

The Benefice of
St Mary the Less, Chilbolton
St Mary's Crawley
St Catherine's Littleton
St Stephen's Sparsholt
St Peter and Holy Cross, Wherwell

PRAYER LIST

July 2022

*Prayer is like opening a door and slipping into
the presence of God.*

There in the stillness to listen to His voice

Perhaps to petition – or only to listen

It matters not;

Just to be there, in His presence, is prayer.

O Christ for whom we search,
our help when help has failed:
give us courage to expose our need,
and ask to be made whole
in your healing love;
That being touched by you,
we may be raised to new life,
in the power of your holy name. Amen.

This leaflet is used for prayers in the church room at Littleton on Tuesdays at 4.15 pm each week, to which all are welcome, and can be used for your private prayers.

We hold before God all those for whom prayer has been requested.

To comply with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), individual names are not printed, but we believe that God knows who these dear people are, and His Holy Spirit will intercede on our behalf.

We also pray for anyone else on our hearts at this time and all those with temporary or long-term health problems and for the families and carers who support them.

We pray for those in residential care and the housebound.

We give thanks for those who are recovering from illness.

We remember with compassion friends and relatives of the recently departed:

Ken Wren

Roger Jones

Joan Dunford

Brian Osborne

Tony Maxted

Ian Pirie

Austen Hooker

Margaret Heaps

James Liddell

We pray for all our ministry team and the work of all five churches in our Benefice.

For our Incumbent: Jax Machin

For the Ministry Team: Bruce Kington, Alan Disher, Charlotte Nash, Andrew Kent, Sally Wesley, Alastair Barron and Carol Coleman.

The team at Winchester City Chaplaincy, for Karen Markiewicz, the Lead Chaplain

Our Benefice administrator: Caroline.

All Parish Visitors and the support and time they give in the Benefice.

We give thanks for our Benefice and pray for a spirit of unity in the ministry we all share.

We give thanks for shared church services across the Benefice which help to unite us in worship and service, especially the recent open-air Trinity service and picnic at Northwood Park.

We give thanks and pray for those who serve on our Benefice Council.

We pray for the young in our area.

For nurseries, schools, colleges and the university and for those who seek to work with young families in our churches.

We pray for all schoolchildren who are due to finish at their current school this month and move on in the autumn, be it to secondary school, sixth-form college, Further or Higher Education.

We pray for our local community

For establishments with a caring outreach, their users and residents, their families, staff, pastors and administrators.

- For all Nursing and Care Homes in the area.
- The Lookout, Naomi House and Jacksplace
- Andover, Basingstoke and Winchester Hospitals, Hospices and GP practices.
- The Boaz Project, providing work opportunities for adults with learning difficulties.

For groups which give aid and support to the community

- The Prison and the Footprints charity, the Park Club, Street Reach
- The Emergency Services: Fire, Police and Ambulance,
- First Responders, Community Care Groups, Street Pastors
- Friends of the Family, Home Start, the Live at Home Scheme

We pray for the poor, homeless and hungry, and the on-going support given through the Trinity Centre, the Keystone project, the Night Shelter, the Basics Bank, Andover Food Bank and the Emmaus centre.

We pray for the Church of England and the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby. Within our diocese of Winchester we pray for Bishop Debbie (Acting Diocesan Bishop), Bishop David (Suffragan Bishop of Basingstoke), and Bishop Richard who has a particular responsibility to support healing and restoration.

This month in our Benefice we pray for the Parish of Littleton.

We continue to pray for the country and people of Ukraine, especially remembering those who have sought refuge in other countries including our own. We pray for the Ukrainian families here in the Benefice, Andover and Winchester who have had to leave loved ones, homes and businesses and who grieve these losses.

We also pray for asylum seekers and migrants, fleeing poverty and persecution the world over, in seek of better lives for themselves and their families. We remember the relatives of those who recently died of heatstroke and dehydration after being shut inside a truck and abandoned in Texas.

We pray for missionaries: Chris and Kesia Payne and family in Japan with OMF, but home in UK at present on furlough; Nick and Catherine Drayson serving with CMS in Argentina; Greg and Jill Vine working for MAF in Uganda, but preparing to leave later this month; for Winston Williams in Guyana and The Brickworks supporting projects in South Sudan and the refugee camps in Uganda; for others known to, and supported by, individuals in our parishes. We pray for the ongoing work of Karis Kids in Kampala and uphold the families supported by the Downs Benefice and our link church of St Paul's, Okuvu, Kampala. We give thanks for the work of Tearfund, and organisations supporting the persecuted Church, including Open Doors and Barnabas Fund.

Requests for Prayers may be made through the Benefice Office or direct to Revd Jax Machin. (office@downsbenefice.org.uk; 01962 880845)