

**St. Peter's Church Bishopsworth
September 2023 Prayer Diary**

*"Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
Psalm 46: 10*

1. Pray for the staff and children of St. Peter's School as they begin the new term and look forward to the coming academic year.
2. Pray for our Cafe Church service tomorrow. May all those attending encounter Jesus in a real and living way.
3. *Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
4. May God guide the Leadership Team and give them his wisdom and creative energy as they meet together to plan the way forward for the coming months.
5. Every year we put together Shoeboxes for our Link to Hope initiative. Ask that people will respond generously to the request for gifts and that those receiving the Shoeboxes will be blessed.
6. At the start of our new Coffee Pot session, pray for direction for the leaders and renewed friendships among volunteers, mums, carers and children.
7. Pray for the new headteacher of St. Peter's Primary, Matt Stannard as he familiarises himself with school routines and begins to build positive relationships with everyone connected to the life of the school.
8. Pray for all those responsible for health and safety as they help to establish a secure environment for everyone who comes into our church.
9. Pray for all those whose marriages or relationships have broken down, that they will find healing, peace and new hope for the future. Remember also the children of such situations who may have been unsettled by the disruption to their family lives.
10. *Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
11. Remember those students and young people starting courses at college and university. May God help them to settle in well, building new skills and experiences as a foundation for their future lives.
12. The Ark Soft Play will be opening on Wednesdays from now on. Pray that they will have the staff and resources to cover the extended time. We hope that many families will take advantage of the extra hours and continue to enjoy the facilities and friendly welcome
13. Pray for our Financial and Strategic Planning Committee as they meet together tonight to plan our response to future needs and requirements.
14. Pray for all those taking part in Housegroups and their leaders as they share their faith together growing in love and understanding.

- 15.** Thank God for the work of the Women's Institute and the great number of women they have helped and supported over many years.
- 16.** Pray for all those taking part in Messy Church today. May it be a fruitful and rewarding time for everyone there. Thank God for everyone who helps and all those who plan and prepare the session.
- 17.** *Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- 18.** Christians in Parliament have a difficult and crucial part to play in our national life. Pray for them that they will have a positive and wholesome influence as they act as salt and light within the political community.
- 19.** Remember the Tuesday morning Coffee Group. They gather each week to relax and enjoy good conversations and refreshments together.
- 20.** Thank God for those who care for the elderly in their own homes, offering medical and nursing oversight, social care, cleaning and gardening services.
- 21.** In your prayers lift up to God all those suffering from Alzheimer's as well as the relatives and friends who support them and suffer alongside them.
- 22.** Pray for Stephen, our treasurer as he oversees the church finances.
- 23.** Praise God for all the many blessings in your life, especially the small daily mercies that we often take for granted.
- 24.** *Harvest. Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- 25.** Pray for our churchwardens Martin and Sam who give generously of their time, talents and energy for the smooth running of our church.
- 26.** Thank God for all those who care tirelessly day by day for sick or disabled family members, many of them children, elderly or unwell themselves.
- 27.** Pray for all our PCC members as they meet tonight to discuss ongoing church affairs. May God direct them in all their plans and proposals.
- 28.** Pray for those suffering from dangerous addictive behaviours, such as alcohol or drug abuse, gambling or pornography. May God lead them to people and places where they can find support and help to free them from their addictions.
- 29.** Ask God's blessing on those who lead our prayers in church. May God give them creative wisdom and spiritual insight as they prepare their intercessions.
- 30.** Praise God for John and the Music Group who enhance our church services through their enthusiasm and musical talents.