

Please use the diary below to guide your prayers for our life as a church and God's work in our community.

- Sun 29th Pray for the service this morning that we will all have a heart to worship and honour God and ears to hear what He is saying to us.
- Mon 30th Pray that we will all be good travelling companions to each other, encouraging each other on our walk with God and building each other up in the Faith.
- Tue 31st Pray for the businesses within Long Ashton, for the owners, managers and their employees. Thank God for the service they provide to our community and ask that the businesses will prosper.
- Wed 1st Pray for a heart that is ready to forgive and help us to receive God's forgiveness when we don't think we deserve it. Ask God to highlight anything which we need to forgive so that we may do so and let go of past hurts.
- Thu 2nd As we remember the betrayal at the Last Supper, the washing of the disciples' feet and the anguish of Jesus in Gethsemane, let us ponder again on all that Jesus was willing to do out of love for us.
- Fri 3rd As we think about the crucifixion of Jesus and what that means for us and for the world, let's pray for the Good Friday Prayer Walk this morning, for its witness to the village and for the time of meditation this afternoon.
- Sat 4th Remember the children and their families in Kidz Club, Saturdads and Come and See. Pray that God will put His power behind the sacrifice of time and effort made by all those involved.
- Sun 5th Pray for the Easter All Age service this morning and for Angela as she leads it. Pray that we all will receive a fresh vision of what the resurrection of Jesus means to us and to the whole world.

- Mon 6th Pray for us, as a church and as individual believers, to become more effective as salt and light in the Village and in our spheres of influence. Ask God to enable us to demonstrate the love of Christ and His Kingdom to those who do not know Him.
- Tue 7th Pray for God's hand to be on our government and politicians with all the decisions they have to make, that they will make them with integrity and God's guidance. Pray for governments worldwide that they will know how to respond to rapidly changing world events.
- Wed 8th Pray for a good attendance at Power Hour this evening and for us to see God answer our prayers for our world, our community, our church and each other. Pray that there will be a greater desire and expectancy to see God in action in this place.
- Thu 9th Pray for our musicians and worship leaders that they will continue to be inspired and energised in their service to God and to us. Pray for more people to be called to this ministry.
- Fri 10th Continue to pray for Angela and our trustees, elders and deacons. Pray that they will be blessed in their roles and for guidance when making choices and decisions.
- Sat 11th Thank God for our links with Woodlands church and with All Saints church and pray that they will grow stronger. Pray that we would be increasingly aware of our part in the wider church and to be able to serve alongside them in building God's kingdom.
- Sun 12th Pray for the service this morning and for Angela as she preaches. Pray that we will all have hearts to worship and ears to hear what God is saying to us. Pray for Kidz Club as they meet this afternoon and for Andrew, Richard and Helen as they lead.
- Mon 13th Pray for Lyn, Linda and Pauline who are our Pastoral team who meet with people when they are in need and serve them where they are able. Pray for God's continued wisdom, guidance and encouragement on each one and for blessing on the work they do.
- Tue 14th Pray for our supported charity Inhope. Thank God for the work of this charity and for the effort put in by staff and volunteers regularly. Pray that not only will homeless/struggling people be provided for, but that they may hear and see God's care for them witnessed by the helpers and organisation.
- Wed 15th Pray for our small groups, the Monday home group, the prayer groups and the Men's group and for those who for whatever reason are not in a

small group. Pray that these will be places of spiritual growth, support, friendship and fellowship and that nobody will fall through the gaps.

- Thu 16th Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on each of us and on the whole Fellowship. Pray that lives will be changed, the baptistery will be used more often and that we will grow in unity and love for one another.
- Fri 17th Thank God for His saving message of love, hope, forgiveness and salvation in him. Pray that we may go forward as lights in this Village in the power of his Spirit.
- Sat 18th Pray for Saturdads this morning. For the dads and children attending to have a good time and to encounter God's love through the welcome and friendship. Pray for opportunities to build relationships with and between the dads.
- Sun 19th Pray for the all age service this morning. Pray that we will all have a heart to worship and honour God and ears to hear what He is saying to us.
- Mon 20^{sh} Ask God to help us all in our spiritual journeys so that we can grow in our relationship with Him and show mercy and love to others.
- Tue 21st Pray for all of us on our 'front lines', whether that be with family, neighbours, friends, paid or unpaid work. Pray that we would be attentive to God's Spirit leading us to honour and witness to him, making the most of every opportunity.
- Wed 22nd Pray for our supported missionaries, the Barretts and 4H, as they continue their work in Hungary. Pray for health, protection, grace and blessing on them both.
- Thu 23rd Pray for "Come and See" as it continues today. Pray for all who are involved in this activity and pray that those who come will encounter God in a special way.
- Fri 24th Pray for comfort to anyone who is struggling emotionally and spiritually and those finding it hard to experience God's presence. Thank God that He enters into our sorrow and pain and journeys with us in our questions and doubts. Pray we all may receive comfort, strength and hope as we pray.
- Sat 25th Pray for Northleaze and Birdwell schools, for the teachers, administrative staff and children. Pray for strength in the face of the many challenges upon them and for opportunities for Christian message to be explained.

- Sun 26th Pray for the service this morning. Pray that we will all have hearts to worship and ears to hear what God is saying to us.
- Mon 27th Pray for the businesses within Long Ashton, for the owners, managers and their employees. Thank God for the service they provide to our community and ask that the businesses will prosper.
- Tue 28th Pray for God's wisdom, strength and power to be constantly present within us, giving us the ability beyond what we feel able, to let God's gifts flow freely through us to honour him with our lives.
- Wed 29th Pray that we will be aware of God in the people we meet and interact with. Pray by name for someone you expect to meet today. Pray that God will lead us to people He wants us to meet.
- Thu 30th Pray for Barry Funnell and our supported charity "Word for the World" as they make provision for people to read the Bible in their first language, often in very difficult conditions.

The Hebron Prayer

Father, we thank you that you have called us to be your people;
that you have called us and made us a church together.

Here in this church, and in our village,
our heart's desire is for your kingdom to come, your will to be done.

We lift our prayer to you, to enlarge our hearts;
to receive more and more of the life of Jesus flowing through us.

We pray that you will build up our church,
so streams of blessing will overflow from all of us here to fill our valley.

May the people of our village know that you are the living God,
and turn to you for their salvation.

And may the knowledge of your glory fill this place
with the sound of your praise.

Establish your presence in power among us, Lord, to save and to heal.

We pray to you, Lord, in simple faith in the name of Jesus.

Amen

Our desire as a church is to:

- o Walk closely with Jesus
- o Walk closely with each other
- o Walk closely with the people of Long Ashton