LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 26 FEBRUARY 2023

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven." Matt 5:43-45

Sunday 26 February First Sunday in Lent	Pray for the All Age Service today and all who lead it. Pray that it may be a good introduction to Jesus for newcomers especially.
Mon 27 February	Pray for the children and young people of Wem that they will have Godly protection from drug dealers. Pray that they will have opportunity to know more about Jesus.
Tues 28 February	Pray for all families in food poverty, that their needs may be met. Pray for those who have plenty, to give generously.
Wed 1 March	Pray for Rev John Jukes and his wife, Denise as they settle into Wem and adjust to new tasks and meet many new people. Pray that the joy of the Lord may be their strength.
Thurs 2 March	Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may have all the resources to help those in need.
Fri 3 March World Day of Prayer	Pray for the World Day of Prayer service this evening that many may join together to pray for the needs of the world.
Sat 4 March	Pray for the Lord's blessing and protection on social activities taking place in Wem that they may promote a sense of community among the people of Wem.

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.