

**St. Peter's Bishopsworth
November 2023 Prayer Diary**

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:14

1. Thank God for the example of all the faithful Christians from the past, remembering especially those who have inspired you in your own journey of faith.
2. Spend time asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in your daily life in every decision you make.
3. Pray that our website, Facebook and YouTube platforms will be well used and that we will continue to have a positive online presence.
4. Thank God for the dedicated work of our Fire Services and pray for safety for the many bonfires and firework parties which will be taking place tonight.
5. *God of glory, touch our hearts with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
6. Christians across the world face extreme violence, abuse and discrimination every day. Pray for those who are imprisoned or persecuted for their faith in Jesus.
7. Messy Church Cafe takes place today. Pray for a good session for all those involved.
8. Pray for our Finance, Strategy and Finance Committee members, meeting tonight to discuss the practical issues of our church life.
9. Pray for the shoeboxes being sent to poor families in Eastern Europe, that they will be a blessing and a joy for those receiving them, providing them with necessary essentials that they may lack.
10. Pray for the children and young people involved in our uniformed organisations, Cubs, Scouts and Beavers, Brownies, Guides and Rainbows and thank God for the work of the leaders of our local branches.
11. Thank God for the ongoing work of The British Legion and the help and support they give to our armed services veterans.
12. *Remembrance Sunday. God our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
13. Kindness is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. May we all remember to show kindness to one another and find creative ways to express that kindness to everyone we meet.
14. Remember in your prayers all those suffering from the difficulties and limitations of diabetes. May they receive the care and treatment they need.
15. Remember all those involved in Coffee Pot today. Ask for fruitful conversations and the building of good relationships.
16. Pray that all the advance preparations for Christmas events will go ahead smoothly.

- 17.** Pray that people will give generously to Children in Need helping many disadvantaged children.
- 18.** Pray for all those who will be sharing in Messy Church today. May it be an uplifting and rewarding time for everyone.
- 19.** *Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- 20.** Thank God for the many babies and children who have been baptised in our church. May each one have the opportunity and encouragement to grow in their life of faith.
- 21.** Remember those in our church community who have lost their life partners and who still mourn their loss even after many years.
- 22.** Pray for all our PCC members who meet tonight to discuss our current church business. May God grant them unity of heart and mind and continuing enthusiasm for all our undertakings.
- 23.** Pray for our churchwardens Martin and Sam and thank God for their faithful commitment to the ongoing work of the church.
- 24.** Pray that the Parish Giving Scheme will be widely taken up and that it will encourage regular planned giving among our church members.
- 25.** Pray for the many areas of conflict around the world where there is hatred, destruction and bloodshed. Pray that civilian casualties may be minimised and ways to peace be found.
- 26.** *Christ the King. God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.*
- 27.** Pray for Katie in all the many and varied tasks she undertakes as our Outreach worker.
- 28.** Ask that those seeking to know more about Jesus will find their faith nurtured and developed in our church.
- 29.** Pray for Tim and James as they continue their ministry among us. Ask God to inspire and bless them in their work.
- 30.** Pray for Ven. Neil Warwick who will be consecrated today as our new Bishop of Swindon.