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| **Prayer Calendar 2025** | |
| **January** |  |
| 5 | * Cumnor * East Cliff, Bournemouth |
| 12 | * Rowlands Castle * Aston Tirrold |
| 19 | * Fordingbridge as it closes * Banbury URC @ The Haven * United Church Ferndown |
| 26 | * Beacon Hill, Hindhead * Bell Street United Church, Shaftesbury |
| **January Eco Prayer**  Lord God  In our winter, help us remember our warming world  Be with those struggling to plant and harvest because rains have not come  Help those fighting wildfires because the earth is warmer  As we plan our planting  Help us to grow better in tune with your world  And help us to act in whatever way we can  For all things work for good through Jesus who loves us  Amen | |
| **February** |  |
| 2 | * Parkstone * Weymouth: Hope and Radipole (signing their covenant with the Methodists) |
| 9 | * Caversham Park, Reading * Mere * Elstead |
| 16 | * Hythe, Cornerstone * Maidenhead |
| 23 | * Meeting of Synod on 27th * Bournemouth: Immanuel, Southbourne |
| **February Eco Prayer**  On the border between winter and spring  May the Living God be praised  In the uncertainty of seasons amid climate change  We turn to God, whose world we inhabit,  To pray for animals and plants,  Abundance of life, caught in difficulties of our making  Have mercy, Lord.  Yet still, in the cold  When the promise of growth is still far away  Or a day when the sun warms the bare branches of trees  May the Living God be praised  Thank you, Lord, for the time of waiting  Sleep time for plants and animals  Thank you for the pause before growth  When snowdrops show that  Abundant growth is arriving in secret  Until blooms coat the earth  With joy  May the Living God be praised! | |
| **March** |  |
| 2 | * Reading: St Andrew’s * Robert Barthram as he retires * Gosport United Reformed Church, St Columba |
| 9 | * Verwood * St Paul's, Bracknell * Thatcham |
| 16 | * Hungerford * Bishop's Waltham United Free Church |
| 23 | * Meeting of Synod on 29th * Bitterne Park * Guildford, Portsmouth Road |
| 30 | * Christchurch: Somerford and Burton Greem * Park, Reading |
| **March Eco Prayer**  God of each yesterday and  of every tomorrow,  of transitions that  pivot us between your now and your not yet,  stand strong beside us in the moment.  Help us so in turn to stand firm,  to hold solid ground  In this month of spring promises and uncertain storms  We are conscious of change  And wonder if it is change for the better.  We pray be with those who plant and grow our food  Those most affected by the warming world.  We pray for actions and research  Which helps all to care for creation  And for small acts of love  Which have big consequences.  In moments of shaky uncertainty  when all seems tumultuous, stand firm.  As your world turned upside down,  on the cross, so companion us  through all uncertainties.  And so may we remain strong in resurrection hope  and stable in undying love. Amen  ( adapted from a prayer by Rev Ruth Harvey from the Iona community) | |
| **April** |  |
| 6 | * Cheap Street Church, Sherborne * Twyford (Bucks) |
| 13 | * Pear Tree Green, Southampton * Windsor * Trinity Church, Lower Earley, Reading |
| 20 | * Bournemouth: Richmond Hill St Andrew’s * Wheatley, Oxford |
| 27 | * Southampton: Avenue St Andrew’s * Wonersh |
| **April Eco Prayer**  God of new life  As we celebrate your death and resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord  Amid the beauties and blessings of springtime in this part of the world  We remember that you bring new life to places which had lost hope  That out of small seeds you bring rich harvests  So we pray for all who farm and grow food  And those who work with them in harmony with creation and with You  Adapting wherever they may to the realities of climate change  Finding new ways to feed families  And bring hope to communities  May we too use our efforts to act with those  Who help the poorest  And bring life where there was none  Through your Spirit  Amen | |
| **May** |  |
| 4 | * Le Weekend * Wareham |
| 11 | * Trinity, Abingdon * Drayton United Church |
| 18 | * Normandy, Guildford * Trinity, Charminster |
| 27 | * Guernsey * Marsh Gibbon |
| **May – A Prayer by Christian Aid**  Creator God,  You created a world of community,  richness, and love.  But human greed has brought  separation, destruction, and injustice.  So, we pray for the opportunities and  boldness to act together with others, to  break down the barriers of our selfish  desires.  We pray our collective actions will be  driven by wisdom and love, so that we  your church will be agents for justice,  as we seek a world fruitful for all of  creation.  In Jesus’ name,  Amen | |
| **June** |  |
| 1 | * The Beacon Church, Canford Heath * Warsash |
| 8 | * Three Legged Cross * Mike Shrubsole as he retires |
| 15 | * Jersey * Marston, Oxford |
| 22 | * Shanklin, Isle of Wight * Church on the Heath |

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| 29 | * Braishfield * United Church of Egham * Brill |
| **June Eco Prayer**  Creator God, source of all life  You spoke, and the universe burst into being  Abundant, full of wonder and life,  Everything expressing praise to You, God of wonders!  We add our voices to the praises of the created world.  We pray this month that in our journey alongside you  We may serve you by our prayers for our world, and the challenges we face in the warming climate.  Inspire us by your Holy Spirit  To act faithfully to safeguard Creation in every way we are able,  Not thinking of ourselves  But loving our neighbours in all places  So that in our Synod, as in our local churches, and the whole company of your Church  Your Righteousness, Justice and Peace may flow  In love to all  Amen | |
| **July** |  |
| 6 | * General Assembly on 4-7 July * Ryde, Isle of Wight |
| 12 | * Fleet * Christ Church Chineham * Skinner Street, Poole |
| 20 | * Buckland, Portsmouth * Broad Chalke, Salisbury |
| 27 | * Bridport United Church * Christchurch Thame |
| **July Eco Prayer**  Loving God  We pray for our General Assembly taking place this month  And for all who attend, vote and take part  We thank you for the moving of Your Spirit through the meeting  Which has prompted resolutions in support of climate action.  We pray for all our churches and members who are working to make resolutions a reality  And all who seek ways to sustain changes made and to deepen commitment  For in all these things, we seek to put Your Kingdom first  And to walk your way with Jesus, in the Spirit’s power  Amen | |
| **August** |  |
| 3 | * Faringdon United Church * Swanage * Fareham |
| 10 | * Salisbury * High Cross Church, Camberley |
| 17 | * Bournemouth International Church * Westborough |
| 24 | * Tadley * Grange, Reading |
| 31 | * Blandford Forum * St Francis, Banbury * South Hayling |
| **August – A Christian Aid prayer**  Good God of creation,  we sing praise to you.  But even as we raise our voices  we know we have faltered and failed.  Walking on paths that turned our hearts inward,  Too often our leaves have withered  our branches are barren.  We have failed to be pruned  and the axe is now poised.  Poised to cut down  the excesses that crucify all creation,  the systems that impoverish all people,  the privileges that diminish our faith.  But even now it is not too late.  For in the face of judgement  comes the offer of grace  and the hope that deadwood can spring to life.  Where we have failed to bear good fruit  and share your abundance for the earth  **GOD HAVE MERCY**  When our actions and intentions  have been as chaff for the winds of heaven  **GOD HAVE MERCY**  Forgive us.  Restore us.  Inspire us now  to delight in your purposes,  to embrace your possibilities,  to inhabit your promises,  to flourish as fruit for the world you so love  and bring healing for all the nations.  **AMEN** | |
| **September** |  |
| 7 | * Winchester * Blackbird Leys, Church of the Holy Family |
| 14 | * Milton, Christ Church, Portsmouth * Christ Church, Woodley |
| 21 | * Romsey * Twyford (Berks) |
| 28 | * Peachcroft Christian Centre * Iford, Bournemouth |
| **September - Creationtide**  Sustaining God, Frail Flesh, Wild Wind;  To live and breathe  is to be called to praise you  in company of the whole of your Creation,  seen and unseen  near or far  So bless this Season of Creation  As we take thought, pray and act  Bringing our human activities  Into harmony with You.  Help us to hear, see and respond  To the calls of the Earth  And our fellow creatures  To the warnings of weather,  changes in drought and flood  which are all around us.  Inspire our praying  Our actions  As we open ourselves to  Your Love at the heart of all we do  Amen | |
| **October** |  |
| 5 | * Anniversary of the Formation of the URC * Meeting of Synod on 11th * St Andrew’s, Walton & Weybridge |
| 12 | * Broadstone * The Spire Church, Farnham |
| 19 | * Southampton: Bitterne * Christ Church, Marlow |
| 26 | * London Street, Basingstoke * St Columba's, Oxford |
| **October Harvest - A Prayer from Commitment4Life**  Jehovah Rapha, God of Healing,  we praise you for your goodness and mercy.  We thank you for our health and harvest.  You created the earth and declared it good.  You cause the rains to fall and the grains to grow.  You have birthed us into goodness and have surrounded us with good things:  family and community, fresh air and clean water, buzzing bees and laughing children.  Your beauty is declared in and through all creation.  As we draw close to you in our praying,  may your Spirit of healing grace fall upon us and upon all,  especially on those who are in need of your healing touch.  In the name of the one who healed through love and grit and grace,  Jesus the Christ,  Amen | |
| **November** |  |
| 2 | * Collinwood Road (80th Anniversary) * Petersfield |
| 9 | * Trinity United Church, Ringwood * St Peter's Shared Church Guildford |
| 16 | * General Assembly * Lymington * Fovant |

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| 23 | * Southampton: Isaac Watts * St Mark's Shared Church Bordon |
| 30 | * Henley-on-Thames * Havant |
| **November - COP30 will convene in Brazil**  God of Justice  As we enter this month when COP30 will convene  May all taking part in climate negotiations be mindful of the urgency of their task  And work together for the good of the poorest and the voiceless,  Communities who are crying out for action and for justice.  Be with all who are affected by weather, perhaps drought or storms  and be with those who work together to find new ways of living alongside creation in changed circumstances,  researching new crops or rewilding river systems,  using new and old technologies in harmony with creation  and refusing to exploit your world for gain  but reaching out in humility and in love for all neighbours  so that life may be lived in harmony with the colourful abundance of your world  and righteousness be the measure of our shared lives.  We pray with your son who gave His life for all  And with your spirit who inspires all creative life  Amen | |
| **December** |  |
| 7 | * Dorchester * Tilehurst, Reading |
| 14 | * Totton * Woking |
| 21 | * Michael Hodgson as he retires * St Martin's West Moors |
| 28 | * Godalming United Church * Valley Park, St Francis, Chandler's Ford |
| **December Eco Prayer**  Lord of all Creation  In the darkness of winter,  we wonder if new growth is possible  In the cold of the season  We wonder how our fellow creatures will survive  You have given us a season to lie dormant  To wait and to watch for longer days  Help us to trust you  To work with all you have made, even in winter  To endure with the world around us  And to hope, with the coming of Your Son  Into darkness, bringing light for all.  Amen | |