



St Michael & All Angels, Chetwynd

A Prayer for September

Loving God,

As summer gives way to the gentler light of September, we pause to give thanks for the rhythms of your creation, O Lord: for ripening fields, for the gathering of harvest, and for the quiet turning of the seasons that speaks of your faithfulness.

In this month of new beginnings—new school terms, renewed routines, and fresh opportunities—help us to walk with attentiveness to your presence and openness to your leading.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your guiding hand in the life of this benefice, and for the faithful service of all who have cared for your people in Newport with Longford, and Chetwynd. We rejoice in the appointment of Revd Pippa White as Rector of our benefice, and we pray for her as she prepares to begin this new chapter of ministry among us.

Bless Pippa with wisdom, compassion, and joy in her calling. May her deep love for your church and her pastoral heart help us to grow together in faith, hope, and fellowship. Grant her strength in times of challenge, and delight in the shared life of these communities.

We thank you for the generosity and prayerful discernment of all who have served through the vacancy, for their hospitality, care, and steadfast faith. Continue to bless this benefice with unity and grace, that we may welcome Pippa warmly and walk forward together in the light of Christ's love.

As the days shorten and the season shifts, renew in us a spirit of gratitude, patience, and trust. Teach us to recognise your blessings in the ordinary, your guidance in the quiet, and your strength in every step we take. May our homes, our parish, and our communities be places where your peace is known and your love is shared.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.