

6 – 12 September

Spiritual renewal

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Read and reflect on Scripture

Read aloud **Romans 12: 1-2.**

Read quietly to yourself. Is there any word or phrase holding your attention?
Can this help guide your prayers?

Give thanks and praise for:

- thanksgiving for Epic Explorers.
- times of relaxation and refreshment.
- time to delight in God's word.
- developing a deeper love for prayer and time to listen to God.
- receptive hearts.
- *Open the Book* outreach in our primary schools.
- mid-week prayer meetings every Wednesday.
- being ready to do good to all we meet.
- every opportunity to sow the seed.
- the speaker on Sunday 13 September.

Psalm 51: 10-12

Collect

O Lord,
from whom all good things come:
grant to us your humble servants,
that by your holy inspiration we may think
those things that are good,
and by your merciful guiding may perform
the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

13 – 20 September

Wisdom and guidance

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Read and reflect on Scripture

Read aloud **James 1: 2-6.**

Read quietly to yourself. Is there any word or phrase holding your attention?
Can this help guide your prayers?

Pray for:

- trust and unity, wisdom and faithfulness.
- seeking God's guidance.
- reaching out into the community.
- growth of work in Stewartby.
- pastoral care – one anothering.
- St Mary's growth groups, starting again after the summer break.
- the emergency Prayer Chain.
- Lunch Club on Monday 14 September.
- the speaker on Sunday 20 September.

Psalm 119: 101-105

Collect

O Lord,
we beseech you mercifully to hear the
prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and
know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

The Lord's Prayer

21 – 27 September

Daily life

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Read and reflect on Scripture

Read aloud **Colossians 3: 17-21.**

Read quietly to yourself. Is there any word or phrase holding your attention?
Can this help guide your prayers?

Pray for:

- seeking first the kingdom of God.
- children and teachers returning to school.
- our family and friends.
- the unemployed as they search for work.
- the Prime Minister and his government.
- local government.
- appointment of a Church Administrator.
- church finances.
- PCC meeting on Monday 21 September.
- growth groups as they restart.
- the lonely and those struggling with health problems.
- St Mary's Harvest Social on Saturday 26 September.
- St Mary's Harvest Festival on Sunday 27 September.

Psalm 118: 20-29

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their
rest in you:

pour your love into our hearts and draw us to
yourself, and so bring us at last to your
heavenly city where we shall see you face to
face;

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

27 Sep – 3 Oct

Mission

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Read and reflect on Scripture

Read aloud **Luke 4: 18-19.**

Read quietly to yourself. Is there any word
or phrase holding your attention?
Can this help guide your prayers?

Pray for:

- Our **church's mission partners:**
 - **Adam & Nomfundo Tomalin** working with university students in South Africa.
 - **Jude & YP Gayet**, their church plant and youth work in Belgium.
 - **Festive** supporting Christians in UK further education.
 - **CPAS** supervising clergy appointments, leading training and providing holidays for young people.
- our persecuted church family.
- war-torn countries, for the many bereaved and to find a way of peace.
- the many displaced people following the earthquake in Kumamoto, Japan.
- Wootton and Stewartby.
- thank God for giving peace and strength.
- the speaker on Sunday 4 October.

Psalm 119: 33-40

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith that,
forsaking what lies behind and reaching out
to that which is before,
we may run the way of your
commandments and win the crown of
everlasting joy;
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.**

The Lord's Prayer