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| **Prayer Calendar 2025** |
| **January** |  |
| 5 | * Cumnor
* East Cliff, Bournemouth
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| 12 | * Rowlands Castle
* Aston Tirrold
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| 19 | * Fordingbridge as it closes
* Banbury URC @ The Haven
* United Church Ferndown
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| 26 | * Beacon Hill, Hindhead
* Bell Street United Church, Shaftesbury
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| **January Eco Prayer** Lord GodIn our winter, help us remember our warming worldBe with those struggling to plant and harvest because rains have not comeHelp those fighting wildfires because the earth is warmerAs we plan our planting Help us to grow better in tune with your worldAnd help us to act in whatever way we canFor all things work for good through Jesus who loves usAmen |
| **February** |  |
| 2 | * Parkstone
* Weymouth: Hope and Radipole (signing their covenant with the Methodists)
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| 9 | * Caversham Park, Reading
* Mere
* Elstead
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| 16 | * Hythe, Cornerstone
* Maidenhead
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| 23 | * Meeting of Synod on 27th
* Bournemouth: Immanuel, Southbourne
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| **February Eco Prayer**On the border between winter and springMay the Living God be praisedIn 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 makingHave mercy, Lord.Yet still, in the coldWhen the promise of growth is still far awayOr a day when the sun warms the bare branches of treesMay the Living God be praisedThank you, Lord, for the time of waitingSleep time for plants and animalsThank you for the pause before growthWhen snowdrops show that Abundant growth is arriving in secretUntil blooms coat the earthWith joyMay the Living God be praised! |
| **March** |  |
| 2 | * Reading: St Andrew’s
* Robert Barthram as he retires
* Gosport United Reformed Church, St Columba
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| 9 | * Verwood
* St Paul's, Bracknell
* Thatcham
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| 16 | * Hungerford
* Bishop's Waltham United Free Church
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| 23 | * Meeting of Synod on 29th
* Bitterne Park
* Guildford, Portsmouth Road
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| 30 | * Christchurch: Somerford and Burton Greem
* Park, Reading
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| **March Eco Prayer**God of each yesterday andof every tomorrow,of transitions thatpivot 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 groundIn this month of spring promises and uncertain stormsWe are conscious of changeAnd wonder if it is change for the better.We pray be with those who plant and grow our foodThose most affected by the warming world.We pray for actions and researchWhich helps all to care for creationAnd for small acts of loveWhich have big consequences.In moments of shaky uncertaintywhen all seems tumultuous, stand firm.As your world turned upside down, on the cross, so companion usthrough all uncertainties.And so may we remain strong in resurrection hopeand 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)
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| 13 | * Pear Tree Green, Southampton
* Windsor
* Trinity Church, Lower Earley, Reading
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| 20 | * Bournemouth: Richmond Hill St Andrew’s
* Wheatley, Oxford
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| 27 | * Southampton: Avenue St Andrew’s
* Wonersh
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| **April Eco Prayer**God of new lifeAs we celebrate your death and resurrection in Jesus Christ our LordAmid the beauties and blessings of springtime in this part of the worldWe remember that you bring new life to places which had lost hopeThat out of small seeds you bring rich harvestsSo we pray for all who farm and grow foodAnd those who work with them in harmony with creation and with YouAdapting wherever they may to the realities of climate changeFinding new ways to feed familiesAnd bring hope to communitiesMay we too use our efforts to act with thoseWho help the poorestAnd bring life where there was noneThrough your SpiritAmen |
| **May** |  |
| 4 | * Le Weekend
* Wareham
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| 11 | * Trinity, Abingdon
* Drayton United Church
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| 18 | * Normandy, Guildford
* Trinity, Charminster
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| 27 | * Guernsey
* Marsh Gibbon
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| **May – A Prayer by Christian Aid**Creator God,You created a world of community,richness, and love.But human greed has broughtseparation, destruction, and injustice.So, we pray for the opportunities andboldness to act together with others, tobreak down the barriers of our selfishdesires.We pray our collective actions will bedriven by wisdom and love, so that weyour church will be agents for justice,as we seek a world fruitful for all ofcreation.In Jesus’ name,Amen |
| **June** |  |
| 1 | * The Beacon Church, Canford Heath
* Warsash
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| 8 | * Three Legged Cross
* Mike Shrubsole as he retires
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| 15 | * Jersey
* Marston, Oxford
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| 22 | * Shanklin, Isle of Wight
* Church on the Heath
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| 29 | * Braishfield
* United Church of Egham
* Brill
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| **June Eco Prayer**Creator God, source of all life You spoke, and the universe burst into beingAbundant, 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 youWe may serve you by our prayers for our world, and the challenges we face in the warming climate.Inspire us by your Holy SpiritTo act faithfully to safeguard Creation in every way we are able, Not thinking of ourselvesBut loving our neighbours in all places So that in our Synod, as in our local churches, and the whole company of your ChurchYour Righteousness, Justice and Peace may flowIn love to allAmen |
| **July** |  |
| 6 | * General Assembly on 4-7 July
* Ryde, Isle of Wight
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| 12 | * Fleet
* Christ Church Chineham
* Skinner Street, Poole
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| 20 | * Buckland, Portsmouth
* Broad Chalke, Salisbury
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| 27 | * Bridport United Church
* Christchurch Thame
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| **July Eco Prayer**Loving GodWe pray for our General Assembly taking place this monthAnd for all who attend, vote and take partWe thank you for the moving of Your Spirit through the meetingWhich has prompted resolutions in support of climate action.We pray for all our churches and members who are working to make resolutions a realityAnd all who seek ways to sustain changes made and to deepen commitmentFor in all these things, we seek to put Your Kingdom firstAnd to walk your way with Jesus, in the Spirit’s powerAmen |
| **August** |  |
| 3 | * Faringdon United Church
* Swanage
* Fareham
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| 10 | * Salisbury
* High Cross Church, Camberley
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| 17 | * Bournemouth International Church
* Westborough
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| 24 | * Tadley
* Grange, Reading
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| 31 | * Blandford Forum
* St Francis, Banbury
* South Hayling
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| **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 witheredour 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 nowto delight in your purposes, to embrace your possibilities, to inhabit your promises, to flourish as fruit for the world you so loveand bring healing for all the nations. **AMEN** |
| **September** |  |
| 7 | * Winchester
* Blackbird Leys, Church of the Holy Family
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| 14 | * Milton, Christ Church, Portsmouth
* Christ Church, Woodley
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| 21 | * Romsey
* Twyford (Berks)
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| 28 | * Peachcroft Christian Centre
* Iford, Bournemouth
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| **September - Creationtide**Sustaining God, Frail Flesh, Wild Wind;To live and breatheis to be called to praise youin company of the whole of your Creation, seen and unseennear or farSo bless this Season of CreationAs we take thought, pray and actBringing our human activities Into harmony with You.Help us to hear, see and respondTo the calls of the EarthAnd our fellow creaturesTo the warnings of weather,changes in drought and floodwhich are all around us.Inspire our prayingOur actionsAs we open ourselves toYour Love at the heart of all we doAmen |
| **October** |  |
| 5 | * Anniversary of the Formation of the URC
* Meeting of Synod on 11th
* St Andrew’s, Walton & Weybridge
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| 12 | * Broadstone
* The Spire Church, Farnham
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| 19 | * Southampton: Bitterne
* Christ Church, Marlow
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| 26 | * London Street, Basingstoke
* St Columba's, Oxford
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| **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
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| 9 | * Trinity United Church, Ringwood
* St Peter's Shared Church Guildford
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| 16 | * General Assembly
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| 23 | * Southampton: Isaac Watts
* St Mark's Shared Church Bordon
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| 30 | * Henley-on-Thames
* Havant
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| **November - COP30 will convene in Brazil**God of JusticeAs we enter this month when COP30 will conveneMay all taking part in climate negotiations be mindful of the urgency of their taskAnd 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 stormsand 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 creationand refusing to exploit your world for gainbut reaching out in humility and in love for all neighbours so that life may be lived in harmony with the colourful abundance of your worldand righteousness be the measure of our shared lives.We pray with your son who gave His life for allAnd with your spirit who inspires all creative life Amen |
| **December** |  |
| 7 | * Dorchester
* Tilehurst, Reading
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| 14 | * Totton
* Woking
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| 21 | * Michael Hodgson as he retires
* St Martin's West Moors
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| 28 | * Godalming United Church
* Valley Park, St Francis, Chandler's Ford
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| **December Eco Prayer**Lord of all CreationIn the darkness of winter, we wonder if new growth is possibleIn the cold of the seasonWe wonder how our fellow creatures will surviveYou have given us a season to lie dormantTo wait and to watch for longer daysHelp us to trust youTo work with all you have made, even in winterTo endure with the world around usAnd to hope, with the coming of Your SonInto darkness, bringing light for all.Amen |