

This week we pray in love for:

The Church

- ◆ Our Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Albans; Dean Jo and cathedral staff
- ◆ Our Parish Safeguarding Officers; Kathy, Meg and Mike
- ◆ Our Methodist churches in Kensworth and Studham and their ministers
- ◆ Retired clergy and readers
- ◆ All our PGS and SO financial givers
- ◆ All who fundraise for the churches

In our Diocesan Prayer Diary, we pray for our own parish of Studham in the Deanery of Dunstable.

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, Maggie; and those who have died recently, including Don Kilsby and Pat Haden.

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: Loving God, help us to see and show your love to those we find difficult to like. Help us always to recognise your image in others in the way that you recognise our need for love. ***Amen.***

Readings for next week: Zechariah 9: 9-12; Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end

• ***Dates for your diary***

- **Thursday 2nd July, 1pm** – Interment of ashes, Whipsnade Churchyard
- **Friday 3rd July, 2.30pm** – Funeral of Don Kilsby, Luton Crematorium
- **Sunday 5th July, 3pm** – Pets' Service, Studham Churchyard – all welcome!
- **Sunday 5th July, 5-6pm** – Good Book Club, Kensworth Church Hall, all welcome for this final meeting before a summer break
- **Tuesday 7th July, 3pm** – Kensworth School Collective Worship, Kensworth School
- **Thursday 9th July, 2.45pm** – Studham School Collective Worship, Studham School
- **Friday 10th July, from 3.30pm** – Studham Kids' Club, Studham Church

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 28th June 2026
Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Kensworth 8.00am – Holy Communion
10.30am – Family Service
Studham 10.30am – Holy Communion
Whipsnade 9.00am – Holy Communion

Services next week: 5th July

Kensworth 10.30am – Holy Communion
Studham **3.00pm** – Pets' Service
Whipsnade 9.00am – Holy Communion

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 find your time with us prayerful, inspiring and enjoyable.

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The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from Jeremiah

Jeremiah 28: 5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans

Romans 6: 12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 10: 40-42

Jesus said, 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS:

How do we recognise Christ in others?

For parents and carers, ask your children: "What small things can you do to show people that they matter – to you, and to God?"