

A Favourite Prayer

from Ann Kennett

This favourite prayer of mine was written by my son Richard 25 years ago when he was nine years old and a pupil at the Croft Primary School.

It is still appropriate now and reminds me of happy days when he was at the Croft Primary School. I also think of the many children who are ending their school year and about to start their holidays and maybe a new journey next term to a new school.

My son always enjoyed the outside life and it is no surprise to anyone that he is now vegetarian and a member of the Green Party.

I hope the prayer might encourage other youngsters to write their own prayers.

*Dear God,
Thank you for your wonderful world,
for the animals that roam around,
for flowers and trees that bloom every year,
for creepy crawlies that crawl around.
Help us not to pollute your world.
Teach us to look after it so that it can be shared by everyone.
Amen.*

Weekly Prayer Themes

1 st – 6 th August	For those going away on holiday
8 th – 13 th August	For safety for all travellers
15 th – 20 th August	For refugees and migrants everywhere
22 nd – 27 th August	For areas of the world where there is no peace
29 th Aug – 3 rd Sep	For teachers and children returning to school

The Beacon Benefice

Prayer Diary

August 2016

So here we are in August, the season of holidays, children and grandchildren. Anne Kennett shares with us a prayer which reminds her of these. Thank you so much Ann for such a personal prayer.

But, holidays or not, the world is in a complicated place right now; the referendum, leadership changes, terrorism, attempted revolution and shootings! Do please remember those caught up in all of these in your prayers this month.

And pray also for those who are worried by all of this but have not discovered the love of God yet and do not know the power of prayer. May your prayer life shine like a beacon for them and help them find the way to Jesus who is the Way.

Rev Mike

Beacon Prayer

Please join me, if you can, as we pray our way around the Churches of our benefice.

5th Aug Edge
12th Aug Harescombe
19th Aug Cranham
26th Aug Sheepscombe

2nd Sep Painswick
9th Sep Pitchcombe
16th Sep Edge
23rd Sep Harescombe
30th Sep Brookthorpe

Reminder

Don't forget that Bishop John Pritchard will be visiting us on the
22nd and 23rd October
to encourage, help and talk to us about prayer. Please, please put these dates in your diary.

Date	Reading	Church	Community	People who live in ...
1	Psalm 71	Fiona Gill	District Councillors	Stepping Stone Lane PA
2	Psalm 73	Flower arrangers	Edge Village	Stockend ED
3	Psalm 77	Homegroups	Edge Village Hall	Stockley Way PA
4	Psalm 78: 1-39	Hospital visitors	Harescombe Village	Stroud Road BR
5	Psalm 55	Intercessors	Harescombe Village Hall	Stroud Road ED
6	Psalm 27	Lesson readers	Cranham Feast	Stroud Road PA
8	Psalm 80	Lydia Savage	Local bus services	Styles Lane HA
9	Psalm 89: 1-18	Marah	Local clubs and societies	The Croft PA
10	Psalm 119: 105-128	Messy Church,	Local fairs/events	The Highlands PA
11	Psalm 92	Mike Campbell	Local farms/smallholdings	The Knowle CR
12	Psalm 88	Mike Holloway	Local garages/workshops	The Park PA
13	Psalm 97	Mission team members	Local Hotels and B&Bs	Tibbiwell Lane PA/SH
15	Psalm 98	Office volunteers	Local offices	Tibbiwell PA
16	Psalm 106	On Fire!	Local playgroups/preschools	Upper Washwell PA
17	Psalm 111	Open the Book	Local pubs	Upton Lane BR
18	Psalm 115	Organists	Local restaurants and cafes	Vicarage Street PA
19	Psalm 139	Painswick Church Rooms	Local secondary schools	Wades Lane PI
20	Psalm 121	Painswick Roman Catholic Church	Local shops	Whiteshill Road ED
22	Psalm 126	Painswick Society of Friends	Local sports facilities	Wick Street PI/PA
23	Psalm 132	Pastoral visitors/Links	Neil Carmichael MP	Woodborough Close PA
24	Psalm 86	PCC members	Painswick Centre	Wordings Mount SH
25	Psalm 143	Psalms interns	Painswick Health Centre	Wragg Castle Lane PI
26	Psalm 144	Psalms volunteers	Painswick Library	Wynstones Drive BR
27	Psalm 147	Retired clergy	Painswick Tourist information Centre	Yokehouse Lane PA
29	Acts 13: 13-43	Retired Readers	Painswick Town Hall	Andrews Close BR
30	Acts 13: 44 - 14:7	Sacristans/Vergers	Painswick Village	Ashwell PA
31	Acts 14: 8-end	Sheepscombe Methodist Church	Painswick Youth & Community Pavilion	Back Edge Lane ED