

- Saturday 21st** Thanksgiving for volunteers' dedication and hard work giving fulfilment and encouragement to youth groups.
- Sunday 22nd** As we worship today, may we remember those Christians who are persecuted and cannot worship freely.
- Monday 23rd** Those working in caring professions - for their abundant compassion, treating all they care for as individuals.
- Tuesday 24th** Those with long term or terminal illness, may they, and those loving them, find a measure of peace in the midst of their suffering.
- Wednesday 25th** For all prayer and study groups starting a new season.
- Thursday 26th** For all those affected by the violence and atrocities across the world. Dear God help them and us to find ways to minimise their trauma.
- Friday 27th** For those seeking a new vocation, may they hear God's still small voice.
- Saturday 28th** For all young people with the role of carer for a family member. May they get professional support so that the burden does not overwhelm them.
- Sunday 29th** The church is the body of Christ. Today let's wonder what part of that body we each are and ask God's help in fulfilling that ministry.
- Monday 30th** For help to look back on this month and examine ways to improve our Christianity.

Praying for One Another in the Shaftesbury Team.

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Prayer does not change God
but it changes he who prays.

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Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd	This month heralds a new start for many, especially the young. New jobs, apprenticeships, new schools, colleges and universities, etc. Bless everyone affected - may they find encouragement, perseverance and new friends.	Wednesday 11th	To have the spirit to win gracefully and lose with dignity.
Tuesday 3rd	For our farmers working particularly hard to bring in the harvest. Thank you.	Thursday 12th	For those in councils and government responsible for education, that their policies and decisions may be based on educational value and not on political expediency..
Wednesday 4th	May we be as quick responding to our spiritual hunger as we are to meet our physical needs.	Friday 13th	Thanksgiving for the champions of righteousness, even at the risk of danger, bullying, or loss of their position.
Thursday 5th	All services and suppers in celebration and thanksgiving for harvest.	Saturday 14th	For the enjoyment, companionship and safety of those taking part in sponsored Ride and Stride.
Friday 6th	Help us to know the habits that hold us back: the thoughts, assumptions and behaviours that diminish our ability to love.	Sunday 15th	Thank you for the joy of sharing prayers, thanksgiving and worship, united in our communion with Christ.
Saturday 7th	To make our homes places of refuge, of welcome, of love and mutual support where children's concerns are listened to.	Monday 16th	As we try to reach out to a needy world, help us mirror your compassion and forbearance.
Sunday 8th	We rejoice with St James', St John's and St Thomas's congregations at the appointment of Kirsty as their new Team vicar. We ask that she may be filled with your love and spirit as she sets out serving our Team.	Tuesday 17th	For all our care homes, thanksgiving for the dedication of staff providing care and security to the residents.
Monday 9th	When we pass through difficult times, may we learn wisdom and peace not bitterness and resentment.	Wednesday 18th	Reflecting on our relationships, may God help us see those on whom we depend too much - or too little.
Tuesday 10th	For all professionals and volunteers working to alleviate poverty and homelessness. May they receive adequate support and resources to do their work.	Thursday 19th	Our work, paid or voluntary; let us find a sense of its worth in His sight and be thankful that in any task it is Christ we seek to serve.
		Friday 20th	For all who feel lonely and isolated that they find a community where they are accepted and loved.