

St Peter's Church Bishopsworth
August 2022 Prayer Diary

"The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self controlled so that you can pray." 1 Peter 4:7

1. Pray that all children will have safe, accessible areas to play. Remember all those living in flats, in high rise dwellings and in areas of social deprivation.
2. Pray that all the work being done on the church buildings this month will go smoothly and safely
3. As many social and support groups break from their meetings this month, remember those who are lonely, who live alone and who miss their friends and usual social gatherings.
4. Pray for all those taking part in Valley Fest, a local event taking place in the Chew Valley over the next few days.
5. Praise God for the many people who give generously to our church in time and money.
6. Pray for all the staff of The Ark that their summer sessions will go well and that parents/carers will enjoy bringing their children over the holiday period.
7. *Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
8. Pray for all Christian missions taking place this summer in coastal areas and beach resorts. Ask that many holidaymakers will be impacted by the message of the gospel.
9. Remember the "Messy SPARC" or "Arty Ark" taster sessions taking place over the summer. Pray that these will be well attended and enjoyed by all those taking part.
10. Pray for your own family, remembering especially those family members who do not yet know Christ.
11. As Bristol celebrates its annual Balloon Fiesta this weekend we ask that everyone involved will enjoy this time of holiday and relaxation.
12. Remember all our young people waiting for exam results and planning for their future lives.
13. Thank God for all those who do Bible readings and lead intercessions in our church.
14. *Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.*
15. Pray that God will enable you to be a good witness for him in your words, actions and lifestyle. Ask for opportunities to demonstrate Christ's love to others.

16. Remember those who are suffering through the war in Ukraine. May there be an end to the conflict very soon.

17. Ask God to continue to reveal himself and his vision for our church to each one of us. May we follow faithfully in the way he wants us to go.

18. Thank God for all those who contribute to our church life by their practical skills.

19. Praise God for the skills and creativity of our flower arrangers who help to make our church a beautiful and welcoming space.

20. Pray for Tim as he prepares material for upcoming services.

21. *Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

22. Pray for our government. Ask God to raise up wise, godly men and women to lead our nation. Ask him to give them courage, clarity of thought and compassion for the neediest as they make decisions on our behalf.

23. Ask God to help us appreciate the many small blessings and beauty which surround us every day and to keep us from complaining about minor problems and setbacks.

24. Thank God for the many older members of our congregation who have inspired us by their faith and helped to build our church fellowship.

25. Pray for those who have left our church for one reason or another and ask that they will continue to grow in faith, love and spiritual understanding wherever they are.

26. Pray that all the spiritual seeds planted by our church will take deep root, flourish and produce much fruit in future years.

27. Pray for Katie, our outreach worker, as she plans and prepares for the next few months.

28. *God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

29. August Bank Holiday. Pray for families and children enjoying the last of the summer break.

30. Pray for the staff and governors of St. Peter's Primary as they make their plans for the coming term.

31. Remember parents and children preparing for the new school term, thinking especially of those starting new schools and new classes.