

South Lawres and Barlings Churches

Sharing in Prayer April 2021

Eternal Father, who weaves us all into the continuing story of grace:
grant that, as we in South Lawres and Barlings continue to place footsteps
with faith around our community,
we may live our lives in a way that allows your story to shine through,
encouraging and challenging others to live their part in it:
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen

If names have been omitted or mistakes made, please forgive us and then let us
know so that we don't make the same mistake twice

OR

If you would like to be added into the prayers, then please inform us via the
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***'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.'***
Philippians 4:6

Thursday 1st Maundy Thursday	Its Maundy Thursday and April Fool's Day. Paul wrote: 'But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;' Remember today, the Servant King and remember the foolishness of a cross that speaks of the strength of love and forgiveness
Friday 2nd Good Friday	The cross – both horrific and a beautiful expression of God's unbreakable love for you and for the world. Dwell on that today and pray that those around you would recognise something of that.
Saturday 3rd Easter Eve	A day of waiting. Pray for patience....
Sunday 4th Easter Sunday	'The Lord is Risen' Pray for a world, a community, families and friends that need to know the risen Lord.....
Monday 5th	Pray for our Diocese. For Bishops Christopher, David and Nicholas; for Senior staff. There is much to navigate in the next years – pray that all will be led by the Holy Spirit as we listen to His call and direction.
Tuesday 6th	Think and pray about what how we become more outward facing. In this last year we have become far more 'visible' to our communities – how might that continue.
Wednesday 7th	Pray for our Parish Councils. That they would be cohesive and serve the common good.
Thursday 8th	Deanery Synod meets this evening. Pray for our representatives – Carole Mackinder, Derek Sidman, Anita Callaway, Marilyn Small, Annette Pigrum. There is a lot happening in our Diocese and Deanery at present. Help us to work and discuss for the benefit of those beyond parish our boundaries.

Friday 9th	Pray for those working in our hospitals – give thanks for them – whoever they are and whatever they do.
Saturday 10th	Pray for our Village communities in Fiskerton, Reepham, Cherry Willingham and Greetwell
Sunday 11th 2nd Sunday Easter	In today's reading we hear of the beginnings of the church in the book of Acts – who held their possessions in common. This is a challenge to our culture. Pray for open hands and open hearts
Monday 12th	Today one or two more of our Pandemic Regulations are relaxed. Pray for patience, understanding, tolerance of one another and a real sense of unity in our nation. Bernard and Barbara's 74 th wedding anniversary! Give thanks!
Tuesday 13th	Pray for those who work in our Prison Service, for those in secure hospitals. For prisoners. For Prison Chaplains.
Wednesday 14th	Give thanks for Vaccinators and the whole machinery that has made vaccines happen. Also the folk who deal with the booking systems and web-sites and databases
Thursday 15th	Pray for those who are exhausted, feeling unwell. For those whose feel that their mental health is fragile.
Friday 16th	Pray for the unemployed, for those in fear of becoming unemployed; for those who are employed but whose finances don't cover their outgoings.
Saturday 17th	Diocesan Synod meet today and discuss the next stage of 'Resourcing Sustainable Church'. There are decisions to make which will affect the short and long term future of the Church in the Diocese – pray for all concerned – including Debbie Shaw and myself.
Sunday 18th 3rd Sunday Easter	Pray for the Lincoln Community Larder and for the Lincoln Foodbank. For those who give of their time and energy to volunteer, those who donate and those who work out the logistics of getting food to those who most need it.
Monday 19th	Pray for our children and young people as they return to school this week. Our Headteachers Mr Randall, Mrs Rycroft, Mrs Scott, Mr Evans, Mrs Evans. Pray that this will be an uninterrupted term.
Tuesday 20th	Pray for our Village Communities in Stainton by Langworth, Langworth, Sudbrooke and Barlings.

Wednesday 21st	Pray for those feeling alone. For those who rarely see anyone or speak to anyone.
Thursday 22nd	Pray for our PCCs as we begin the process of holding annual meetings. Give thanks for all who serve.
Friday 23rd St George	Pray for the people of England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland today. Pray for their Governments and pray for unity.
Saturday 24th	Pray for staff and patients at St Barnabas Hospice, for their Day Care centre and Home Support Services. Pray for Marie Curie Nurses and MacMillan Cancer Care.
Sunday 25th 4th Sunday Easter	A day on which we remember the Annunciation – the day on which the angel appeared to Mary and told her she was to bear the Son of God. Sometimes God brings surprising news – think of those times when that has happened to you.
Monday 26th Mark the Evangelist	Mark shared the gospel. Pray that you would have the courage to share your story of faith with someone else.
Tuesday 27th	Pray for refugees. There are millions of people across the world displaced – through conflict, the impact of climate change, natural disaster.
Wednesday 28th	Pray for 3 people you know and love.
Thursday 29th	Remember the homeless in prayer. For those sofa surfing, For those who have become prisoners of addiction.
Friday 30th	Pray for the learning disabled – adults and children. For their Carers and Key Workers.