

Prayer Diary – PRAYjuly Special

(Please use this diary until Sunday 2nd August)

*In this Prayer Diary, which is a four week special, taking us right through July, we wanted to use some of the **PRAYjuly material that CEEC has produced to help people across the country pray for the Church of England at this time.** As well, this is the month when we run our children's Holiday Club in St John's. And, of course we have lots of other things continuing at the same time.*

So each day, please have a look at 3 things on this Prayer Diary -

- 1. Use a verse and a prayer request from the PRAYjuly section from CEEC.*** *(We have included the whole month of requests that they have produced – so pick out the correct date, or catch up using one that you missed from earlier in the month. (SEE PAGES 2-6)*
- 2. Pray using the regular prayer requests for our church family and our parish.*** *(There are some of these listed for each day of the week. (SEE PAGES 6-7.)*
- 3. Pray for our children's summer Holiday Club.*** *(This is running Mon 20th – Fri 24th July, with the Holiday Club Service on Sun 26th July. (SEE PAGE 8.)*

A prayer for July from CEEC

Lord Jesus Christ,
 Head of the universal church,
 without whom nothing is true and nothing is holy,
 we pray for Your blessing and protection
 on our life and witness as the Church of England.
 Direct and fill all who lead with Your Holy Spirit,
 sustain and equip the local church with the gifts of Your Spirit
 and enable us all to reveal in our way of life the fruit of Your Spirit,
 that we may love what You command
 and desire what You promise,
 to the glory of God the Father,
 Amen.

PRAYjuly Material from CEEC

*The following tables have the Bible verses and the prayer requests that that CEEC have asked us to use this month, as we pray for the C of E.
 Please use one of the lines below each day over the next 4 weeks.*

Date	Bible verse	Prayer Pointer
1 July	"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." - John 14:13	Pray that God would renew the C of E to enable it to 'make disciples' (Matt 28: 19).
2 July	"Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free." - Psalm 118:5	Pray for a renewal of the Church of England's faithfulness to Scripture.
3 July	"For the Lord builds up Zion; he appears in his glory; he regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer." - Psalm 102:16-17	Pray for all those who work in diocesan offices and central (London) church house.
4 July	"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." - Philippians 4:6	For God to pour out His Holy Spirit on local church leaders – ordained and lay.
5 July	"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." - Ephesians 6: 18	Pray that God help those who find sharing the gospel daunting with neighbours, colleagues, and communities.
6 July	"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." - Hebrews 4:16	For a daily and fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit for church leaders that He would deepen prayer, illuminate the Scriptures, and empower the preaching of the gospel.
7 July	"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." - Mark 11: 24	For Diocesan Evangelical Fellowships, and in particular the chairs and secretaries of them as they support, steer and serve evangelicals across the dioceses.

Date	Bible verse	Prayer Pointer
8 July	"And this is the confidence that we have towards him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us." - 1 John 5:14	Pray for the Spirit to raise up and equip men and women with gifts for ministry, service, and mission, for the building up of the whole Church.
9 July	"Pray without ceasing" - 1 Thessalonians 5:17	Pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit to bring people to repentance and faith in Jesus.
10 July	"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray." - James 5:13a	For the Evangelical Group on General Synod (EGGS) as they meet this evening in York.
11 July	"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." John 15:7	For the General Synod to know God's wisdom in their debates.
12 July	"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." - 2 Chronicles 7:14	See the prayer suggestions on the webpage, including the collect - https://ceec.info/pray-july/
13 July	"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." - Romans 12:12	For evangelicals speaking today in the debate on sexual ethics and discipleship.
14 July	"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you." - Jeremiah 29:11-12	Crown Nominations Commissions (CNCs) who nominate diocesan bishops. In particular, Oxford CNC and Southwark CNC whose diocesan bishops retire on 1 and 5 August (respectively).

Date	Bible verse	Prayer Pointer
15 July	"I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling." - 1 Timothy 2:8	For Chichester Diocese - whose diocesan bishop retired on 1 June and Lichfield Diocese whose bishop will retire on 1 October.
16 July	"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." - Psalm 145:18	London and Oxford CNCs shortlisting on 26 September and 9 October (respectively).
17 July	"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." - Romans 8:26	For the 26 bishops who sit in the House of Lords - that they might be able to speak godly wisdom into debates.
18 July	"But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." - Matthew 6:6	For the Evangelical bishops in the College and House of Bishops - for grace, strength and courage to 'banish doctrine contrary to Gods word' (consecration service).
19 July	"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving." - Colossians 4:2	Our 2 archbishops, 42 diocesan bishops and 73 suffragan/area bishops (when all Sees are filled).
20 July	"And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness." - Acts 4:31	In particular at this time, pray for dioceses with no diocesan bishop: Bristol, Leeds, Oxford, London, etc
21 July	"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" - Matthew 5:44	For churches running Alpha, Christianity Explored and/or other evangelistic courses - that God will use these to draw to Himself all those he is calling.

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22 July	"Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!" - Psalm 141:2	For the work and ministry of CEEC in supporting evangelicals in the C of E.
23 July	"When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles." - Psalm 34:17	Pray for a fresh movement of the Holy Spirit across parishes, cathedrals, chaplaincies, schools, and theological colleges
24 July	"Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!" - 1 Chronicles 16:11	That God would grant a revival in the Church of England of the scale of the Wesleyan Revival, the Welsh Revival, and the Hebridean Revival.
25 July	"Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!" - Psalm 143:1	That God would refresh leaders (both ordained and lay) who are spiritually weary at this time.
26 July	"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened." - Acts 16:25-26	Pray for children and youth to encounter Christ personally through the many missions and clubs being run during the summer school holidays.
27 July	"So we fasted and implored our God for this, and he listened to our entreaty." - Ezra 8:23	Pray for the raising up of a new generation of evangelists, pastors, theologians, and church planters.
28 July	"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" - Matthew 7:11	Pray for clergy and congregations who feel isolated or under pressure within their dioceses.

29 July	"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words." - Psalm 17:6	Pray that the Bible would be read, taught, and treasured across the Church, shaping disciples and informing doctrine and practice.
30 July	"Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." - Matthew 26:41	Pray for faithful preaching that nourishes believers and calls unbelievers to repentance and faith.
31 July	"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." - Matthew 21:22	Pray that we would all remain steadfast in proclaiming the saving grace of Jesus Christ, rooted in Scripture and centred on the cross and resurrection. And for courage to speak the truth with gentleness, humility, and compassion.

Prayers for our Church and Parish

We often pray for these things on these days.

MONDAYS

- Give thanks for our loving church family.
- Pray for our last two Little Fishes before the summer break (6th & 13th) including one in the garden (hopefully on 13th, weather permitting). Then pray that the children will be kept safe over the summer break.
- Please pray for all who attend Bethany and Bethany again, and for the leaders and helpers who serve in this ministry.

TUESDAYS

- Give thanks to God for all the resources he has given us as a church – financially, our buildings and our the people in our church family.
- Please pray that, as a church, we will all be able to use the gifts that God has given us to serve Him and one another.
- Please continue to pray for our New Church Hall Project as the Planning Application is prepared this month.

WEDNESDAYS

- Continue to pray for our Wednesday Worshippers – that each person there will learn from God and help others to do the same.
- Please pray for our young people and the last two Ignite youth groups of this year (8th & 15th). Then pray that, over the summer holidays, they'll remember all that they have learned from the Bible.
- Pray for our PCC on 15th July. Pray for wise decisions to be made. Continue to pray for each person who serves on the PCC.

THURSDAYS

- Thank God for all the food bags that have been handed out over this year. Pray for this ministry and all who help it to continue.
- Give thanks for our Mission Links – with those in Uganda, Japan and Birmingham. Pray that we will be an encouragement to all of them.
- Please pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world. Think of some of the countries we have heard about this year.

FRIDAYS

- Pray for all that goes on in our Church Office week by week.
- Pray for all those preparing for summer camps across the country, including Daniel at Hope Cumbria Venture (25th Jul-2nd Aug) & Hannah at Contagious in August. Pray that God will use these to bear fruit.
- Please continue to pray for a Great Awakening in Great Clacton.

SATURDAYS

- Thank God for another year of Coffee Mornings. Please pray for the final one in the Church Hall before the summer break.
- Thank God for the links we have with local schools and for all the work Hannah has done throughout this year. Pray for the staff and children, for safety and fun, as they start their summer holidays.
- Thank God for the partnership we have with other local churches. Please continue to pray for Mark H, David and Rachel in their roles.

SUNDAYS

- Please continue to pray for those who are not well at this time.
- Pray for our church services today – that each one is used by God.
- Please continue to pray that more families will join us at St Mark's.

Holiday Club Prayers

Mon 20th – Fri 24th July, with the Holiday Club Service on Sun 26th July

BEFORE THE CLUB STARTS (until Sun 19th July)

- Please pray for all the preparation work, and especially for safety as we transform St. John's Church for the club, by putting up staging, scenery, group areas, decorations, etc.
- Please pray for Holiday Club leaders as they prepare games, crafts, decorations, Bible stories and teaching for the children to enjoy.
- Continue to pray that just the right number of children and teenage helpers will book into the club this year.

DURING THE WEEK THE CLUB IS RUNNING (Mon 20th to Sun 26th July)

- Please pray for good relationships to be forged between children and leaders at the Holiday Club, and for these to last beyond the end of this year's club, so that families might return.
- Pray for safety for children and young people at the club.
- Pray for good listening and for good engagement at Holiday Club as the story of Jonah is told. Pray that the children will continue to think about its message throughout the club.
- Pray for the team of club leaders as they lead groups and teach the children. Pray that they will look after and support each other.
- Please pray for good numbers to attend the picnic in the vicarage garden after the club on Wed 22nd July, and come to the Holiday Club Service on Sunday 26th July (11am).
- Pray for good conversations with both children and adults throughout Holiday Club – for friendships to be built up.

AFTER THE END OF THE CLUB (from Mon 27th July onwards)

- Please pray that friendships built with families will last and they will return to future clubs and to the other things we lay on.
- Pray that the seeds that have been sown will continue to take root.
- Thank God for all the leaders, helpers and teenage helpers, and pray that they will have a restful time after the Holiday Club – but also that they too may have learned from God .