

***This week we pray in love for:
The welfare of those in need***

- ♦ Our home communicants
- ♦ Those suffering in body, mind or spirit
- ♦ The housebound
- ♦ The lonely or bereaved
- ♦ The work of Dunstable Foodbank

In our Diocesan Prayer Diary, we pray for the parish of Broxbourne with Wormley in the deanery of Cheshunt

June prayers for...

Kensworth

Common Road from the Methodist Church to Dovehouse Lane

Studham

Common Road, Clements End and Pedley Hill

Whipsnade

Whipsnade Zoo

This week please remember in your prayers: those in the midst of illness, operations or accidents, including Frank and Barbara Walker, Trish Palmer, Alan Geeson, Jo Hutchinson, Clifford Bygrave, Ann and Malcolm Weir, Wendy Kennedy, Chris Hazell, Catherine, Hilda, Mike, Karen, Rees; and those who have died recently.

Do you have a name or a request for prayer that you wish to have included on this prayer list? Please email Nicola on revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com before Thursday each week.

A prayer for this week: O God, we bring to you those who have done wrong and need your forgiveness; those who are in pain and need your healing; those who feel isolated and need your love. Speak your word of hope to all those who need to hear it. ***Amen.***

Readings for next week: Exodus 19: 2-8a; Romans 5: 1-8; Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8

• ***Dates for your diary***

- **Sunday 7th June, 2pm** – Whipsnade Tree Cathedral Service
- **Sunday 7th June, 5-6pm** – Good Book Club meeting, Studham Church
- **Wednesday 10th June, 7.30pm** – Whipsnade PCC, Whipsnade Church
- **Sunday 14th June, 5-6pm** – Confirmation session, Kensworth Church Hall
- **Wednesday 17th June, 12.30pm** – Whipsnade Village Lunch, Whipsnade Village Hall
- **Wednesday 17th June, 7.30pm** – Kensworth PCC, Kensworth Church Hall
- **Thursday 18th June, 7.30pm** – Studham PCC, Studham Church
- **Thursday 25th June, 7.30pm** – Friends of Studham Church AGM, Studham Church. All welcome, a short meeting and a glass of wine are promised!

Foodbank requirements:

Long-life fruit juice; tinned fruit; meat in sauce; rice puddings; sponge puddings; instant mash; long-life milk; sweets or chocolate in packets; carrier bags. No pasta please.



Welcome to the United Benefice of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade

Part of the North Chilterns Group of Parishes

Sunday 7th June 2026
First Sunday after Trinity

Kensworth 10.30am – Holy Communion
Studham 10.30am – Family Service
Whipsnade 9.00am – Holy Communion
2.00pm – Tree Cathedral Service

Services next week: 14th June

Kensworth 10.30am – Morning Service
with Sunday School
Studham 10.30am – Holy Communion
Whipsnade 9.00am – Holy Communion
with Holy Baptism and
Sunday School

If this is your first visit to one of our churches, then please make yourself known as we're a friendly lot – really! The rector (Nicola) can be reached on (01582) 872223 or at revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com. Please also email Nicola if you'd like to receive this service sheet weekly by email. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

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The Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from Hosea

Hosea 5: 15-6:6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour: "Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth." What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

A reading from the letter to the Romans

Romans 4: 13 - end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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All: Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS:

Who might God be asking you to notice and help this week?

For parents and carers, ask your children: "Have you ever felt left out or unnoticed? How did you feel?"