

- Thursday 22nd** For bellringers in the towers of our churches, broadcasting Christian witness.
- Friday 23rd** We pray that our local council hears the needs and concerns of the people they serve. Guide them to prevent their cuts in funding leaving people isolated and struggling.
- Saturday 24th** So many worldwide lack access to clean water. Pray for lasting solutions to be found and for us to appreciate and conserve our water supplies.
- Sunday 25th** Palm Sunday. Help us remember the significance of Christ's approach on a humble donkey.
- Monday 26th** Help us to know the assumptions and judgements in our behaviour that close off spaces in our hearts and diminish our ability to love.
- Tuesday 27th** For those dependent on others for their physical care. May they retain a sense of self-worth and value.
- Wednesday 28th** Stroke Club members and the dedicated volunteers who support them and their families.
- Thursday 29th** May inmates of prisons feel and appreciate the support offered by staff and volunteers.
- Friday 30th** GOOD FRIDAY. Give us grace to lift heavy loads of those we meet. May the love shown on the cross flow into our souls.
- Saturday 31st** May leaders in our communities continue to be just and trustworthy, kindling enthusiasm for honour and mutual respect.

Praying for One Another in the Shaftesbury Team.

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Give us, O God:
Thoughts which turn into prayer,
Love which turns into deeds.
Ronald H Lloyd

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arrange distribution to congregations ASAP.
Thank you

- Thursday 1st** Help us make time for quiet space, so that Lent may be a time for getting closer to God and for knowing ourselves.
- Friday 2nd** Women's World day of Prayer. For unity and loyalty with Christian women worldwide and the issues they face.
- Saturday 3rd** When we feel angry or self-righteous, help us to steady our thoughts with you, widen our perspective and modify our attitude.
- Sunday 4th** For our own church - may we reach out to those who may need an opportunity to be more included in our community or group.
- Monday 5th** For peace and serenity that we pause and consider God's response through us in this troubled world.
- Tuesday 6th** Those who are fearful or worried about their health. Help them find ways to seek support and comfort.
- Wednesday 7th** To accept and respect those who feel the need to say "NO" and to be sensitive to a hesitant "no".
- Thursday 8th** May all those attending Lent courses feel spiritually revived and grow nearer to God.
- Friday 9th** Weekly Lent lunches at the Town Hall. Thanksgiving for all caterers from our churches and the school children giving a time of friendship for Christian Aid.
- Saturday 10th** Funeral Directors and their staff. For their sensitivity and respect for those suffering the loss of a loved one.
- Sunday 11th** Mothering Sunday. Thanksgiving for the love and support of all mothers. Bless and keep them safe in the areas of love, patience and forgiveness.
- Monday 12th** Children and other vulnerable people who feel - or are - mistreated. May God's love help them find protection and ways through their traumatic experiences.
- Tuesday 13th** Whenever we are low with doubts, help us to find ways to remedy those feelings.
- Wednesday 14th** Thanksgiving for the commitment and service our Lay Ministers and Lay Worship Leaders give to the Team.
- Thursday 15th** For clergy spouses and families. Thanks for their continuous support and encouragement.
- Friday 16th** Where we have championed rules not relationships or put dogma above people, forgive us and restore us to you, Lord.
- Saturday 17th** Churches Together in Shaftesbury, fostering our links with fellow Christians.
- Sunday 18th** Thanksgiving for those preaching to help us widen our understanding of God's will.
- Monday 19th** For anyone we know who's longing for love and friendship as a way out of loneliness.
- Tuesday 20th** For those unable to work through illness or other reason. Give them hope and a sense of purpose and the chance to serve in any way they can.
- Wednesday 21st** For all who struggle to feed their family, through poverty or food shortage, anywhere in the world.

