



PARISH OF COFTON HACKETT AND BARNT GREEN

PRAYER DIARY August 2024

prayer each day

Thu 1<sup>st</sup> athletes competing in the Olympic Games; safety in travel and accommodation; thanks for the beauty and history of the city of Paris; the games fostering the world's goodwill towards the joys and benefits of athletics

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> those who have suffered in heat waves: our conscience before God as we see clear evidence of climate change effects

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> faithfully remembering the suffering of Ukraine's people; God giving all Ukrainians ongoing courage

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> worship today: joy in our service to God

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> provision of grain for the needs of the world; remembering Ukraine's role through history of providing food for itself and its neighbours

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> reflection on lives lived with severe disability and how those with disabilities are nurtured and cared for

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> the people of Yemen; the world reminded of ongoing suffering, hunger and the loss of safe, healthy childhood

Thu 8<sup>th</sup> the people of Afghanistan: their poverty and struggle for better standards of life; a breakthrough in equality for females

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> standards of life and care for children on holiday from school; enough food for their needs

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> medical workers bringing comfort and dignity to sufferers; workers keeping going in the face of staff shortages and fear for the NHS's future

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> worship today; our people who join us on Zoom

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Monday Fellowship committee; looking to a new term of sharing, caring and concern for long-standing friends

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Kamala Harris making her political mark as a person of black African and American Indian background: the world's openness to a new face in the presidency

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> migrants arriving by boat from the English Channel and the Mediterranean: how they are received and brought to safety; how they are welcomed and accepted

Thu 15<sup>th</sup> the people of Sudan caught up in war; the forgotten who struggle in Ethiopia

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> valuing the ministry and gifts of working-class applicants for clergy training; bishops and archbishops being easily able to welcome the richness of their contribution

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> finding a solution to the conflict in Israel and Palestine; the safeguarding of lives; stopping illegal settlements; protecting the rights of Christians in Jerusalem

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> singing, praying, listening and learning today

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> the people of Haiti internally displaced by gang violence; those in poverty as basic goods are criminally withheld; the police trying to restore control; Christian communities at risk

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> time to take stock during breaks in activities; discovering new creativity in downtime; praying through new plans

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> parents and children relaxing together as the holiday continues; teachers preparing for their return to school

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> our young people whose future now depends on exam results; being there for them as they make decisions about moving on

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> God's guidance to us as an outward-looking church: our giving and prayer to the world, to those in the UK and giving of our time locally

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Syria: for security and normal life to return to the country

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> all involved in leadership, music and worship service teams

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> celebrating time with family and friends at the Bank Holiday

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> those trapped in exploitative situations where slavery can mean a lifetime without freedom

Wed 28<sup>h</sup> thanks for precious breaks when we can manage our own time

Thu 29<sup>th</sup> all living in high-rise dwellings, at risk from unsuitable cladding and worried about financial losses

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> plans for care in old age in this country; God's care for us as we grow older; care workers and care home managers

Sat 31<sup>st</sup> "The best prayer is to rest in the goodness of God, knowing that goodness can reach right down to our lowest depth of need." Mother Julian

