



:PARISH OF COFTON HACKETT AND BARNT GREEN
 PRAYER DIARY April 2023
 prayer each day

Sat 1st those affected by a severe storm in Malawi, a cyclone which washed away whole neighbourhoods already struggling to cope with the worst ever cholera outbreak; those affected by a severe cyclone in Mississippi

Sun 2nd worship on Palm Sunday; thanks for the humble donkey

Mon 3rd Monday Fellowship: celebrating apples and bees

Tue 4th clergy of the Deanery in discussions on same-sex relationship issues; God's guidance on this difficult issue

Wed 5th people of Turkey rebuilding lives after the earthquake

Thu 6th Maundy Thursday: **For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.** 1Cor1,21-25

Fri 7th Good Friday; how we pray and think of the day

Sat 8th friends awaiting or undergoing tests or hospital treatment

Sun 9th Easter Sunday: celebrating the joy of resurrection

Mon 10th Easter Monday: enjoyment of the holiday; thanks for those whose work must go on today

Tue 11th all friends recently bereaved; God keeping them in his care through friends, family and the church family

Wed 12th generosity in offering help to refugees; the government working on receiving migrants from the sea

Thu 13th those of us who are tired, or ill and needing physical, mental and spiritual refreshment

Fri 14th Rohingya refugees in camps in Bangladesh, where a fire has destroyed shelters; local people working with Christian Aid to repair the shelters which house 12000 people

Sat 15th respect for political movements in China, the USA and Russia, which could neutralise threat or cause war

Sun 16th APCM: celebrating our worship and working in fellowship of the past year; thanks for the selfless and tireless work of the PCC and churchwardens; new members joining

Mon 17th thanks for a year of Andy's ministry in Cofton Hackett and Barnt Green; God's continued blessing on Andy's family

Tue 18th the ongoing sufferings of the Syrian people; the people already displaced before the earthquake; **keeping the people of Syria in our prayers**

Wed 19th the foodbank supported by our church; foodbank workers across the country; those who rely on generous giving

Thu 20th looking to God for hope when we are sad or depressed, when we meet someone struggling with low spirits

Fri 21st that the UK finance system will strongly engage with giving aid, poverty, environment, climate change

Sat 22nd the NHS: thanks that it is there at our time of need; pray that its workers will be strengthened and kept safe, valued by government and by us who rely on its care and services

Sun 23rd worship today; the families of Messy Church

Mon 24th **"Evangelism isn't about saving the Church of England from extinction. It's helping everyone know that God loves them."**

Tue 25th "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." Isaiah 43.1-3a

Wed 26th children in the Ivory Coast exposed to the dangers of gold mining; our stance on buying gold

Thu 27th all our Mission Partners; constancy in prayer and following their work

Fri 28^h courage for Americans to speak out on gun law reform

Sat 29th the 21 million people of Yemen who need help and protection; the many refugees; those in extreme need as the war continues; medical staff responding to need with inadequate funding

Sun 30th valuing the kingdom of heaven as a pearl of great value; how precious it is to know ourselves loved by God

