

- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>** For the congregations of St Peter's and Compton Abbas, bless them and help them continue their spiritual growth.
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** St George's Day. May we celebrate and identify our Englishness while respecting other nationalities.
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** Thank you for another day - may we use it wisely, cheerfully and gratefully.
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** Wherever there are prisoners, hostages, trafficked people and slaves, may law enforcement agencies act with diligence and courage to obtain their release.
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** Those who care for others in hospitals and care homes, support them to give the care they would want for their own loved ones.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** Help us to pause before we speak - at home, at work, anywhere - so that we may listen to your voice.
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>** When anxious and afraid, help us to be still, to pray and feel less alone.
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** For all our Team today as we worship together.
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** We ask you to give us a true sense of the worth of our work (paid or voluntary). Whatever the task, it is Christ we are serving.

## ***Praying for One Another in the Shaftesbury Team.***

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Prayer does not change God  
but it changes he who prays  
Søren Kierkegaard

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arrange distribution to congregations ASAP.

Thank you

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>** Easter Day. Thank you for the hope and love You bring to us this day and for ever.
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>** May we enjoy this Bank Holiday to enrich our relationships with family and friends.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** To find more ways of meeting with God and to have faith and trust to persevere.
- Wed'sday 4<sup>th</sup>** Faced with making a decision, could it be helpful to stop and wonder: Would God mind?
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** May we try to be even more aware of the commandment to love one another and to serve one another with humility.
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** Help us to recognise whether there are those on whom we depend too much or too little.
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** For all the agencies (voluntary or professional) who watch over the care and protection of children - a most difficult and sensitive process.
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** For all those in the process of grieving for loved ones. May they find support and strength to weather this complex time.
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** "Let us make a sanctuary in ourselves for Him, who urges us to watch and pray that we may be found worthy always."  
St Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** All those in authority in local government. Guard their hearts and guide them into responsible and effective actions.
- Wed'sday 11<sup>th</sup>** When we encounter rocks along the human road, help us to do your will as we travel around or over them.
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** In our schools, we pray for decisions to be based on educational values and not on political expediency.
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** Help us work through disappointments in the hope that we may understand the reasons and, in time, even benefit from the experience.
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** May we identify the habits that hold us back, the thoughts, the assumptions and the judgements that diminish our ability to love.
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** For those who doubt your love or find prayer difficult - may they find ways out of their darkness.
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** For the dedication of our organists, choirs and other musicians who enhance the worship in our churches.
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** For those struggling with family life, especially when there is addiction, violence or hatred.
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** As we give thanks for our free education and health care and the work of the Police and judiciary, may we remember the lack of these services in so many other countries.
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** Celebrate the diversity within the Church and pray for its underlying unity.
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** That development in our rural areas be sustainable and meet modern needs without diminishing the areas' beauty.
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** Lay Celebration Day at Salisbury Cathedral. Thank you for the part played by lay ministry as they are re-commissioned today.