

WYLYE AND TILL VALLEY BENEFICE PRAYERS

NOVEMBER 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	<p>All Saints Day Father, All-Powerful and ever-living God, today we rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place. May their prayers bring us your forgiveness and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
2	<p>All Souls' Day For all our departed brothers and sisters; Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us. As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen</p>
3	<p>4th Sunday before Advent We pray for the church and village community of Stapleford and the Local Church Council</p>
4	<p>Compassionate God, we pray this day for our local NHS providers and community care home workers. We remember the staff of Codford and Wilton surgeries and those in the A&E Department at Odstock Hospital. Amen.</p>
5	<p>May today there be peace within. May we trust God that we are exactly where we are meant to be. May we not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May we use those gifts that we have received, and pass on the love that has been given to us.... May we be content knowing we are children of God.... Let God's presence settle into our bones...and in our souls the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us. Amen.</p>
6	<p>We pray for the children, teachers, staff, parents and governors of Great Wishford Primary School, the Wylie Valley School at Codford and the Farley School at Steeple Langford. We pray for the Open the Book Team who share the Word of God with the school community on a regular basis.</p>
7	<p>We remember with gratitude the members and work of the local emergency services, the police, ambulance and fire services. Amen.</p>
8	<p>Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus Christ taught us that loving compassion and servitude are the true hallmarks of your law. During these times of economic uncertainty, inspire those who have much to share with generous hearts and comfort and encourage those who find themselves in poverty or distress. Amen</p>
9	<p>We pray for the church and village community of Berwick St James. We pray for Bill Hiscocks and James Douse Churchwardens of Berwick St James and for members of the PCC</p>
10	<p>Remembrance Sunday ~ 3rd Sunday before Advent O Almighty God, grant we beseech thee, that we, who here do honour to the memory of those who have died in the service of their country and of the crown, may be so inspired by the spirit of their love and fortitude that, forgetting all selfish and unworthy motives, we may live only to thy glory and to the service of mankind through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
11	<p>Armistice Day Gracious God, on this day, when we remember past and present conflicts, we pray for the divided peoples of the world, that leaders, governments and each one of us may use our resources, our opportunities and our lives in the service of reconciliation, for the sake of future generations and to the glory of your name. Amen</p>
12	<p>We pray for the church and village community of Little Langford and their Churchwarden Beth Andrews</p>
13	<p>Merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own, look with mercy on all those fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry; bless those who work to bring them relief. Amen</p>
14	<p>Heavenly Father, we pray for the poorest, most vulnerable in our society and especially those who are homeless currently. 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.</p>
15	<p>We pray for the church and village community of Winterbourne Stoke and their Churchwarden Dee Montagu-Pollock.</p>
16	<p>Loving Lord, your word reminds us how much you value and love children. We pray for the climate crisis and the devastating impact on children's lives and future generations. We thank you for young people and their passion and conviction to care for and protect your world for the common good. We pray that their actions and words will be taken seriously. Amen.</p>

17	2nd Sunday before Advent Heavenly Father, we ask you to stir our hearts into action. As global temperatures increase, inspire us with ways, we can make a difference in our homes, church congregations, communities, and the world around us. We pray for your prompting where we can do more to love our neighbour. Amen.
18	We pray for all the families of our Benefice especially those with young children. We ask, loving Father, that you will bless each one and they may be sustained and nourished through Your Holy Spirit.
19	We pray for the church and village community of Wylve – for the village shop and The Bell – and Fisherton Delamere and their Churchwarden Roger Liddiard and the Wylve Church Council
20	We pray and give thanks for the commitment and enthusiasm of the Benefice Choir, for the leadership of Martin Gairdner and for all our organists who support so ably our worship.
21	We pray for the church & village community of Steeple Langford and their churchwardens Jo Pearce and Bob Ogilvie.
22	We prayer for our brothers and sisters of the persecuted Church especially those in North Korea, China and West Africa.
23	Loving God, pour out your peace upon us all. Lead us in your ways, united with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world. Hear our prayer, especially for the people of South Sudan. Fill them with hope and strengthen their commitment as they come together to seek reconciliation and build peace, trust and understanding. Strengthen the work of CRESS and our on-going relationship with them. Amen
24	Sunday before Advent – Christ the King Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen
25	We give thanks for those who faithfully ring the bells of our Benefice and for the peals at Great Wishford, South Newton, Stapleford, Steeple Langford and Wylve;
26	We pray for the church and village community of Great Wishford, the Oak Apple Club and for its local ministry team.
27	We remember all who are facing economic difficulty at this time and pray for the work and ministry of the Salisbury and Warminster Foodbanks. Amen.
28	Almighty God, you created the world and gave it into our care so that, in obedience to you, we might serve all people: Inspire us to use the riches of creation with wisdom, and to ensure that their blessings are shared by all; That, trusting in your bounty, all people may be empowered to seek freedom from poverty, famine, and oppression. Amen
29	We pray for the church, village community of Stockton, their Churchwarden Claudia James and the local church council.
30	St Andrew the Apostle ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay: Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil the holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. We pray for the church and village community of St Andrew's Church South Newton and their Churchwarden Adrian Softley and the ministry team. Amen

Lord God, we pray for guidance for our local church ministry teams as they nurture Your people in this Benefice and seek to serve those around them.

We pray that all our churches would welcome their neighbours with open arms and that all may find a place to experience community with the body of Christ as they grow spiritually. Amen.