

Our vision is that our congregations and churches should be...

**Growing in faith,  
growing in loving service  
& growing in numbers.**

During the current Coronavirus outbreak our priorities are **staying connected to God and our church family, supporting all in need and sharing the message of God's saving love** as widely as possible. We hope this Prayer Calendar will assist you as you join us in praying.

God bless you, with best wishes and continued prayers

- Richard

#### **A prayer for our current situation**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
Bring healing to those who are ill,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

*Adapted from the Church of England website*

If you have any suggestions for amendments or additions to this Prayer Calendar please contact the Parish Office. Your personal prayer requests can also be passed on via the Parish Office, or emailed in confidence to [prayer@sth-stp.org](mailto:prayer@sth-stp.org)

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St Helen's + St Peter's · Wheathampstead   
*living and working for the glory of God*



**Coronavirus  
Update**

**PRAYER**

*Calendar*

**“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert  
in it with thanksgiving.”** *Colossians 4:2*

This monthly cycle of prayer is for your personal use as an individual or a family during this time of self-isolation. It covers aspects of:

- ✓ our church life and village community
- ✓ Those in particular need and all 'Key Workers'
- ✓ outreach and Charity Partners supported by our church

# Monthly Prayer Calendar

We hope that these suggestions will be a helpful aide for your personal prayers...

<p><b>1</b> Doctors, nurses and receptionists at the <b>Village Surgery</b>, and our <b>local pharmacy</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Tea Time Church meeting online each Sunday afternoon and led by the children</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> Those involved in <b>pastoral care and practical support</b> for our congregation</p>	<p><b>4</b> Our Ministry team, Churchwardens, PCC and their families</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Everyone who is ill with Coronavirus, especially those in hospital.</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> <i>For the different bible study and midweek groups and the support they offer.</i></p>	<p><b>7</b> Musicians, bible readers &amp; intercessors, and editors of the Online Services</p>
<p><b>8</b> Give thanks for the support given to one another by neighbours and those living nearby.</p>	<p><b>9</b> The work of the <b>Children's Society</b> in this country</p>	<p><b>10</b> For the sense of community in our midweek online meeting place <b>Coffee <u>not</u> in the Chancel</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Everyone in our village affected by poverty, addiction, abuse, neglect or domestic violence.</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> Medical teams researching the best treatment &amp; seeking a vaccine</p>	<p><b>13</b> The Wheathampstead Friends and the Wheathampstead Community Group</p>	<p><b>14</b> The admin team who keep the website &amp; Facebook up to date, send emails and postal mailings</p>
<p><b>15</b> That the village's <b>"Support for All"</b> group would ensure everyone receives the help they need</p>	<p><b>16</b> Families who are separated, those living alone &amp; all in overcrowded accommodation</p>	<p><b>17</b> The <b>Azalea</b> charity supporting vulnerable women and their children in Luton.</p>	<p><b>18</b> All <b>NHS</b> Staff &amp; carehome workers.</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>All of us to have the self-discipline to follow the latest government guidelines on social-distancing</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> Families supported by the <b>St Helen's Community Fund</b> &amp; The Food Bank</p>	<p><b>21</b> Our <b>Online Services</b> to be received as <b>"Good News"</b> beyond our own congregations.</p>
<p><b>22</b> <i>Those 'shielding' themselves due to underlying health issues &amp; all who are vulnerable, frail, infirm or isolated</i></p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>Shop staff, delivery drivers &amp; other Key Workers</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> That the increased number of people seeking spiritual answers would encounter God</p>	<p><b>25</b> Business owners and everyone trying to keep their companies afloat and protect the economic future</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>The Kimbilio Project</b> in the DR Congo &amp; <b>Orphans Know More</b> in Uganda</p>	<p><b>27</b> Staff and teachers at <b>Beech Hyde &amp; St Helen's Schools</b> and parents and children <b>'home schooling'</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> Everyone who struggles with anxiety, phobias, depression and other <b>mental health issues</b></p>
<p><b>29</b> Everyone who has lost their job, been furloughed or on zero hours contracts</p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>Families who have been bereaved &amp; all who have lost loved ones.</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> <b>All in Government:</b> Our Parish Councilors, District &amp; County Council and MP</p>	<p><b>Your Notes &amp; Prayers:</b></p>			

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*

*With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18*