

January 2025 – Month of Prayer





At the beginning of 2025 Revd Paul and the Churchwardens invite you to pray each day for aspects of life in St Mary’s, St Swithun’s and the Worthys.

Here you will find a topic for each day. It is intentionally vague.

Please take a few moments to pay attention to how you are inspired to pray about the topic.

It is likely that some will be easier than others. That is OK.

On the back of this sheet are a selection of bible verses which you may find helpful.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Give thanks for the year that has ended	2 Look forward with hope to the year ahead	3 CHERISH Community	4 @the breakfastkitchen
5 Use the news letter	6 Blessing Others Hub	7 Staff Team and Operational Support	8 CHERISH History and Heritage	9 St Swithun’s PCC	10 Children, Families & Youth Hub	11 CHERISH Evangelism and Environment
12 Use the news letter	13 St Mary’s PCC	14 CHERISH Re-Imagining	15 Small groups which meet to encourage, support and share life together.	16 Bubbles – Toddler and Carer group	17 Physical Resources Hub	18 Beginning of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025
19 Use the news letter	20 Congregation of St Swithun’s	21 Ministry Team	22 CHERISH Inclusivity	23 Thursday Drop-In at the Chapel (Youth)	24 Eco Church and Environment	25 CHERISH Service
26 Use the news letter	27 Engagement & Pastoral Support Hub	28 Tuesdays Place	29 My Church Family	30 CHERISH Home	31 Look forward with hope to the year ahead	

Psalm 106:1-2

Praise the Lord!

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

For His mercy endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord?

Who can declare all His praise?

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what is good;

And what does the Lord require of you

But to do justly,

To love mercy,

And to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 133:1

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Roman 8:25-26

However, we hope for something we have not yet seen, and we patiently wait for it.

In certain ways we are weak, but the Spirit is here to help us. For example, when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Psalm 127:1

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.

Unless the Lord guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.

John 15:9-13

[Jesus said] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Ephesians 3:16-19

I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.

<https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025/>
<https://worthychurches.org.uk/cherish-logo/>
<https://worthychurches.org.uk/get-involved/groups/>

If you have found this helpful, you are welcome to keep it and re use it through the year.