

Prayer Diary – July Special

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Monday 7th July to Sunday 20th July

MONDAY 7th and 14th July

- Give thanks for the guests that we have welcomed into the church during our open day (and the days that followed).
Please pray that many will return soon.
- Pray for our last two Little Fishes before the summer break (7th & 14th) including one in the garden (hopefully on 7th, weather permitting).
- Holiday Club starts on Mon 21st 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, group areas, etc.

TUESDAY 8th and 15th

- 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.
- Continue to pray that many people will come to see the history display in St John's and then afterwards will reflect on the history of the church itself and why it is here.
- Please pray for Holiday Club leaders as they prepare games, crafts, decorations, Bible stories and teaching for the children to enjoy.

WEDNESDAY 9th and 16th

- Pray for our Wednesday Worshippers today – 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 (9th & 16th), and especially for safety as they enjoy time on the beach. Pray that they will remember all that they have learned from the Bible this term and reflect on it.
- Pray for the local C of E clergy ("*Deanery Chapter*") meeting on 9th and our PCC on 16th. Pray for wise decisions to be made.

THURSDAY 10th and 17th

- Pray for the collection of food and the packing of the food bags every Thursday. Pray that they would be of real help to those who receive them and they would be accepted as a sign of God's love.
- Please pray for the LAST Together before the summer break (10th) and the LAST Community Cuppa (17th). Pray for encouraging times and a good number at both. Pray also for wisdom on how to make the best of these opportunities after the summer break.
- Pray that just the right number of children sign up for Holiday Club and that any final bookings will be received in good time.

FRIDAY 11th and 18th

- Please pray for all the Holiday Club admin that takes place in the church office, and especially for Anita dealing with the bookings.
- Pray for local schools and their staff and pupils as they come towards the end of the school year. Pray for safety and fun for everyone at all the special end of term events.
- Pray for Hannah and Mark as they make final visits to schools this year. Pray for just the right words to say at the right time.

SATURDAY 12th and 19th

- Pray for Robert and Caitlin as they get married in St. John's (on 12th), and for all the other couples whose services we are taking this year. Pray that they will look to God as they enter marriage.
- Please pray for the C of E General Synod, meeting 11th-15th July. Pray for wise and godly discussions and decisions, both at the synod and in all that will follow it. Pray that God guides our church.
- Please pray for all those who are not well just now, and those not able to enjoy the summertime, for this or any other reason.

SUNDAY 13th and 20th

- Please pray for each of our church services today. Pray that God will be at work in everyone who attends.
- Please continue to pray for all those who have visited our churches recently - pray that they will reflect on something they have heard.
- Pray that the wonderful team of Holiday Club leaders and helpers will work really well together, helping each other as they prepare.

Monday 21st July to Sunday 3rd August

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MONDAY 21st and 28th

- Please pray for the work of the Bethany Bereavement Café, which continues through the summer. And let's keep praying for those we know who have lost a loved one recently, including several in our own church family.
- 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 our Holiday Club and then throughout their summer holidays.

TUESDAY 22nd and 29th

- Thank God for our church buildings and all that we can use them for. Pray that God would continue to provide the resources that we need to keep them in good condition.
- Pray for good listening and for good engagement at Holiday Club as the story of Joseph (from Genesis) is told. Pray that the children will continue to think about it after the club is over.
- Pray for the team of club leaders as they lead groups and teach the children. Please pray that this ministry continues into the future.

WEDNESDAY 23rd and 30th

- Thank God for another year of Wednesday Worshippers and all who have attended. Please pray for God's blessing on these last two services (23rd & 30th) before the summer break.
- Please pray for good numbers to attend the picnic in the vicarage garden after the morning holiday club on 23rd. And pray that friendships built with families will last and they will return.
- Pray for good conversations with both children and adults throughout Holiday Club - and for these to continue at other times.

THURSDAY 24th and 31st

- Please pray for all those preparing for summer camps and missions across the country. Pray that God would watch over these events and use them to bear fruit in many lives.
- Please pray, once again, for safety at our Holiday Club (and throughout the year), as children move around our buildings and our grounds. Pray that nothing would spoil the fun they are having.
- Thank God for the team of teenage helpers that we have had at the Holiday Club. Pray that they too will have learned from God and that they will continue to seek after Him and His ways.

FRIDAY 25th July and 1st August

- Pray that on the last day of Holiday Club (25th) seeds continue to be sown and friendships continue to be made. Pray that the seeds would continue to take root, long after the club is over.
- Please pray that children, young people and adults will invite the Lord into their hearts.
- Pray for Daniel, heading off to help at the Hope Cumbria Summer Venture (25th July-2nd August). Pray that many young people's lives would be changed by all that goes on there.

SATURDAY 26th July and 2nd August

- Thank God for another year of Coffee Mornings. Please pray for the final one in the hall before the summer break on Sat 26th. Pray for this wonderful connection with the community to continue.
- Pray for a restful time for the group leaders and helpers after the Holiday Club – but also that they too may have learned from God.
- Please pray for Kayleigh Hall getting married to Tom (26th July - MM). Pray for this couple and all starting married life this summer.

SUNDAY 27th July and 3rd August

- Pray for the Holiday Club Service (27th July) and our usual Morning Services through the summer. Pray that they will be used by God.
- Pray that families would join us for the Holiday Club Service and lunch – and for other special events throughout the coming year.
- Please continue to pray for those who are not well at this time, and those who are in hospital or waiting for treatment.