

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

- ♦ Luton & Dunstable Hospital, staff, chaplains and volunteers
- ♦ Other local hospitals
- ♦ Knoll House at Studham and other residential homes
- ♦ Local GP surgeries
- ♦ Our local funeral directors

In our Diocesan Prayer Diary, we pray for the parish of St Luke, Leagrave in the Deanery of Luton

August prayers for...

Kensworth

Bakers Lane, Woods Close, Grove Place, Dovehouse Lane and Malms Close

Studham

Church Road, Church Close, Church Mead and Red Lion Cottages

Whipsnade

Bushey Close, Village Hall and Field; and Windy Sayles

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, Ann and Malcolm Weir, Wendy Kennedy, Chris Hazell, Catherine, Hilda, Mike, Karen and Rees; and those who have died recently, including Joanna Hutchinson.

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: Gentle God, in you there is always full forgiveness. Forgive us when we have wronged others, and help us to forgive as well, to take up our cross and follow you, always remembering that you bear the weight with us. ***Amen.***

Readings for next week: Ezekiel 33: 7-11;
Romans 13: 8-end; Matthew 18: 15-20

• ***Dates for your diary***

- **Sunday 6th September, 5-6pm** – Confirmation session, Whipsnade Church
- **Monday 7th September, 1pm** – Service of thanksgiving for the life of Joanna Hutchinson, Kensworth Church
- **Wednesday 9th September, 12.30pm** – Whipsnade Village Lunch, Whipsnade Village Hall
- **Wednesday 9th September, 7.30pm** – Kensworth PCC, Kensworth Church Hall
- **Thursday 10th September, 7.30pm** – NCG Council meeting, Kensworth Church Hall
- **Saturday 12th September, all day** – BHHCT 'Bike and Hike'. Can you join the benefice walk, or cycle to raise money for this cause? Or offer an hour to staff the church and welcome others? Rotas and information in all three churches.

Foodbank requirements:

Long-life fruit juice; meat in sauce; rice puddings; pasta sauce; long-life milk; tinned vegetables; custard; biscuits; tea bags (40 or 80) carrier bags (in good clean condition please). No pasta please!

All welcome to our 'Climate and Creation' event on Sunday 27th September, 2-4pm, organised by our eco-church benefice group and hosted by Studham Church. QR code for signing up in all three churches and in the 'Parish Link'.

Welcome to the United Benefice of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade

*Part of the North Chilterns Group of
Parishes*

Sunday 30th August 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

**NO SERVICE AT KENSWORTH, STUDHAM OR
WHIPSNAD – ALL WELCOME TO ST MARY'S
EATON BRAY FOR OUR ANNUAL NORTH
CHILTERN GROUP SERVICE AT 10AM**

Services next week: 6th September

Kensworth	10.30am – Holy Communion 12.00pm – Holy Baptism
Studham	10.30am – Family Service
Whipsnade	9.00am – Holy Communion

If this is your first visit to one of our churches, then please make yourself known to whoever gives you a service order. If you need a gluten-free wafer or Holy Communion brought to you in your seat, please let us know. 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

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Jeremiah

Jeremiah 15: 15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans

Romans 12: 9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16: 21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer after Communion

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS:

*Is it easy for us to forgive people when we feel wronged? How can we foster forgiveness in ourselves and our communities?
For parents and carers: ask your children, "How hard is it to be kind to everyone?"*