

# WYLYE AND TILL VALLEY BENEFICE MAY PRAYERS 2019

## Prayer for the month

Heavenly Father, during this time of vacancy,  
guard and grow this Benefice as we serve you together.  
Lord Jesus, we know that you have plans for us and that these plans are good.  
We ask now that you will help us to share responsibility,  
grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need,  
reach out to others, and welcome newcomers. Amen.

1	<b>Philip and James, Apostles</b> Almighty Father, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth and the life; that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen
2	In these uncertain times in our nation, we ask you, Lord, to dwell among us. We are comforted by the knowledge that You alone are our Saviour and Lord. We trust our nation to Your loving care and send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.
3	Please pray for the nation of Sri Lanka, for the Christian Church in that country, for the families of those who lost loved ones. We pray for the attackers, that their hearts may be turned from hatred and darkness to love of neighbour. We pray that the officials of the nation may have wisdom and courage at this time. Amen.
4	We pray for the children, teachers, staff, parents and governors of Great Wishford School. Farley School at Steeple Langford and Wylve Valley School at Codford. We pray for the Open the Book Team who share the Word of God with the school community on a regular basis.
5	<b>Third Sunday of Easter (Easter 2)</b> We pray for the church and village community of Stapleford and their Churchwardens Jasper Archer and Colin Carnegie
6	We pray for Phil who delivers the post in South Newton and Darren the postman for Great Wishford.
7	We pray for the church and village community of South Newton and their Churchwardens Mark Pountain and Mary Dicker
8	<b>Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer</b> In you, Father all-mighty, we have our preservation and our bliss. In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving. You are our mother, brother, and Saviour. In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvellous and plenteous grace. You are our clothing; for love you wrap us and embrace us. You are our maker, our lover, our keeper. Teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well. Amen
9	We pray for the church and village community of Berwick St James. We pray for Stephen Bush and Bill Hiscocks Churchwardens of Berwick St James.
10	We pray for the Wylve village shop and for those who staff it. We give thanks for its contribution to the life of the community. Amen.
11	We pray for the medical professionals who serve the people of our community.
12	<b>The Fourth Sunday of Easter (Easter 3)</b> We pray for all the local businesses of our community; for those who work in our villages, in Salisbury or travel further afield to work. We give thanks for the contribution they make to our local well-being.
13	We prayer for our PCC Vice Chairmen Stephen Bush Berwick St James Mark Pountain Lower Wylve & Till Valley Roger Liddiard Middle Wylve Valley

14	<b>Matthias the Apostle</b> O Almighty God, who into the place of Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the Twelve: Grant that thy Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen
15	We pray for all the businesses on the South Newton Trading Estate; for all those who work there and contribute to the economic well-being of our community.
16	We pray for all who maintain our village halls and community spaces across the Benefice.
17	We pray for Peace: Breathe love into lives ruled by fear. Soften hearts that are hardened by pride. Whisper gently to those bound by chains. Sow peace where conflict divides. Amen
18	Thank you for the Christians, and other righteous people, in companies that are trying to make a profit but choosing to be ethical; caring from everyone from the producers – often far away from production – to those retailers stocking their products. Amen.
19	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter (Easter 4)</b> This is your garden, Creator God, a thing of beauty beyond understanding, a poem that is being written not in words but in colours, wind's whisper, soaring bird, snowdrop's petal, gentle rain, sunlight's warmth. A thing of beauty beyond our understanding Amen
20	We pray for the church & village community of Steeple Langford & their Churchwardens Neil & Fiona Fox
21	We pray for the church and village community of Wylve. We pray for the church and village community of Wylve and Fisherton Delamere and their Churchwarden Ann Havilland and Roger Liddiard
22	King Jesus, lead us in your way of great power made weak for love. For you laid down your riches and put aside your majesty for the sake of the poor, the lost and the broken modelling a new way of leading – which knelt before dirty feet to wash and bless. Amen.
23	We pray for the church and village community of Stockton and their Churchwarden Richard Hewitt
24	<b>John and Charles Wesley</b> We pray for all local Churches: for our brothers and sisters across the Deanery and in the Baptist, Methodist, URC, Roman Catholic and Free Churches.
25	We pray for all who are in distress of any kind within in our community; may your loving and healing hand be upon them O Lord. We pray for those who have recently died, for those who grieve. Grant to them a share of your peace. Amen.
26	<b>Rogation Sunday</b> Almighty Father, we pray for all farmers within our Benefice; may every green shoot that rises from the dirt, and with every new animal that is born, remind us of the spiritual life that is budding and being born in our lives and we will give you the praise that's due your name. Amen
27	We pray for the church and village community of Winterbourne Stoke and their Churchwardens Olivia Dutton and Dee Montagu-Pollock.
28	Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true and good, following the example of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
29	We pray for our brothers and sisters of the Persecuted Church across the globe and especially for the Church in the Holy Land.
30	<b>Ascension Day</b> GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.
31	<b>The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</b> Mighty God, by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary, and greeted her as the mother of the Lord: look with favour on your lowly servants that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen