**Bromsgrove Parish Prayer Diary for September**

*Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!’ And he was afraid, and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’ Genesis 28.16-17*

**Tuesday 1st September – 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

**Wednesday 2nd September – 16-50 Focus Group**

We pray for clarity and God’s guiding hand as the group meet to discuss spirituality

**Thursday 3rd September – - Children and young people.**

Today we pray for our young people as they return to school after what must feel for them an extraordinarily long time. Let their return be as seamless and stress free as possible. We also pray for the all the staff and governors who will be conscious of keeping the children safe and are involved in ensuring they feel happy in an environment that helps them learn and progress in their young lives.

**Friday 4th September-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.

**Saturday 5th September 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

**Sunday 6th September– St Godwald’s ADCM**

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

**Monday 7th September – 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.

**Tuesday 8th September – 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.

**Wednesday 9th September** **– PCC Committee**

Please pray for the members of the PCC as they meet together online to discuss the many challenges that are affecting the parish at this testing time.

**Thursday 10th September- 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.

**Friday 11th September – Reach Out Bromsgrove Steering Group**

We pray for the meeting of this group who are meeting to discuss the way forward for what was formerly referred to as the youth project

Satur**day 12th September– – 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.

**Sunday 13th September – All Saints ADCM**

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

**Monday 14th September – Christ church Catshill DCC**

Though not able to visit this beloved building at the moment we pray that all will manage to stay in touch either by phone, email, or social media. Help us to remember that being church is more than a building, it is the people of God. We also pray today for the DCC which will be taking place online

**Tuesday 15th September – 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.

**Wednesday 16th September - 16-50 Focus Group**

We pray for clarity and God’s guiding hand as the group meet to discuss faith

**Thursday 17th September– 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

**Friday 18th September – Wedding**

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. Today we especially pray for Luke Bostock and Charlotte Perkins as they celebrate their wedding at noon at All Saints

**Saturday 19th September– 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

**Sunday 20th September– 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 other high street businesses can operate fully

**Monday 21st September – 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.

**Tuesday 22nd September – 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.

**Wednesday 23rd September – 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

**Thursday 24th September –St Andrews**

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**Friday 25th September -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.

**Saturday 26th September - St Johns Church ADCM**

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

**Sunday 27th September – Baptism**

We give thanks for the baptism of Violet iris Phelps and we pray all of her family and God parents as they prepare for this very special event

**Monday 28th September- 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.

**Tuesday 29th September– Diocesan clergy Conference**

We ask for support for them as our clergy come to terms with a change in roles and we ask that you support them as they give pastoral care and support throughout the parish, also we pray for the continued love from their families as they journey through these turbulent waters. We pray for wisdom and fresh ideas as the clergy come together at this conference which takes place online over the coming two days

**Wednesday 30th September – Dodford**

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