# **Cycle of Prayer** 01 - 31 July 2024





01 July 2024 Wallasey St Hilary Please pray for our... Clergy: Revd Alan Ward, Revd Richard Avery Lay Workers: Catherine Godfrey, Caroline Houghton, Louise Jones, Valerie Sparks Anglican Communion: Gogrial, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

02 July 2024 Wallasey St Nicholas with All Saints Please pray for our... Clergy: Revd Jeff Staples Please pray for the LAF Service that it continues to be bedded into the Church and becomes something sustainable. Anglican Communion: Goma, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

03 July 2024 Moreton Please pray for our... Clergy: Revd Canon Ron Iveson, Revd Debbi Stott Lay Workers: Jane Fisher, Lindsey Lawrence Anglican Communion: Gombe, The Church of Nigeria

04 July 2024

Barnston

Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Chris Slater **Lay Workers:** Lynn Alexander, Eileen Hindley, Jane McCallum, David Reed, Ann Vassie, David Williams

Anglican Communion: Good Shepherd, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

05 July 2024 **Bebington** Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd David Vestergaard, Revd Dr Al Rodgers **Lay Workers:** Ian Halliday, David Jack, Helen Thomas Give thanks and pray for our new Curate, Andy Field-Davies, and our staff team; also for a good number of new members, to integrate well into the church community and grow in faith.

Anglican Communion: Grafton, The Anglican Church of Australia

06 July 2024

Frankby with Greasby

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Simon Stride

Please pray for those in our Parish to encounter the love of Jesus through growing relationships between church family and the community. Pray also for those who are isolated and unwell that they may receive God's comfort and healing touch whilst finding hope in Christ.

Anglican Communion: Grahamstown, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

#### 07 July 2024 **Power and weakness**

'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' 2 Corinthians 12: 9

This is a well known verse. But how does this apparent paradox help us? The context gives a clue. Paul is telling the spiritually haughty Corinthians about a better spirituality. He describes his own experience, which had been exalted but also painful, frustrating and humiliating. And it was in these lowest of times that God made himself known to Paul. In those times the purpose of the power of God was made plain, in that it was so very clearly directed by his love and care for Paul. And for us? Perhaps it tells us to look for the way God works out his good purposes in our most painful circumstances. We pray today that we, and those we care for, might experience his loved poured into our hearts, even in the hardest of times.

## Merciful God

You have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire: 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

Please pray for our... **Anglican Communion:** The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

08 July 2024 **Great Meols** Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Canon Gillian Rossiter **Lay Workers:** Chris Branch, Alex Calvert, Andy Liston, David Moss, Sheena Wilson Please pray for the ministry and outreach of St John's and for those to be confirmed in October

Anglican Communion: Rio Grande, The Episcopal Church

09 July 2024 **Heswall** Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Martin Cannam, Revd Josh Carlson **Lay Workers:** Jennie Hewitt, Peter Twin, Brenda Wilson Mr Dave Wallace starting as new headteacher at St. Peter's (CE) Primary in Sept; Open Door = a new initiative from The Lighthouse Church opening 11pm-3am Friday nights serving those leaving Heswall pubs & clubs; Parish finances, staffing & leadership - challenges and

opportunities

Anglican Communion: Guadalcanal, The Anglican Church of Melanesia

10 July 2024 Higher Bebington Please pray for our... Clergy: Revd Mike Loach, Revd Eunice Blackmore Lay Workers: Helen Byrne, Pam Hollinshead, Lynn Ion Anglican Communion: Guatemala, Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

11 July 2024
Hoylake
Please pray for our...
Clergy: Revd Paul Rossiter, Revd Dr John Harrison
Lay Workers: Jill Rawcliffe, Peter Ham
Please pray for the Ministry Team and Holy Trinity School.
Anglican Communion: Guildford, The Church of England

12 July 2024 **New Ferry** Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Andy Greenhough, Revd Joe Hadfield **Lay Workers:** Jim Cartwright Pray for the Church Council meeting on Monday (15th) with decisions about appointing additional staff (admin/pastoral/youth); and for our support of asylum seekers and refugees, in particular our "Farsi Fellowship Group" rejoicing in the good news of Jesus with both seekers and disciples from Iran and Afghanistan. **Anglican Communion:** Guinea, The Church of the Province of West Africa

13 July 2024 **Newton West Kirby** Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Cheryl Coverley **Lay Workers:** Anthony Hart, Martin Smith **Anglican Communion:** Gujarat, The Church of North India (United)

14 July 2024 **Living for God** '...to the praise of his glorious grace...for the praise of his glory...to the praise of his glory..' Ephesians 1: 6, 12, 14

The recent election campaign has presented us with different visions of the future and however engaged we felt with the process, we were all encouraged to pick one of them. But whose future we were voting for? Our own, our children's, our communities our nation's? Paul gives a further possibility – God has blessed us, he says, for God's sake. God is the sole being in the Universe for whom this is not inappropriate or arrogant. And we find our true purpose and hope when we set a course for God and for him to be recognised as God. So today we pray that our hearts would be set on God, and that the people we know and care for, our children, communities and nation, would be blessed as a result.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Please pray for our... Anglican Communion: The Church of Ireland,

15 July 2024 **Sutton St James** Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Anna Cerval-Pena Please pray for Revd Anna Cerval-Pena as she becomes the new incumbent for St James, Sutton on 5th July 2024 **Anglican Communion:** Central Gulf Coast, The Episcopal Church

16 July 2024 **Upton Priory** Please pray for our initiative The Core Pantry. **Anglican Communion:** Gusau, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

17 July 2024 Wildboarclough Please pray for our... Clergy: Revd Anna Cerval-Pena Please pray for the interview process in July for a new incumbent. Anglican Communion: Guyana, The Church in the Province of the West Indies

18 July 2024 Wincle Please pray for our... Clergy: Revd Anna Cerval-Pena Please pray for the interview process in July for a new incumbent. Anglican Communion: Gwagwalada, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

19 July 2024

Macclesfield St Peter(Macclesfield Team Ministry) Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Martin Stephens, Revd Dr Alison Marshall

Lay Workers: Judith Gibson, Peter Marshall, Catherine Stephens

'Christ's is the world in which we move' ... Give thanks for the outward-facing nature of many in our church family, from the local to the global – showing God's love-in-action to such a variety of people and situations.

Anglican Communion: Haiti, The Episcopal Church

#### 20 July 2024 Macclesfield All Saints (Macclesfield Team Ministry) Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Martin Stephens

Lay Workers: Liz Varney

Give thanks for the new relationships developing through our weekly Places of Welcome weekly drop-in. Pray for opportunities to be and share Good News. And pray for our church community amidst a period of change and uncertainty.

Anglican Communion: Hanuato'o, The Anglican Church of Melanesia

#### 21 July 2024 **A new common ground**

'Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him both if us have access in one Spirit to the Father.' Ephesians 2: 17 – 18

The divide between Jew and Gentile was historic, deep and bitter. They lived parallel lives, seldom connecting, and never in any warm or meaningful way. But Paul, the passionate Pharisee, has seen a new reality. Jesus Christ has created new common ground, as Saviour of near-to God Jews and far-from-God Gentiles. So many of our uncertainties as a nation are to do with the apparent differences between different groups – politically, socially, economically, by age or gender or ethnicity. How wonderful it is when the church reflects God's new reality, of the joyful common ground we find in the forgiveness and life that Jesus Christ brings.

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,

we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Please pray for our... Anglican Communion: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

## 22 July 2024

# Macclesfield St Barnabas (Macclesfield Team Ministry)

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Martin Stephens

Amidst proposals to dissolve as a Parish Church, we seek to reach out and work with more people in our locality as we form the 'St Barnabas Community' ('Where God is, and good happens'). Please pray for us!

Anglican Communion: Harare, The Church of the Province of Central Africa

23 July 2024
Dukinfield St John
Please pray for our...
Clergy: Revd Tim Hayes
Lay Workers: Pat Bradshaw, Stuart Phillips
Thinking of transitions and new people in ministry and leadership. Also thinking of how can keep on growing disciples with strong bilblical convictions. Also pray for families coming into church and coming to christ and chilcren becoming disciples.
Anglican Communion: Hawaii, The Episcopal Church

24 July 2024 **Dukinfield St Mark** Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Karl Williams, Revd Jenny Dunlop **Lay Workers:** Chantelle Tunnicliffe Please pray for a sustained growth and continuing our journey as a Jesus Shaped Church. **Anglican Communion:** Hereford, The Church of England

25 July 2024 Gee Cross Please pray for our... Clergy: Revd Canon Helen Scarisbrick Lay Workers: Tracey Millican, Wendy Slinger, Wendy Stockton Anglican Communion: Southern Highlands, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

26 July 2024 **Hattersley** Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Sam Durdant-Hollamby **Lay Workers:** Pam Whittaker Please pray for those who have been baptised on the 21st July and for the church to have a blessed time at New Wine. **Anglican Communion:** Highveld, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

27 July 2024
Hollingworth
Please pray for our...
Clergy: Revd Bruce Perrin
Lay Workers: Joyce Blundell, Jan Malpas
Please pray for wisdom as to how to grow new disciples.
Anglican Communion: Eastern Himalayas, The Church of North India (United)

#### 28 July 2024 Generous family love

'...to him be l glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen' Ephesians 3:21

If you are part of a church you are part of something glorious. It may not look that way to the person passing through, and it may be that at times we too experience it very differently. Perhaps at times it feels quite inward looking, or unbending, or fearful. But here is a remarkable prayer that there might be glory to God in the church. This Ephesian church,

with its community of Jews and Gentiles worshipping side by side and serving one another, is already something new and astonishing. But Paul prays for more, for the spiritual reality of common ground in Jesus to be lived out in generous, transformative, family love. And of course he ahs to pray for it, because it needs a miracle. But let's join with him in praying this for our churches: may the congregation that we are part of show this generous, family love more and more, and so may people give glory to God.

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Please pray for our... **Anglican Communion:** The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East,

29 July 2024

## Hyde St George with St Thomas

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Jeremy Bentliff

**Lay Workers:** Diane Deakins, Barbara Hollington, David Hollington, Marjorie Trueman Please pray for our Indian couple Reshma and Livin as they negotiate through a difficult time with visas and Reshma losing her job. Please also pray for our Reader David who is ill with cancer.

Anglican Communion: Ho, The Church of the Province of West Africa

30 July 2024 Millbrook Please pray for our... Clergy: Revd Gary Kennaugh Anglican Communion: Hokkaido, The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

31 July 2024
Mottram-in-Longdendale
Please pray for our...
Lay Workers: Mick Boyle, Allen Standeven
Please pray for the new incumbent and their new ministry.
Anglican Communion: Honduras, The Episcopal Church

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