

## LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 3 APRIL

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Col. 4:2-6

Sun 3 April 5th Sunday of Lent	Pray for the Lord's blessing on the Sunday services and especially for the retired clergy that they may have health, strength and inspiration of the Holy Spirit
Mon 4 April	Pray for those families in food poverty in Wem, that their needs may be met by the Food Bank and Food Hub. May Wemians give generously.
Tues 5 April	Pray for the Lent group meeting this afternoon that the participants may grow together in the love and knowledge of God and one another.
Wed 6 April	Pray that Covid infections may decrease. Pray also for those working in healthcare that they may be encouraged in their work.
Thurs 7 April	Pray that the right person may be prepared and guided by God to apply for position of rector for the Benefice.
Fri 8 April	Pray for a spiritual awakening among the children and young people of Wem. Pray for the Lord's blessing on Mike Cotterell's school's ministry, that it may be fruitful.
Sat 9 April	Pray for the Lord's blessing on the Community Lunch in the Church Hall, provided by Wem Store Cupboard and the Youth Club.

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.