

WYLYE AND TILL VALLEY BENEFICE PRAYERS AUGUST 2024

**"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**

1	Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from the fields and give us the fruits of the earth in their seasons. Blessed are you, Lord our God, worthy of our thanksgiving and praise. Amen
2	In these uncertain times for our nation, we ask you, Lord, to dwell among us. We are comforted by the knowledge that You alone are our Saviour and Lord. We trust our nation to Your loving care and send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen
3	We pray for the church and village community of Wylye, for The Bell, the village shop and Post Office – for Fisherton Delamere, their Churchwarden Roger Liddiard and the Wylye Church Council
4	10th Sunday after Trinity We pray for bell ringers across the benefice and for the continued dedication and service to the churches and people of the valley. We remember the bells of Great Wishford, South Newton, Stapleford, Steeple Langford and Wylye.
5	We pray for our local GP surgeries, health and care home professionals at this time; we hold the all staff of Odstock Hospital in our prayers. Amen.
6	The Transfiguration of Our Lord; 9th Sunday after Trinity Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen
7	We pray for the church and village community of Berwick St James; for Bill Hiscocks and James Douse Churchwardens of Berwick St James and for members of the PCC
8	We pray for peace with justice throughout the world and in particular for Ukraine, the Yemen, Congo, Sudan and South Sudan, Afghanistan, the Holy Land, West Africa. We remember all migrant, refugees and those fleeing persecution. Amen.
9	Creator God, we praise You for water's gift of life and sustenance and growth. Help us to be worthy stewards of this great gift, to make sure that none go thirsty. Help us to safeguard its purity, accessibility and beauty. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
10	Heavenly Father, we pray for the poorest and most vulnerable. Let us not just speak of justice, but let us act in just ways. May the oppressed and needy feel justice and equality and experience a world without hunger and poverty. Amen
11	11th Sunday after Trinity God, you have given all peoples on common origin. It is your will that they be gathered together as one family in yourself. Fill the hearts of humankind with the fire of your love and with the desire to ensure justice for all. By sharing the good things, you give us, may we secure an equality for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. We ask this in your name. Amen.
12	"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, protect the rights of those who are helpless. Speak out and pronounce a sentence of justice, defend the cause of the wretched and the poor." Amen ~ Proverbs 31:8-9
13	We pray for the church and village community of Winterbourne Stoke and their Churchwarden Dee Montagu-Pollock.
14	May we live the Gospel with courage, constancy and love. May we be open to the challenge of your call to true freedom. May we be faithful to you in our daily choices and decisions. May we make your love known through our words and actions. Amen

15	The Blessed Virgin Mary Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen
16	We pray for all who maintain our village halls and community spaces across the Benefice.
17	God of hope, bless all people and embrace us with your abundant grace for working together in the journey to heal the earth. We pray for your wisdom, sympathy and creativity to take meaningful actions with a shared vision for the common good of all creation. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, Amen.
18	12th Sunday after Trinity We pray for the church and village community of South Newton and their Churchwarden Adrian Softley and the Church Council.
19	We pray for the work of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust at the Langford Lakes Nature Reserve, for its staff and their contribution to nature in our community
20	We pray for those going off on holidays: may you travel safely and, wherever you are, walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go. Amen.
21	We pray for the church and village community of Little Langford and their Churchwarden Beth Andrews
22	God of creation, who loves all he has made and all that has evolved, open the eyes of your people, that your love might be reflected in our care for the planet. Through Jesus Christ, who walked this earth and calls us by name. Amen.
23	We pray for Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, Stephen, Archbishop of York and for Bishop Stephen, and Bishops Karen and Andrew at this time of change within the Diocese.
24	Bartholomew the Apostle We pray for the church & village community of Steeple Langford, for Bob Ogilvie and Jo Pearce their Churchwardens and the local ministry team
25	13th Sunday after Trinity We pray for our farmers. Bless all who have responsibility for and work on the land, care for animals or maintain machinery, enable them to be good stewards of your creation; fulfil the farmer's hopes in a plentiful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
26	We pray for the church and village community of Great Wishford and its Church Council.
27	Lord Jesus, the earth is yours and you have commanded the winds and the sea; help us to leave behind our consumer demand for plastics and move towards behaviours that are environmentally healthy; help us to follow your lead in caring for the world you love. Amen.
28	We pray for all local Churches: for our brothers and sisters across the Deanery and for our local Baptist, Methodist, URC, Catholic and Free Churches.
29	We pray for the church & village community of Stapleford and the local ministry team
30	Creator God, Thank you for the waters of the earth, for the life-sustaining rains, lakes, and deep oceans. Keep us mindful of how precious these are, and how vulnerable they are. Help us to work together for clean water, and for the sharing of it with those who have need of it today. Amen.
31	We pray for the church and village community of Stockton and their Churchwarden Claudia James

O God, You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it;
The river of God is full of water...The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
The hills gird themselves with joy, The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
The valleys deck themselves with grain,
They shout and sing together for joy.

Psalm 96