

Monday 21st For those in pain, be it physical or emotional. Let them feel your love enfold them.

Tuesday 22nd Give us grace to take a joke about ourselves and see the funny side of things we do.

Wednesday 23rd Lord, help us remember we cannot buy love.

Thursday 24th For Barbara our administrator, for her commitment, spirituality and hard work.

Friday 25th When we feel angry and self-righteous, help us steady our thoughts with you, widen our perspective and modify our attitude.

Saturday 26th For the young needing to mature beyond their years and to shoulder responsibilities their elders would have expected to bear.

Sunday 27th Mothering Sunday. Thanksgiving for mothers' love and for all good family relationships.

Monday 28th May we be open to all those needing a helping hand or a listening ear.

Tuesday 29th For all families not at peace with each other. May they speak without animosity, begin to build bridges and strive to forgive.

Wednesday 30th We pray for our own church. May we sensitively reach out to those needing an opportunity to be more included in our community or group.

Thursday 31st Help us take stock of New Year and Lenten resolutions. To benefit ourselves or others?

Praying for One Another in the Shaftesbury Team.

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We may forget God but he does not abandon us.
He is always ready to hear our prayers
- in joy or in pain, in the good times
and in desperate situations.

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Tuesday 1st Today, on Shrove Tuesday, we welcome Rev Donna Gibbs as our Team Rector. We pray for her health and fulfilment as she leads the spiritual life of our communities.

Wednesday 2nd Ash Wednesday. Lord, accept our Lenten disciplines and if we fail through weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy.

Thursday 3rd All members of the Mothers' Union who enhance the worship in our churches.

Friday 4th For peace and serenity, to pause and consider God's response - through us - in this troubled world.

Saturday 5th Thanksgiving for the quiet compassion and loving care given by McMillan nurses to patients and their relatives.

Sunday 6th 1st Sunday in Lent. May we take time to question and challenge our faith that we may be strengthened and renewed in understanding and be more ready to share God's love.

Monday 7th For those working for unfairly low wages, particularly those in developing countries.

Tuesday 8th As we go about our business today, interrupt us and give us grace to notice the interruption.

P Bonhoffer

Wednesday 9th For the mentally ill, in their torment, fear, sadness and insecurity.

Thursday 10th For organists, musicians and choirs who inspire worship in our churches.

Friday 11th Give comfort and peace to residents in care homes and thanksgiving for caring staff.

Saturday 12th Be with those who are homeless, give them hope when they feel despair; help them find practical ways to satisfy their needs.

Sunday 13th For inspiration and fellowship at Team Lenten study groups.

Monday 14th To find more ways to meet with God and to have faith to persevere.

Tuesday 15th At times when we don't know what to say to someone in distress - a time to pray for God's help. Just to be alongside the person in silence may be enough.

Wednesday 16th Humility is the secret of fellowship, and pride is the secret of division. Please keep us humble, Lord.
Robert C Chapman

Thursday 17th Help us in these moments of prayer to know that we are speaking to One who is near and not far off, whose love is around us and who knows our every need.

Friday 18th As we try to make our homes comfortable and welcoming to visitors, may we try to do the same for God's house.

Saturday 19th For leaders to have humbleness and respect for all those they lead.

Sunday 20th On the first day of Spring, help us clear away the cobwebs in our thoughts and see clearly how you, Lord, want to use us.