

Westbury Parish Prayer Diary

*We seek to make Jesus known in Westbury
by being a confident, joyful and prayerful community.*

I am constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1: 4-6

1st	We pray for our growing relationship with Christ as we seek to know him and make him known in our communities.
2nd	We pray for all who lead worship, preach, teach and share our faith in many different ways around our parish: for confident sharing of our faith.
3rd	We pray for all who take their faith out into our local communities: in our schools, nursing homes, people's homes, in the streets and pubs.
4th	For the transformation of the parish hall in Westbury: that it may become a vibrant centre for community and church life.
5th	For the Friday night Fun Club in the parish hall, and for the opportunity to reach out and offer hospitality to young people and show that we care.
6th	We pray for a dedicated youth leader in our parish dedicated to reaching out to young people in our parish.
7th	We pray for all who care for the maintenance and fabric of our church buildings and churchyards, that they be given to the glory of God.
8th	We pray for the development of musical and cultural events in All Saints to draw in more people to enjoy our beautiful building and to discover God.
9th	We pray for a greater engagement and unity with Christians of other denominations in our town so that we may work together on mission and ministry.
10th	For growing relationships with partners in the town as we seek to address the significant social needs in our community eg with the Town Council, Westbury Area Network and Crosspoint.
11th	For wise discernment as we offer a wide range of activities across our parish as we serve people with our varied gifts and abilities.
12th	For our Eco Church and the ways in which we promote care for creation and consider the environmental impact of our events and activities.
13th	For all who enjoy our church grounds and churchyards as they remember loved ones and enjoy the peace and beauty of the areas.
14th	We pray that we may support each other and our local community in caring for our environment and draw people in to worship our creator God.
15th	That our churches may be welcoming and accessible places for people with diverse needs and abilities.
16th	May we develop our buildings to become more flexible places for all while retaining their heritage value.
17th	For all our funding and grant applications: that they may be successful.

18th	Our local schools at Westbury Infants, Westbury Juniors, Bitham Brook, Westbury Leigh and Matravers – for open doors and opportunities to visit and share the good news of Jesus.
19th	For Open the Book, our Experience events, Little Lights toddler group, First Steps to Worship, Children’s Fun events, Café Church and Collective Worship in our schools: that we would make Jesus known in every place.
20th	For opportunities to review and refresh our worship services to attract new and different people.
21st	For all who contribute to the musical life of our churches: singers, musicians, Director of Music and organists, that we may make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
22nd	For our people of all ages and stages, that we may be sensitive to one another’s needs and seek to be inclusive of all.
23rd	For all who offer a ministry of welcome in our churches, especially our sides persons in this important role.
24th	For all who serve on the PCC, and all who hold offices in our parish: churchwardens, treasurer, secretary and safeguarding officer.
25th	For all who exercise leadership and responsibility in our churches, that we may be diligent and compassionate in our duties.
26th	For all who undertake administration in our parish, for our Team Administrator, and for those who serve and support us in Salisbury Diocese.
27th	For all our fundraising and social events, that they may be significant opportunities to connect with people on the edges of our community and draw them in.
28th	For good stewardship of our finances, buildings, land and fabric; for all of us who share in this responsibility.
29th	That we may all be encouraged to use our gifts, our time, our money and our possessions wisely and well, in God’s service.
30th	For all who work in communications, through our varied forms of publicity, that we may express our messages clearly and attractively.
31st	For a growing sense of team-work across our parish and the White Horse Team as we seek to build one another up in love and faith.