

Thursday 22nd For those struggling with health concerns. May they find ways to be healed or to come to terms with their condition and to feel your strength and comfort.

Friday 23rd Let us take time to consider how we are using our days of Lent and, as ever, how we can improve as your followers.

Saturday 24th For all who work to relieve the plight of the homeless in our communities. For the charities, churches, individuals and caring professionals.

Sunday 25th Church volunteers, to have courage, strength, vision and joy in their diverse roles serving God through our churches.

Monday 26th For those afflicted through the misuse of alcohol, drugs and other addictive substances. For family members affected by the behaviour of any addict.

Tuesday 27th For the children and young adults who have had to grow up and shoulder responsibilities beyond their years. Help them find respite and support.

Wednesday 28th We thank You for the love we receive from You and from our families and friends. May we do our best - through You - to reach out to those who miss out on such love.

Praying for One Another in the Shaftesbury Team.

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Oh, what peace we often forfeit.
Oh, what needless pain we bear.
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

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arrange distribution to congregations ASAP.

Thank you

- Thursday 1st** Remembering the rest of the world in its untold suffering and conflicts.
- Friday 2nd** The “copers” always outwardly strong but sometimes struggling within. May we be sensitive to their needs.
- Saturday 3rd** For our very elderly with their particular problems and requirements. May they feel supported and loved.
- Sunday 4th** Those with leadership responsibilities, that they may respect the views, problems and experience of others.
- Monday 5th** For us to keep a friendly, respectful eye on our neighbours, in case support is needed.
- Tuesday 6th** For courage and recognition of the need to say “No” in the interests of our families and ourselves.
- Wednesday 7th** For those who suffer physical pain with little prospect of relief.
- Thursday 8th** Help us to embrace new experiences and so broaden our horizons.
- Friday 9th** The Fire and Rescue services. Thanksgiving for their courage and skills.
- Saturday 10th** Those working through the night to provide services and security.
- Sunday 11th** Help us all to support and learn from other congregations in the Team.
- Monday 12th** For those struggling to find work. Help them to be led to a suitable job.
- Tuesday 13th** May the Licensed Lay Ministers and retired clergy in the Team feel valued and respected for the time and love they offer to us.
- Wednesday 14th** Ash Wednesday. May we be aware God has so much to teach us, we pray for the grace to hear His voice and be changed by His message.
- Thursday 15th** For those who fear losing their homes because of financial concerns, relationship conflict or the decision of their landlord. May they know Your peace in the midst of their plight.
- Friday 16th** Give us open hearts to allow your spirit to bring benefit to others through us - perhaps in very unexpected ways.
- Saturday 17th** Let us consider the riches we enjoy in contrast to the poverty that so many endure. Help us find ways to alleviate such poverty.
- Sunday 18th** On this first Sunday in Lent, help us consider the significance of this period and support the study groups helping to bring that significance to life.
- Monday 19th** Forgive us when we have been quick to criticise or condemn the well-meant actions of others.
- Tuesday 20th** For those whose marriages are under stress, that they find a route to reconciliation and peace.
- Wednesday 21st** For the children whose parents are in conflict with one another. May they find security – or a mentor – to help them through such a difficult time.