## LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 26 MARCH 2023

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. Acts 4:32-33

Sunday 26 March Fifth Sunday in Lent	Pray for the Lord's blessing on the All Age Service today. Pray for newcomers to the Church to feel welcome and at ease.
Mon 27 March	Pray for the High Street businesses that they may be well supported by the people of Wem. Pray for new, useful shops to open.
Tues 28 March	Pray for God's protection over Wem, Weston and Lee Brockhurst. May criminal activities diminish and disappear.
Wed 29 March	Pray for a spiritual awakening among the children and young people in Wem, that many may come to Jesus. Pray for the Lord's blessing on the ministry of Rev. John Jukes in St. Peter's school.
Thurs 30 March	Pray for all those who are anxious about the cost of living increase, that they may seek God's help and trust in Him for peace and provision. May those with plenty give generously.
Fri 31 March	Pray for the leaders of the Youth Club, Scouts and Guides and all those with responsibilities for young people that they may provide safe and positive social activities for them.
Sat 1 April	As Easter approaches, pray for a growing awareness of the meaning of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. May God the Father draw many to Jesus at this time.

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.