LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 17 OCT

'The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.' Phil. 4:5-7

Sun 17 Oct	Pray for the retired clergy, churchwardens and PCC as they take on extra responsibility during the interregnum
Mon 18 Oct	Pray for the organisers and volunteers of the Wem Food Hub as they work to distribute food to all those in need.
Tues 19 Oct	Pray for the leaders and participants of Wem Youth Centre that it may be effective in providing safe social activities for the young as well as teaching useful skills
Wed 20 Oct	Pray for the staff of our Medical Centre and the continued service of the NHS. Also, that the problem of long waiting lists may be addressed.
Thurs 21 Oct	Pray for those who are unemployed and those who face financial difficulties
Fri 22 Oct	Pray for those who bereaved, sick or lonely, that they may receive comfort and help at this time
Sat 23 Oct	Pray for teachers, children and young people as half term begins. Pray for God's protection as well as a time of rest and refreshment

Almighty God hear the prayers of your people for those with whom we share our lives and on whose work we depend. Be with those who mourn, the lonely, anxious, or distressed and grant your grace and strength to all whose work is essential or places them at risk. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask and our ignorance in asking; have compassion on our weakness and give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for all those affected by the coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.