

TRINITY CHURCHES PRAYER DIARY, July, 2019

NB: *May we please ask for your prayers for the future of the prayer diary. This will be the last edition for the time being, as we attempt to discern the way forward. The current compilers consider that it may have had its season, and so it will cease until further notice. We feel it needs a fresh impetus or change of direction, so if this is something you think you would like to contribute to then please get in touch with Mike Haddaway. Thank you for your support.*

Mon 1 Ps 44;Ezra 1;Rom 9:1-18. *“Sit here while I go over there and pray”*(Matthew Ch.26 v36). As we follow in Jesus footsteps help us to set aside time for prayer. Pray for Rev. Phil Cansdale as he continues his study leave until the middle of July; pray that this time of study, prayer, teaching, observation and reflection will be a continuing blessing for him and in his ministry. Pray for the Rev. Charlotte Gompertz as she continues to take on additional responsibilities in Phil’s absence.

Tue 2 Ps 48;Ezra 3;Rom 9:19-end. Pray for Trinity Table today as it provides spiritual blessing, good food, friendship and a chance to meet new people; thank God for all who prepare the Table. Pray for the Studies in Isaiah – ‘*The Jesus Manifesto*’, taking place at Sunday evening services this month, as key pointers in Jesus teaching are foretold. *‘I always love summer best, fresh fruit and vegetables to eat, long warm days, church events outdoors, visitors, children tired at the end of the day’* (N. Giovanni 20th C.) Thank God for the joy of summer.

Wed 3 Ps 92;2Sam 15:17-21;John 11:1-16. Pray for the consecration today of The Venerable Sarah Bullock in St. Paul’s Cathedral as the new Bishop of Shrewsbury. Pray that God will richly bless her as she carries out her calling; pray for her family; pray for Phil Cansdale as he attends the service. Pray for the Radbrook Green Community Tea this afternoon as Rita Davies and the team show God’s love to the community. Pray for the Worship evening at HTMB this evening, may God’s name be praised.

Thu 4 Ps 57;Ezra 4:7-end; Rom 10:11-end. Pray for the new Sunday Morning sermon series: The Big Story- Foundational stories in the OT about what it means to be God’s people; pray we may understand how being God’s people applies through the generations. Pray for Messy Church at HTMB today as it seeks to speak to the youngest Christians amongst us of God’s love. *‘I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety’*. Psalm Ch.4 v8. Pray for those who are ill, particularly if the future looks uncertain; pray God’s healing and peace for them.

Fri 5 Ps 51;Ezra 5;Rom 11:1-12. Pray for the Rev. William Small as he starts his curacy in the Harlescott Parish serving Emmanuel and The Church of the Holy Spirit; pray that God will guide him and equip him in the days ahead. Pray for the new direction of travel in Trinity Churches (launched on 17th June) *‘Growing faith, proclaiming hope, living the love of Christ’*. Pray this will be embedded amongst us. Pray for the Shrewsbury Youth for Christ Youth Gospel Choir concert tonight in Central (Shrewsbury), pray that it will be well supported by Christians and their friends.

Sat 6 Ps 68;Ezra 6;Rom 11:13-24. Pray for the Radbrook Fun Day this afternoon; pray for good weather, everyone’s safety, great fun, a good attendance ;the outpouring of God’s love to the community. Pray for Keith and Amal Moore as they lead the event. Pray for the Shropshire Leaders Prayer Breakfast at the Trinity Centre today, pray for togetherness amongst the various Churches and Christian Organisations. *‘Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.’* (Ephesians Ch5v33). Pray for the marriage today between Mark Whitehead and Nicola Bevis, pray they may be blessed by God.

Sun 7. Today is Sunday: pray for the services across Trinity Churches particularly the monthly service at The Meet Place. *‘Every good gift and every perfect present comes from heaven’*(James Ch 1v17) Pray for the baptism today of Evie Strange, pray that her parents and godparents will raise her to love and serve the Lord. Pray for the Sport Sunday event

after the Sunday service today; pray for Emily Silcock as she runs it. Thank God for the staff in shops as they help us to meet our everyday needs.

Mon 8 Ps 71;Ezra 7;Rom 11:25-end. *'They seized Peter and John and because it was evening, they put them in Jail until the next day'* (Acts Ch 4 v3). Pray for persecuted Christians around the world, hounded, vilified, rejected, imprisoned and killed for their faith. Pray and think carefully before you buy goods/services or visit on holiday, countries that persecute our Christian brothers and sisters. Pray for the Church of Christ the King as it looks to make the best use of its limited resources.

Tue 9 Ps 73;Ezra 8:15-end;Rom 12:1-8. Pray for those who receive Holy Communion at The Ferns Residential Home today, may God's Holy Spirit bless them. Pray for the Board Games evenings at Cafe Connect each Tuesday as they seek to bring in people from outside the Christian family. *'This spacious firmament on high, with all the blue ethereal sky, and spangled heavens, a shining frame, their great original proclaim: the unwearied sun, from day to day, does its creator's power display, and publishes to every land the work of an almighty hand.'* (J. Addison 1672 to 1719). Thank God for creatingeverything.

Wed 10 Ps 77;Ezra 9;Rom 12:9-end. Pray for the Trinity Centre and all that goes on there, thank God that it blesses so many people; pray for Helen Hinton (Events Manager), Welcome Assistants, cleaners, caterers and Management Team. Pray for the Baptism preparation groups today, pray for the parents and godparents that they understand the obligations they are undertaking. Pray for Andy Digby/Tim Creyke and the team as they maintain the church grounds.

Thu 11 Ps 78:1-39;Ezra 10:1-17;Rom 13:1-7. Pray for Messy Church today and each Thursday afternoon in Cafe Connect, pray that the children and parents will form friendships with Christian people. Pray for those in ordained ministry at local and national level as they carry out the obligations and responsibilities of their office; pray for their spiritual wellbeing as they share faith in the public space. *'Come near to God and he will come near to you'*. (James Ch.4 v8). Prayer: Lord help me to grow closer to you each day rather than drift away from you through neglect.

Fri 12 Ps 55;Neh 1;Rom 13:8-end. Pray for Keith and Amal Moore - Community Pioneer Ministers as they seek to spread God's word around the Parish and more widely. Pray for the work carried out by Scripture Union over the summer, Beach Missions, City Missions, clubs etc. Pray that the young people they meet will have their lives changed by God's love. Pray for the country churches around Shrewsbury as they seek to retain an active Christian presence with limited resources.

Sat 13 Ps 76; Neh 2;Rom 14:1-12. And God said *'for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and will unite with his wife, and the two will become one'* (Matthew Ch 19v 5). Pray for the marriage today between Samuel Brown and Gemma Almond, that God will bless this union in the days ahead. Pray for Judith Clarkson as she leads the work with the younger children in the parish, for her different roles in local schools e.g. School Chaplin, teacher (assemblies), pray God's guidance and protection for her.

Sun 14. Today is Sunday: *"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."*(Exodus Ch 20v8) Pray for today's services across the parish that God's name will be praised; pray and carefully consider the use of unnecessary services which require others to work on Sundays. Pray for one church you know well that is going through a period of change at present. Pray for The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, as he leads the worldwide Anglican Communion.

Mon 15 Ps 80;Neh 4;Rom 14:13-end. Pray for today's meeting of the Standing and Finance Committee as it considers delegated decisions and recommendations to the PCC. Pray for the 10.45am Congregational Leadership Team Meeting today as looks forward to the months ahead. Pray for the work of the UNHCR as it supports refugees worldwide; pray

for the Christians and Christian Churches, often a persecuted minority in refugee camps. As we are reconciled by grace with God pray for reconciliation in seemingly intractable conflicts. **Tue 16 Ps 89:1-18;Neh 5;Rom 15:1-13.** Pray for the Green Christian movement as it helps churches use the worlds resources wisely, pray for Susan Tongue and others as they lead green initiatives in the parish. Pray for our CTK Mission Partners Gav and Jen Hicks working for the Eden Project in Walsall, pray for them as they expect their baby anytime now. Thank God for where you live, pray for your neighbours. Pray for people who simply cannot manage the complex requirements of a modern state, pray that those in authority will show care, compassion and common sense towards them.

Wed 17 Ps 119:105-128;Neh 6:1-7:4;Rom 15:14-21. Pray for the 6.30pm Congregational Leadership Team as it meets today. Pray for First Steps at Radbrook Green Community Centre today as it meets for the final time this term, pray for Carol Booles and the team that help her, for the children who will move on to school in the Autumn. *'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.'* (John Ch.6 v 51). Thank you Lord for the gift of eternal life, that this also means life now.

Thu 18 Ps 92;Neh 7:73b-end of 8;Rom 15:22-end. Pray for the 9am Congregational Leadership Team as it meets today to think about future worship and care. Pray for the many older people in Trinity Churches as they make decisions about services they need at home, where to live, how to maintain mobility etc. Pray for those who help older people day by day. Pray for the clergy who serve Trinity Churches, Rev. Phil Cansdale, Rev. Charlotte Gompertz, Rev. Valerie Pitt and Rev. Charles Ruxton; thank God for the variety of gifts He has given them, that they in turn share with us.

Fri 19 Ps 88;Neh 9:1-23;Rom 16:1-16. Pray for children of local schools as they break up for the summer; pray for their safety over this summer period. Pray for teachers too, as they take a break, thank God for the dedication of teachers working in an often challenging environment. Pray for J and E our mission partners in Thailand and their two boys, pray for them as a family as they experience significant change following adoption of a handicapped child. Thank God for farmers and growers who provide the food we eat.

Sat 20 Ps 97;Neh 9:24-end;Rom 16:17-end. *'So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them'*. (Genesis Ch. 1 v 27). Pray for the marriage today of Lewis Johnston to Eloise Jackson, pray God will guide them and bless them in the years ahead. Thank God for the joy that sport brings to so many over the summer months ; athletics, tennis, cricket etc. Pray for the work undertaken by The Ark as they try to help homeless, rootless people towards a better life.

Sun 21. Today is Sunday: Praise the Lord. *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.* (Psalm 106 v1). Pray for services across Trinity Churches today. For Youth Groups, Pathfinders and Anon, as they meet each Sunday morning; that the teaching will help them grow in faith. Thank God for the freedom we have to worship each Sunday, a freedom to be treasured.

Mon 22 Ps 30;1Sam 16:14-end;Luke 8:1-3. Pray for the new Prime Minister and Leader of the Conservative party as they take up post this week. *'I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel'* (Ezekiel 37:22). Pray that God will show mercy to us as a nation, healing a people bought low by division. Pray for our Church Wardens; Georgia Barton, Richard Boak and Erica Staples as they represent lay people in the Parish.

Tue 23 Ps 106;Neh 13:1-14;2Cor 1:15-2:4. *The Lord became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who appeared to him twice.* (1 Kings Ch 11v9). Prayer: Lord we are reconciled to you by the sacrificial love of you son, Jesus Christ, thank you. Help us to be aware of, pray for and encourage, those who have turned their back on you. Pray for the staff in the Church office as they ensure the

smooth running of Trinity Churches: Mel, Carole, William, Helen, Jenny and the volunteer helpers.

Wed 24 Ps 111;Neh 15:15-end;2Cor 2:5-end. Today think and pray about the young people in Trinity Churches, our families and in our community. That they resist the evils of gambling, illegal drug use, excessive alcohol, uncensored internet sites etc. Pray that as they are bombarded by negativity e.g. development of A.I, Climate Change, personal appearance etc they will understand they are loved and valued by God and us. Pray for Judith Clarkson, Craig Silcock, Carole Booles and their teams as they share Christian faith and values with them.

Thu 25 Ps 7;2Kings 1:9-15;Luke 9:46-56. Pray for Shirley Stevens the Verger as she manages the church for key events. Pray for H. and M. and their family, our mission partners in Africa; for their health, safety and discernment in sharing their faith with the community. Pray for the worldwide work of the Bible society. Thy Kingdom Come: The Lord's Prayer flows from facile worshipers like TV voices recounting the worries of the world and the wonders of anti-perspirants. (E. Suderman 20c). As we pray familiar prayers, help us Lord to listen to what we are saying.

Fri 26 Ps 139;Esther 2;2Cor 4. Pray for those taking and receiving Holy Communion at Radbrook Nursing Home today. For Parish Safeguarding Officers, Judith Clarkson and Andrew Prichard as they seek to ensure the protection of vulnerable adults and children. For CofE Senior Staff as they respond to historical and current allegations of abuse within the church. Give thanks for local employers, who give in so many ways to the community.

Sat 27 Ps 121;Esther 3;2Cor 5. Pray for the people from the CMP and the Meole Estate as they enjoy a coach trip to Barmouth; for good weather, safety, fun and enjoyment; pray God's love for them will be experienced. *'There is a time for everything (Ecclesiastes Ch3v1)*. Pray for the marriage today between Dave Lloyd and Becky Fisher, pray this special day will bring great joy into their lives. Pray for countries where civil society has collapsed and lawlessness reigns eg. Yemen, Somalia, Libya etc.

Sun 28. Today is Sunday: pray for services across Trinity Churches. Thank God for the technology that enables housebound people to listen to sermon recordings, listen/view services online from distant churches, listen to hymns/bible readings on the internet. Pray for Lay Readers Gareth Evans, Steve Jones and Shirley Stevens as they live out God's calling. Pray for Steve Alston as he continues his ministerial training.

Mon 29 Ps 126;Esther 4;2Cor 6:1-7:1. Pray for small group leaders as they lead week-by-week. For Dave Latcham the small group co-ordinator. Also for his work with the Alzheimer's Society. Pray for Cafe Connect as it manifests God's love on Radbrook, pray for Lissi and Dave the managers, staff/volunteers, Management Committee. Pray for the long delayed refurbishment/ expansion at Cafe Connect and The Meet Place, pray that the 'blockages to progress' will be removed.

Tue 30 Ps 132;Esther 5;2Cor 7:2-end. Pray for planning going on for the Shropshire Churches Day Conference at HTMB in November - Everyday Faith. *'Jesus replied:" Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest Commandment."* (Matthew Ch 22 v 37-38). Prayer: With all that happens in our lives help us to remember this commandment.

Wed 31 Ps 119:153-end;Esther 6:1-13;2Cor 8:1-15. At the end of the month look back and remember the blessings God has showered upon us. Pray for Hope House Children's Hospice as it faces significant change and an uncertain future. Pray for Olwen Abbot in her role as Community Chaplain. Pray for young people leaving school/college/university, as they await examination results, that they know God has something important for them to do, whatever the results may be.