

## LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 31 July

Hear me Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God, have mercy on me, Lord; for I call to you all day long. Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.

Psalm 86:1-4

Sun 31 July Seventh Sunday after Trinity	Pray for the retired clergy that they may have health, strength and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as they continue the work of St Peter and St Paul's during the interregnum.
Mon 1 August	Pray that the advert for the vacancy will be seen and responded to by the person whom God is calling to the position of Rector for the Benefice.
Tues 2 August	Pray for the children and young people over the summer holidays for provision of healthy activities and their protection from destructive activities.
Wed 3 August	Pray for those operating the Food Bank and the Food Hub that their work may be successful in meeting the needs of those experiencing food poverty.
Thurs 4 August	Pray for God's protection over the people of Wem from the increasing number of Covid infections. Pray for help and strength for those working in healthcare.
Fri 5 August	Pray for families over the school holidays, for loving relationships between parents and children.
Sat 6 August	Pray for the Lord's blessing on the Community Lunch in the Church Hall today that it may be a time for friendships to grow.

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.