our ignorance in asking; have compassion on our weakness and give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A prayer for all those affected by the coronavirus**

Keep us, good Lord  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.