

# WYLYE AND TILL VALLEY BENEFICE MARCH PRAYERS 2021

1	<p><b>St David's Day</b>            God our Father, You called your servant David to uphold the Christian faith amongst the people of Wales, to encourage them by his observance of fasting and obedience, and to show them compassion through small acts of great love. As light is poured onto the mountain-tops and as fresh rain is sprinkled on the hills, help us to be good carers of one another and of Your great and glorious Creation. Amen</p>
2	<p><b>Chad, Bishop of Litchfield, Missionary</b>            God of wisdom, we pray for all who have contracted the Coronavirus. We pray for those who have died, those now ill, for their family, friends and communities. Bless medical scientists and researchers around the world with insight and skill, dedication and fortitude, as they combat this virus and especially the staff of the NHS locally and nationally. Amen.</p>
3	<p>We pray for the church and village community of Berwick St James. We pray for Stephen Bush and Bill Hiscocks Churchwardens of Berwick St James.</p>
4	<p>We pray for the children, teachers, staff, parents and governors of Great Wishford Primary School, Farley School and Wylve Valley School.</p>
5	<p>We pray for our local surgeries at Codford and Wilton and for all our local social care homes. We ask, loving Father, to bless their work and all whose vocation is in community health. Amen.</p>
6	<p>May we know the love of the heavenly Father deep in our hearts; May we understand our significance in the centre of His family, and the bonds that hold us so close as brother and sister; May we understand the lengths that He was prepared to go for all mankind and freely respond in the Today which he has given for us to cherish. Amen</p>
7	<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>            Circle us, Lord with the light of your presence within this dark world. Enable us to be overcomers of fear and temptation. Enable us to be victors over sin and despair. Enable us to become that which you would desire. Amen.</p>
8	<p>We prayer for our PCC Vice Chairmen Stephen Bush Berwick St James            Mark Pountain Lower Wylve &amp; Till Valley Roger Liddiard Middle Wylve Valley</p>
9	<p>Almighty Father, we pray for all farmers within our Benefice; may every green shoot that rises from the dirt, and with every new animal that is born, remind us of the spiritual life that is budding and being born in our lives and we will give you the praise that's due your name. Amen</p>
10	<p>We pray for the Wylve village shop and for those who staff it. We give thanks for its contribution to the life of the community. Amen.</p>
11	<p>God of creation, who loves all he has made and all that has evolved, open the eyes of your people, that your love might be reflected in our care for the planet. Through Jesus Christ, who walked this earth and calls us by name. Amen.</p>
12	<p>We pray for the church and village community of Stapleford and their Churchwarden Colin Carnegy</p>
13	<p>We pray for all the businesses on the South Newton Trading Estate; for all those who work there and contribute to the economic well-being of our community.</p>
14	<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ Mothering Sunday</b>            Gather us now before you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them. Like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. As we meet today and follow your example, protect us, support us, and feed us with your unconditional love. Amen</p>
15	<p>We pray for the church and village community of South Newton and their Churchwardens Mark Pountain and Mary Dicker</p>
16	<p>We pray for all who maintain our village halls and community spaces across the Benefice.</p>
17	<p><b>St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary</b>            In your humility you called yourself a sinner, but you became a most successful missionary</p>

	and prompted countless pagans to follow the Saviour. Many of their descendants in turn spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands. Through your powerful intercession with God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began. Amen.
18	We pray for the church and village community of Winterbourne Stoke and their Churchwardens Olivia Dutton and Dee Montagu-Pollock.
19	<b>Joseph of Nazareth</b> We pray for all local Churches: for our brothers and sisters across the Deanery and in the Baptist, Methodist, URC, Roman Catholic and Free Churches.
20	<b>St Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne</b> Ever living God, who didst call thy servants Cuthbert to proclaim the Gospel in northern England and endued them with loving hearts and gentle spirits: Grant us grace to live as they did, in simplicity, humility and love for the poor; through Jesus Christ, Amen.
21	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: Passion Sunday</b> We pray for the church and village community of Wylve. We pray for the church and village community of Wylve and Fisherton Delamere and their Churchwarden Roger Liddiard
22	Heavenly Father, maker of all living creatures, we ask you to bless all the pets within our community giving thanks for those who brings so much joy into our lives. Amen
23	Lord Jesus, the earth is yours and you have commanded the winds and the sea; help us to leave behind our consumer demand for plastics and move towards behaviours that are environmentally healthy; help us to follow your lead in caring for the world you love. Amen.
24	We pray for the church and village community of Stockton and their Churchwarden Richard Hewitt
25	<b>The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection, Amen
26	We pray for the church & village community of Steeple Langford & their Churchwardens Neil & Fiona Fox
27	We remember with gratitude the members and work of the local emergency services, the police, ambulance and fire services. Amen.
28	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
29	We pray for our brothers and sisters of the Persecuted Church across the globe and especially for the Church in the Holy Land.
30	God our Father, As we celebrate the beauty and diversity of your creation, we are truly sorry for our consumerism and wastefulness. Have mercy on us for contaminating the Earth with billions of tons of plastic waste. Please give each one of us the desire and the means to put things right; no longer trusting in ourselves but in your grace and wisdom alone. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, Amen
31	Heavenly Father, you to teach us to seek justice, to defend the oppressed and take up the cause of the fatherless and the plea of the widow. We ask that when the scale of injustice seeks to overwhelm us, your spirit will be the encouragement we need to keep to speaking out against it. Today, we ask for breakthrough for those facing situations of injustice. May they know a sense of hope that only you can bring. Amen

**Heavenly Father, during this time of vacancy,  
guard and grow this Benefice as we serve you together.  
Lord Jesus, we know that you have plans for us and that these plans are good.  
We ask now that you will help us to share responsibility,  
grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need,  
reach out to others, and welcome newcomers. Amen.**