

Cycle of Prayer September 2017

Monday 25	the parish of St Thomas Somercotes Clergy: Imogen Black, PCC and congregation.
Tuesday 26	the parish of St Michael & All Angels South Normanton Clergy: Stephen Potter, PCC and congregation.
Wednesday 27	Pray for all preparing for the new term at University, especially those leaving home for the first time
Thursday 28	Pray for the steering group and the application to establish Derby Cathedral School. Consultations, events, determining the school site, funding
Friday 29	<p>Pray that the Church as a body will be empowered to stand up against powers of darkness and bring God's light into the world.</p> <p>If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us then this world would be transformed, Lord. If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us then this world would be transformed, Lord If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us then this world would be transformed, Lord. If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from you then this world would be transformed, Lord. If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us then this world would be transformed, Lord. If we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your Church then this world would be transformed, Lord. Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world through your love and your power.</p>
Saturday 30	<p>Pray for the Bishop of Derby's Harvest appeal – for generosity in giving; for those who will administer the funds and those who will benefit from this project At this harvest time we pray for world leaders, that the Lord may move them to act with respect and urgency for the sake of the earth and the most vulnerable. We pray for the Church, that she may bring healing to the earth and to people living in poverty.</p> <p>Creator God, for daily bread and all who work to bring your harvest home we bring our thanks today. Forgive our ingratitude, we who have so much yet waste what you have given. For those whose harvest is poor, whose crops have withered, water tainted, children starve, help those who bring relief and bestow on us an unaccustomed generosity, that all might share from your garden and all might sing your praise. and the love that created your world might be expressed through our lives and be a blessing to others. (http://faithandworship.com)</p>

Friday 1	In the North Wingfield Team Ministry the Parish of St Barnabus, Danesmoor clergy: Colin Cooper, Richard Law, Marcia Bown; Readers Rowland Cooper, Linda Cooper, Yvonne Haywood, David Simkins, Gerald Wright, Janette Foster, Margaret Tuck, PCC and congregation
Saturday 2	In the North Wingfield Team Ministry the Parish of St Mary, Pilsley as they seek to appoint an additional team member: clergy: Colin Cooper, Richard Law, Marcia Bown; Readers, Mark Ratcliffe, Rowland Cooper, Yvonne Haywood, David Simkins, Gerald Wright, Janette Foster, Margaret Tuck, lay minister Maggie Limb: PCC and congregation
Sunday 3	In the North Wingfield Team Ministry the Parish of St John, Tupton clergy: Colin Cooper, Richard Law, Marcia Bown; Readers Rowland Cooper, Linda Cooper, Yvonne Haywood, Janette Foster, Margaret Tuck, PCC and congregation
Monday 4	<p>Pray for all returning to school for a new academic year, especially those starting a new school.</p> <p>O God, the strength of my life, let me be strong today as I meet new people in new places. help me to discover friends among strangers, Make me brave when I am worried, show me how to learn from everyone around me, and help me to do my very best to meet opportunities and challenges eagerly, Give me strength to overcome my worries, and preserve me in your safe keeping, through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>
Tuesday 5	In the United Benefice of Morton and Stonebroom with Shirland the parish of Holy Cross, Morton, during the vacancy of Vicar, do pray for those who have responsibility for the care of this parish and those who will support the Church wardens and PCC. Clergy: Chrissie Wood. John Wood, John Epton. Reader David Hadfield
Wednesday 6	<p>On the anniversary of the service of welcome for Jan McFarlane in her ministry as Bishop of Repton</p> <p>Almighty God, Shepherd of souls, we pray for Jan McFarlane chosen to be Bishop of Repton. Guide her by your Spirit, give her grace to lead people in prayer and zeal and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen</p>
Thursday 7	In the United Benefice of Morton and Stonebroom with Shirland, the parish of St Peter, Stonebroom; during the vacancy of Vicar do pray for those who have responsibility for the care of this parish and those who will support the Church wardens and PCC. Clergy: Chrissie Wood. John Wood, John Epton. Reader David Hadfield.

Friday 8	In the United Benefice of Morton and Stonebroom with Shirland the parish of St Leonard, Shirland. During the vacancy of Vicar do pray for those who have responsibility for the care of this parish and those who will support the Church wardens and PCC Clergy: Chrissie Wood, John Wood, John Epton, Reader David Hadfield
Saturday 9	Some words of Gregory the Great ' No-one should ever despair of their neighbour because no-one can plumb the depths of God's mercy' Pray for those you find 'hard to reach'
Sunday 10 <i>Education Sunday</i>	Prayer for people involved in education Lord God, we thank you for teachers, for their enthusiasm and hard work and for all they invest in the children and young people that they teach. Help them as they transform lives through the way they teach. We pray for the many people who enable schools to run smoothly and who provide a nurturing environment for our children. We pray for school governors who play the role of a critical friend in the life of the school. for all those in further and higher education For all those in our church who nurture the next generation. for children and young people at nursery, school, academy and college. - help them to make the most of the opportunities that they have – to be diligent students, to play creatively and to know that you delight in them as they seek to follow you. Help us to support and encourage those in our congregation who work in education, to appreciate the important job that they do in shaping the future of our world and to remember them in our prayers.
Monday 11	On the anniversary of 9/11 Terrorist Attacks in the US. Almighty God, who can bring good out of evil, and who can make even the wrath of humanity turn to your praise: we pray that you will so order and dispose the affairs of the nations that we may be brought through strife to lasting peace; and that the nations of the world may come together for the good of humankind. Bless your beautiful world. Lead her leaders from falsehood, into Truth and Justice. Guard and defend your children. Re-ignite in all the citizens of your world, the fire of your love. And inspire us to love one another, and to be peace-makers, through Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World. Amen.
Tuesday 12	Diocesan Education team: Director of Education David Cannon, Deputy Director & Schools' Adviser Alison Brown Director of school Improvement: Mark Mallender Senior School Improvement: Declan McCauley Administrator: Netta Rusell Thank you God for the power of education to change lives, that access to a more hopeful future can be achieved.
Wednesday 13	The Peak centre at Champion House, Edale for the Warden Sarah, Chris, Assistant Warden; Don, Housekeeper; Julie; Assistant Housekeeper; Lesley, Finance/IT Manager/Administrator; Sam, Administrator ;and for all users of this facility Trinity of love, lead us out of darkness into your marvellous light.*
Thursday 14	Diocesan Youth Adviser Alistair Langton Merciful God, fill us with your grace and holiness. Make us apostles of love wherever we go.
Friday 15	Diocesan Children's Adviser Mrs Sarah Brown

Saturday 16	School Chaplains Jo Whitehead (Derby High School), Neil Roberts (Repton School), Nicholas Bailey (Foremarke Hall)
Sunday 17	We pray for all those who have received invitations to come Back to Church and that our churches might be places of welcome
Monday 18	the parish of St Helen, Pinxton especially during the vacancy in the post of Vicar: Clergy: Penny Goodchild, Gill Manley, PCC and congregation.
Tuesday 19	the parish of St James Riddings Clergy: Imogen Black, Julian Penfold, PCC and congregation.
Wednesday 20	the parish of Christ Church, Ironville Clergy: Imogen Black Julian Penfold, PCC and congregation.
Thursday 21 <i>Matthew, Apostle</i>	Pray for all Christians that we may have the strength to share what following Christ means to them
Friday 22	University Chaplains Adam Dickens (University of Derby) Ingrid Keith (Buxton) , Bernard Randall (Trent college)
Saturday 23	How can it be possible for 27 million to be enslaved when we call ourselves 'modern'? Modern Day Slavery Open Event 10am-4pm at Shirebrook. A day to commission the new Partners in Prayer Order and to inform about Modern Day Slavery Almighty God - Saviour, Liberator and Lover of all people, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts Or modelled your self-sacrificing love that has won our freedom. We have heard rumours of modern-day slavery But preferred not to look too closely At what is difficult to face and painful to think about. We have chosen to keep our eyes shut and not ask difficult questions. And yet we remember how you came into our darkness And always walk beside us, and never look away from us – no matter what. We are truly sorry – please forgive us and make us more like you.
Sunday 24	Thank you Father, for the selfless giving of time. For those often quiet saints who do not argue their theology loudly, engage in lengthy debates, over complex doctrinal issues, or make their presence felt within the hallowed space of Church Council meetings, but simply get on with doing the business, visiting the sick, the aged and the lonely, a shoulder to cry on, a listening ear and the reassurance of one who cares. Thank you Father, for all those quiet saints, who live their faith through their lives in a world that often forgets that you were never too busy to listen, never too busy to minister to needs, never too engrossed in work to bring hope and wholeness into lives. Thank you Father, for your quiet saints.