**Bromsgrove Parish Prayer Diary for October**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and be not wise in your own sight*

*Proverbs 3.5*

**Thursday 1st October – Care Homes**

There are a number of care homes throughout the parish for which we would ask you that you wrap your arms around. Enable the carers in those places to have sufficient protection to be able to provide the level of care that is needed to ensure the residents maintain a level of physical and emotional wellbeing

**Friday 2nd October -Refugees**

Our community is assisting the work done by a local charity to provide much needed clothing and toiletries etc to this group of people, strangers to this country, a number of which are fellow Christians. They are hosted at St Luke’s once and a month and we pray that people in the community will be able to help with the supply of such materials.

**Saturday 3rd October – Those who keep our community functioning**

We ask God to bless all those who have to work at this time for the good of the whole community.  Especially we remember those who deliver milk or post and those who collect our rubbish and our recycling materials.   We remember the lorry drivers and van drivers who keep our supermarkets and homes stocked with essential goods. May they realise how we value their work. Thank you for those who have continued to work to stock supermarket shelves, serve on deli counters, work on the tills and generally help around the stores. Without their selfless attitude and commitment to turning up to work in conditions that see them exposed to the Corona Virus to a greater degree than any of us, with the exception of the NHS, we would not have the ability to feed ourselves and our families.

**Sunday 4th October- Christ Church ADCM**

We pray that you will be with members of the church as they meet to discuss their delayed annual meeting

**Monday 5th October Pharmacies/Doctor’s surgeries**

We thank you, Lord, for all the people working on the front line in pharmacies and surgeries.   We pray for their safety as they serve others and for their anxious families at home.  We pray that the people who visit these places seeking help will be responsible and avoid putting these dedicated people at risk.  May their religious faith sustain and inspire them

**Tuesday 6th October– Local Hospitals**

For the sacrifice and work undertaken by Nursing staff, paramedics, porters, cleaners, catering staff. Keep them safe and make sure they have all the protective equipment they need and give thanks that they are working to keep us all safe.

**Wednesday 7th October – Deanery Synod**

We pray for all those involved in discussing and finding solutions to some of the issues that are affecting this Deanery

**Thursday 8th October – Finances**

Over the coming indefinite period money will continue to be an issue. On a personal level jobs will be lost incomes will be lost or at best reduced. Churches and the Diocese of Worcester will not be immune to this, and we pray that severe hardship in all areas can be avoided.

**Friday 9th October** **– - St Johns Church**

We give thanks that members of the congregation are able to come to this much-loved building and resume their worship our Lord and saviour

**Saturday 10th October- Charford**

Pray for all people in Charford that they will remain calm and secure during this time of national emergency, and that a loving caring community will evolve.

**Sunday 11th October – Funeral Directors**

This is such a painful time for those who lose not only loved ones to this dreadful disease but also those who lose their lives in other circumstances no less painful. Please be with our local funeral directors as they navigate the paths to ensure that those people receive a caring, respectful and loving journey to be with you. We look to the day when we can have times of memorial to remember those people who are no longer with us.

Mon**day 12th October – Food banks**

An increasing number of people have come to rely on these establishments as we have had to come to terms with the period of austerity that the country has had to live through. Please ensure these priceless community assets continue to receive the support that is vital to the work they do.

**Tuesday 13th October – Catshill and North Marlbrook**

Pray for all people in Catshill and North Marlbrook that they will remain calm and secure during this time of national emergency, and that a loving caring community will evolve

**Wednesday 14th October –Worcester County and Bromsgrove District Councils**

Lord we pray that you will give strength and wisdom to our councillors as they try to come to grips with the double effects on finances from recent Government budgets cuts and the Covid 19 virus that we are living through

**Thursday 15th October – Farmers**

We give thanks for those who continue to work tirelessly to produce food that makes its way onto our supermarket shelves. Once again this is a group of people who we have tended to take for granted because somehow the food we eat continues to arrive on our table. Once we are through this time of struggle lets ensure that we place buying from our own farmers ours, and this country’s priority. Please ensure that there are sufficient hands to pick all the produce that needs to be harvested.

**Friday 16th October – Clergy**

Father we pray for our clergy at this trying time as they attempt to keep the parish working and worshipping. We give thanks for the work they continue to do to ensure we have online and face to face services

**Saturday 17th October– Lickey End**

Pray for all people in Lickey End that they will remain calm and secure during this time of national emergency, and that a loving caring community will evolve

**Sunday 18th October – Weddings**

This is the time of the year when a lot of couples look to cement their relationship by committing themselves to each other by entering into the holy state of matrimony. We pray that they will remain positive as so many of these special occasions have been postponed, and that they will look forward to being able to celebrate with family and friends

**Monday 19th October– PCC Governance Sub-Committee**

It was decided at a recent PCC meeting that those meetings were getting too bogged down in details instead of reviewing the overall picture of the Parish. It was decided that this sub-committee would be formed, and we give thanks for those who have volunteered to serve, and we pray that their work will bring positive results.

**Tuesday 20th October– High Street shops bars restaurants and cafes**

For so long we have taken for granted our ability to shop, eat and drink where we like at almost any time we want. These establishments are facing unprecedented strains on their ability to survive this storm. Perhaps we can take this time to appreciate what we have, cherish it and invest our money in these businesses to help in their recovery. We give thanks that our high street shops are back trading in somewhat restricted circumstances and look forward to a time when all high street businesses can operate fully.

**Wednesday 21st October – Those living alone**

Lord we think today and pray for those people who have had to self-isolate and who hunger for the touch of a hand or to see a friendly face in their homes. We pray that there will be people who will give some solace by making a phone call or some form of social media to let them know they have not been forgotten. Thank you for the kind generous souls who have volunteered to shop for essential food items.

**Thursday 22nd October – Sidemoor**

Pray for all people in Sidemoor that they will remain calm and secure during this time of national emergency, and that a loving caring community will evolve.

**Friday 23rd October – Rock Hill**

Pray for all people in Rock Hill that they will remain calm and secure during this time of national emergency, and a loving caring community will evolve

**Saturday 24th October –St Andrews**

We give thanks that members of the congregation are able to come to this much-loved building and resume their worship our Lord and saviour

**Sunday 25th October - One World Week**

We pray that this world of ours and the people of influence will start working together for a just, peaceful and sustainable world

**Monday 26th October- - Children and young people.**

Today we pray for our young people as they begin their half term holiday and we give thanks that they, teachers, governors and parents have been able to steer through the first few weeks of a return to school and a feeling of something near to normality.

**Tuesday 27th October – Baptisms**

We give thanks for any baptisms that may be happening across the parish and we give thanks for those who are beginning their journey in faith.

**Wednesday 28th October- APCM**

We pray that you will be with members of the Parish as they meet to discuss the delayed annual meeting at All Saints 7.30

**Thursday 29th October– All Saint’s**

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**Friday 30th October – Dodford**

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**Saturday 31st October- Aston Field**

Pray for all people in Aston fields that they will remain calm and secure during this time of national emergency, and that a loving caring community will evolve

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