

St John the Evangelist, Hills Road 2021 Prayer Diary

The Parish Prayer Diary is for you to use in your prayer times. It is also used in the daily cycle of prayer at St John's. For every day there is a person or group of people from our local ministry, a group or institution in our wider community and a street or streets from within the parish. You might like to use this list alongside our weekly bulletin and also the Ely Diocese Prayer Diary and the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer.

These collects, from Common Worship, might help you begin your prayer time. Other prayers are included at the back of this prayer diary.

Morning:

Lord our God
as with all creation we offer you the life of this new day,
give us grace to love and serve you
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Evening:

Lighten our darkness, Lord we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

1st of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Our Vicar, Revd. James Shakespeare. His vision and his leadership.

The Community and Wider Church: The Rock Road Baptist Church, The Quaker Meeting House and The Orthodox Church of St. Athanasios

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Baldock Way

2nd of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Our Curates, Revd. Chris Campbell and Revd Muthuraj Swamy

The Community and Wider Church: All Christians living and working in our parish.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Babraham Road and Cedar Court

3rd of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Revd. John Hillier and all retired clergy, including those who meet in our building.

The Community and Wider Church: All those of other faiths who live and work in our parish.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Blinco Grove and Magnolia Close

4th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Revd. Dr. Peter Heslam and the work of Faith in Business.

The Community and Wider Church: Uniformed organisations; 5th Cambridge Guides and Brownies and 28th Cambridge Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Cavendish Avenue,

5th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Kate Aylmer (LLM) and for all discerning a path to license lay ministry.

The Community and Wider Church: Our local shops, pubs and restaurants and all those working in them.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Cherry Hinton Road, St. Margaret's Square and Lilac Court

6th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: The PCC and the wider management of the church.

The Community and Wider Church: Morley School. All teachers and educationalists living and working in our parish.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Coleridge Road, Coniston Road and Cowper Road

7th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Our pastoral ALM, Anne Rigby. The Healing Prayer Group and all our Pastoral Visiting Team. Those who administer and receive home communion.

The Community and Wider Church: Homerton College and the Cambridge University Faculty of Education. All students living in our parish.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Glebe Road and Templemore Close

8th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Our Pioneer ALM, Sian Binley. For the Partnership for Missional Church process and for all mission and outreach into the local community.

The Community and Wider Church: Addenbrooke's Hospital and all doctors, nurses and other healthcare providers living and working in our parish. All who are sick in body, mind or spirit.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Hartington Grove, Hartington Court and Harshel Court

9th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Our Ordinands and all who are training for ministry.

The Community and Wider Church: The Rock Road Library

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Hills Avenue, Alliance Court and Edendale Close

10th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Our church finances and our treasurer, Roger Lilley. Our gift aid officer, Joseph Philip. For all fundraising projects taking place.

The Community and Wider Church: Hills Road and Long Road Sixth Form Colleges and other Further Education institutes in the parish. The EF Language School.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Hills Road and Elsworth Place

11th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Our Churchwarden, Peter Tavner, Deputy Churchwarden, Michael Fincham, and all duty wardens.

The Community and Wider Church: The Perse and Pelican Perse Schools

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Hinton and Courtland Avenues

12th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: The smooth running of all parish administration, especially as this roll is taken over by volunteers, and the PCC Secretary, Janet Tankard

The Community and Wider Church: All those who use our Community Rooms

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Lichfield and Neville Roads

13th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: All who produce the Parish Magazine, including the editors, Paula Wolff and Liz Radice and those who advertise, collate and distribute it.

The Community and Wider Church: The Cambridge Academy of Science and Technology. Scientists and engineers living and working in the parish. Scientific and technical research organisations in the parish

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Lady Jane Court and St George's Court

14th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: The musical tradition of our Church. For our Organist and Choirmaster, Elizabeth Trenchard, and all who are in the choir.

The Community and Wider Church: Homerton Early Years Centre. All those who work with preschool children and their families.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Holbrook Road, Dean Drive and Dean Court

15th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: The management of the church building; it's caretaking, cleaning and general upkeep. For those on the gardening and maintenance teams.

The Community and Wider Church: The Cambridge Junction and all places of cultural engagement. Artists, musicians and writers and all those involved in the arts and media who live and work in our parish.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Long Road

16th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: For our local mission initiatives and for the Partnership for Mission Church (PMC) process.

The Community and Wider Church: Those who care for the green spaces in our parish. For the Rock Allotment Society.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Luard Road, Luard Close and Sedley Taylor Road

17th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Hospitality and welcome at the church, including all who serve on the coffee rota and our sides people. The social life of the church. The Men's group and Women's breakfast.

The Community and Wider Church: All those working in the social services in our parish. All those who are supported by this work.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Marshall Road

18th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: The Youth Group and Children's Church members and all who lead the groups. The Safeguarding Officer, Sarah Talmage.

The Community and Wider Church: The Anglican Communion. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Mowbray Road

19th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Our Fairtrade stall, and Katie Knapton and her team

The Community and Wider Church: All those in food poverty. All who are supported by Food Banks.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on the Nine Wells Estate

20th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Those who serve on the reading and intercessions rotas. Those who serve on Sacristan, Server and Duty Warden rotas. Those who launder the church linen.

The Community and Wider Church: The Diocese of Ely and all who work at the Diocesan Office. The Bishops of Ely and Huntingdon

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Perne Road

21st of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Our online engagement via St John's Church at Home. For our widening ministry via our website and social media and for our Technical Team.

The Community and Wider Church: The Revd. Steve Rothwell and the church of St James', Wulfstan Way

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Purbeck Road, Homerton Street and Corfe Close

22nd of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Funeral ministry at St John's. For families who have had funerals in the church; for all who are bereaved and grieving.

The Community and Wider Church: The Revd. Karin Voth Harman and the church of St Andrew's, Cherry Hinton

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Queen Edith's Way

23rd of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Our outreach work with children and their families; including all the families who attend Messy Church and Toddle Along

The Community and Wider Church: Our local councillors and our MP.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Rustat Road, Flamsteed Road and Derby Road

24th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: For our mission links worldwide; St Peter's Happiness Nursery School, Arua, Uganda; Bethesda Project, Burundi; CMS Partners

The Community and Wider Church: The Cambridge Church Homelessness Project and for all who are homeless.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Rathmore Close, Rathmore Road and Boundary Court

25th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: Companions and all activities supporting older people in our congregation. The Knitting Group. For members of our congregation in Care Homes.

The Community and Wider Church: The care of the elderly and sick in their own homes. Carers and good neighbours.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Red Cross Lane, Stansgate Avenue and Greenlands

26th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: The nurture of our own faith, including our Home Groups, Bible Study groups and confirmation classes.

The Community and Wider Church: Community organisations including the Queen Edith Community Forum, Hills Road Residents Association and Cambridge Past, Present and Future Society,

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Rock Road

27th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: The developing vision of St John's as an Eco Church and the Arocha initiative.

The Community and Wider Church: Police, Fire and Ambulance Services. For prisoners and ex-offenders in our parish.

The People of our Parish: Those living and working on Scholars Court and Homerton Gardens

28th of each month:

The Church's Local Ministry: All those who have come for Baptism at St John's. For those preparing for marriage.

The Community and Wider Church: For all refugees in our parish. For the work of the Cambridge Convoy Refugee Action Group (CamCRAG).

The People of our Parish: Those living and working in the Marque

Here are some other prayers to help you in your daily prayer.

A prayer of St Brendan:

Help me to journey beyond the familiar
and into the unknown.
Give me the faith to leave old ways
and break fresh ground with You.
Christ of the mysteries, I trust You
to be stronger than each storm within me.
I will trust in the darkness and know
that my times, even now, are in Your hand.
Tune my spirit to the music of heaven,
and somehow, make my obedience count for You.

A prayer of St Benedict:

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A prayer of Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

Lord, whatsoever this day may bring,
Thy name be praised.
Be gracious unto me and help me.
Grant me strength to bear whatsoever Thou dost send,
And let not fear overrule me.
I trust Thy grace, and commit my life wholly into Thy Hands.
Whether I live or whether I die, I
am with Thee and Thou are with me
Lord, I wait for Thy salvation, and for the coming of Thy Kingdom.

A prayer of St Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console,
not so much to be understood as to understand,
not so much to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.

A prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola:

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous;
Teach me to serve thee, as thou deservest;
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to seek for rest,
To labour and not to seek reward,
Save that of knowing that I do thy will.

A prayer of St Teresa of Avila:

Lord, grant that I may always allow myself to be guided by You,
always follow Your plans,
and perfectly accomplish Your Holy Will.
Grant that in all things, great and small,
today and all the days of my life,
I may do whatever You require of me.
Help me respond to the slightest prompting of Your Grace,
so that I may be Your trustworthy instrument for Your honour.
May Your Will be done in time and in eternity by me,
in me, and through me. Amen

For any items missed, that you would like to see included in the next version of the Prayer Diary, please send a message to Revd. Chris Campbell. Many thanks!