

LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 9 JULY

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, for they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matt. 9:36-38

Sunday 9 July Trinity 5	Pray for our Rector, the retired clergy, Cathy Dibben and all those in leadership and pastoral roles in the Benefice, that they may have health, strength and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
Mon 10 July	Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the ‘harvest field’ of Wem, Weston and Lee Brockhurst. Pray for opportunities to talk about your faith in conversation with others.
Tues 11 July	Pray for a spiritual awakening among the young people of Benefice. Pray that the Churches may be equipped and ready to make new disciples.
Wed 12 July	Pray for our Rector, John and his wife, Denise, that they may have God’s vision and purpose for their ministry here in Wem and the Benefice.
Thurs 13 July	Pray for all those anxious about the cost of living increases, that they may know God’s peace and provision.
Fri 14 July	Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may have all the resources that they need to provide for those families experiencing food poverty.
Sat 15 July	Pray for God’s protection and blessing over the people of Wem this weekend as they take part in events and other social activities.

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.