

Monthly Prayer August 2021

This month's mission partner:

The Avonmouth Social Justice Hub (ASMA)

Pray that the current situation of self-isolation does not impact on the team to prevent a shortage of available volunteers. Give thanks for the continued public support of this much needed enterprise.

Pray for the work of CAP (Christians Against Poverty) as they support all those who have become financially distressed over the past year through loss of jobs, reduced incomes, and increasing debt. Pray that those using CAP will experience the love of God through the work of this organisation.

[Christians Against Poverty | Debt Counselling Charity \(capuk.org\)](https://capuk.org)

[welcome | Bristol NW Foodbank \(bristolnorthwestfoodbank.org.uk\)](https://bristolnorthwestfoodbank.org.uk)

This time tomorrow

We want to pray for people in their whole lives and how they share their faith with those they meet. In August we remember those involved in church ministry – full and Part time; paid and volunteer.

Sunday 1st

Pray for all who lead services or preach whether in church, or virtually as we start a new sermon series – a journey around the Med starting in Philippi.

Monday 2nd

Pray for the ASMA church, the incumbents and all who work for them, paid and voluntary.

Tuesday 3rd

Pray for all those who have to work in hot and dirty conditions during the summer.

Wednesday 4th

Pray for the Queen and for other members of the Royal Family.

Thursday 5th

Today is national cycle to work day. Pray that those who can, will contribute to this and other ways of addressing global warming.

Friday 6th

Today the church remembers the Transfiguration when the disciples saw Jesus and heard God's voice 'this is my son whom I love. With him I am well pleased. Listen to him. Pray that we will hear Jesus' voice.

Saturday 7th

Pray for God's wonderful creation, asking that we will learn how to care for it and to share precious resources without wasting them.

Sunday 8th

Pray for all who lead and preach today, in church or by Zoom.

Monday 9th

Pray all doctors, nurses, paramedics and care staff that they will find the rest they need.

Tuesday 10th

Pray for the young people getting A level results today. pray that God will be with them in their decision making whether they have achieved the results they need or have to find a new route into adulthood.

Wednesday 11th

This week is national allotments week. Give thanks for all the enjoyment that people have in growing things and enjoying God's creation.

Thursday 12th

Today is the United Nations International Young Day. Pray for all our young people and those who work with them.

Friday 13th

Pray for staff and residents in the residential and nursing homes in the parish.

Saturday 14th

Pray for our health and social care services asking that worn-out staff will have the breaks they need to refresh and restore them.

Sunday 15th

Pray for those who preach and lead today. and that you will hear what God is trying to say to you.

Monday 16th

Pray for those who find summertime difficult because there are changes in their normal routines.

Tuesday 17th

Pray for the media, that they will act responsibly in what can often be a silly season. Ask that they will take account of the impact they make on individuals and communities.

Wednesday 18th

Pray for those parts of the world that continue to face significant problems because of the shortage of vaccines. Pray for generosity on the part of those who have more than enough.

Thursday 19th

Pray for all who are discriminated against because of their skin colour, gender, or race. And pray for wise decisions to deal with the underlying factors of poverty and fear.

Friday 20th

Pray for those you know who have difficult decisions to make. Ask that God with will give them wisdom and peace.

Saturday 21st

Give thanks for laughter.

Sunday 22nd

Pray for all who lead and preach today, in church or by Zoom.

Monday 23rd

Pray for the food bank as it offers support to many people during the holiday season.

Tuesday 24th

Today the church remembers St Bartholomew; one of the apostles about whom we know very little. Pray that we will

notice the people who do not make their presence known.

Wednesday 25th

Pray for local businesses that they will survive all the difficulties they have had to face.

Thursday 26th

Pray for the office staff and for Lucy as that provide the support to keep St Mary's working well.

Friday 27th

Pray for Bishops Viv and Lee and for the Bristol Diocese.

Saturday 28th

Give thanks for the creativity that people have found in recent months and pray that they will continue to be able to continue as life changes.

Sunday 29th

Today the church remembers the beheading of John the Baptist. Give thanks for his ministry as he encouraged people to repent and saw the coming of Jesus.

Monday 30th

Today John Bunyan is remembered. Pray for Keith Sheather and his team as they work on Pilgrim's Progress.

Tuesday 31st

As the staff and pupils prepare for the start of a new school term pray for Stoke Bishop School, asking for continued good relationships with St Mary's.

Looking ahead

As well as anything that we may be able to do in church, please take advantage of the website stmarysb.org.uk, emails and social media and do feel free to contact one of the clergy if you are in difficulty. (phone numbers in copies of the Messenger or via the office 01179687449)