

WYLYE AND TILL VALLEY BENEFICE PRAYERS APRIL 2024

1	We pray for all who are in distress of any kind within in our community; may Your loving and healing hand be upon them O Lord. We pray for those who have recently died, for those who grieve. Grant to them a share of your peace. Amen.
2	We pray for the LCC, church & village community of Steeple Langford
3	Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for your gracious providing may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
4	God of life, we praise you for the beauty of creation, its richness and variety; yet, through greed and ignorance, we scar your world with plastic waste and throw so much away. Make us more like Jesus, treading gently on our common home, and breathe your Spirit on us, that we may care more deeply for your Earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
5	We pray for the LCC, church & village community of Great Wishford
6	Prayers of intercession seeking justice in our society. We pray for all those who are facing destitution and poverty around the world. We ask that our economies and societies may be reordered to ensure they meet the needs of all. Amen
7	Second Sunday of Easter/The First Sunday after Easter Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
8	The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (from March 25th) WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
9	God grant that violence be overcome by the power of love, that opposition give way to reconciliation and that the desire to oppress be transformed into the desire for forgiveness, justice and peace. May peace be in our hearts so that they are open to the action of God's grace. Amen
10	We pray for local businesses especially our pubs, the village and farm shops; Wylve post office and the businesses in South Newton. Amen.
11	We pray for the church and village community of Little Langford and their Churchwarden Beth Andrews
12	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.
13	We pray for our Bishop Stephen and for Bishops Karen and Andrew in their leadership of our Diocese. Amen.
14	The Third Sunday of Easter/2nd Sunday after Easter We thank you, Lord, the church of which we are members, and for the Holy Spirit at work amongst us all. Be with those who lead us in our worship of you. We pray your blessing on all who share with us in this church's life, that we may all grow in a knowledge of your love. Help us as children of your family to respond to the needs of others by our understanding, by our support and by the love we show them.
15	We prayer for the pupils, staff, governors and families of Great Wishford Primary School at the start of the Summer Term. May they know the love and purpose of God in all that they do. Amen.
16	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.
17	We prayer for all our LPAs: Anna, Daphne, Gill, Caroline, Ro and Beth. May they be empowered and strengthened in their ministry through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

18	Lord, we pray that people everywhere become more caring towards the environment in which they live, and that politicians, planners & developers seriously consider environmental concerns when making decisions. Amen
19	We pray for the work of CRESS and for our brothers and sisters in S Sudan and those in Exile in Northern Uganda. Amen.
20	God of Justice we pray that Ukraine, Gaza, the Holy Land, and Haiti may be delivered from violence, death and destruction. Have mercy on and heal this land in order for it to enjoy peace and the chance to develop as a nation that values truth, justice and freedom, all rooted in the goodness of God. Amen.
21	4th Sunday of Easter/3rd Sunday after Easter We pray for the church, the Village Hub and community of Winterbourne Stoke and their Churchwarden Dee Montagu-Pollock.
22	We pray for our Lay Worship Leader: Beth, Laurence, Tim and Gill. May their ministry be enlivened and emboldened through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
23	St George's Day Heavenly Father give us the bravery of St George to stand up for the truth and the glory of God that we have seen in the face of Jesus Christ. Give us the strength to overcome in our lives and in the world, all that is contrary to your rule of justice and love. Help us to be good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; let the oppressed go free, and proclaim the good news of God's favour and Jubilee. Amen
24	We pray for the church and village community of Wylde and Fisherton De la Mere and their Churchwarden Roger Liddiard
25	Mark the Evangelist Almighty God, who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen
26	We pray for the church and village community of South Newton and their Churchwarden Adrian Softley
27	We pray for all who maintain our village halls and community spaces across the Benefice.
28	5th Sunday of Easter/4th Sunday after Easter Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Amen
29	We pray for the church and village community of Stockton and their Churchwarden Claudia James
30	Lord, make us people who recognise, nurture and act towards a more sustainable world for the benefit of all who draw life from this planet. Raise up campaigners who will speak out for wisdom, restraint and compassion. And teach us to partner you in protecting this precious world and the lives of our most vulnerable global neighbours. Amen

Almighty God,
into Your hands we place the Church today,
this immense tapestry of hopes and fears,
possibility and challenge.

Into Your hands we place
our times, and talents, and money,
and ask that You may use them, and us
in ways that bring the brightness of faith,
and the honesty of doubt,
into a world where faith and doubt are real.
Open our minds and hearts to the graciousness
we find in the words and actions of Jesus.
Amen