



pray 2016

Join in and
pray every
day for the
well-being of
the whole
community
that is Ledbury

St Michael and All Angels, Ledbury
Worshipping God, Following Jesus, Sharing His love

Join us in prayer week by week

We give thanks to God for all he gives us through our

Ledbury Community, so we pray for:

residents • business-folk • volunteers

visitors

travellers passing through

people who look after our daily needs

our church family activities

*All individuals affecting our everyday lives
are our focus of prayer at least once a year*

We thank God for each person.

We ask God to bless each one of us.

- As people of God we pray at many different times and in many different places – in church, in our homes, at services and meetings, on top of the Malverns, riding our bikes, walking the streets.....
- We pray about everything we do that it may be to the glory of God.
- The Annual Prayer Cycle does not replace other praying activities of the Church, solo or shared, though it may be used within them.
- Special events such as Harvest are not included in this cycle which is published once a year, as some dates and venues are decided during the year, nearer the event.
- The listed topics are only your starter for prayer – do amplify them with people and situations you know as the Holy Spirit leads you day by day.

Constructive feedback is welcome

Please supply any feedback in writing to the Group Ministry Office by Sunday October 30, 2016. It will be used to update this prayer cycle for 2017.

Thank you

Use the tables, below and throughout, to record any additional, topical prayer for your own personal use, including for loved ones and the wider world.

date	prayer subject/request	comment



Pray for	All the people of Ledbury	Our Church Family
2016 1st Quarter	Pray for residents, business folk, Volunteers, visitors, travellers on...	Pray for members of our Church Family <i><u>caring for others:</u></i>
From Sun Jan 03	Bridge Street Bye Street	Keith, our Priest in Charge (Rector designate)
10	The Leasowes, Hereford Road, Ballard Close	Tony, William and retired clergy; Group clergy
17	New Street, Harling Court, Born Court, Canal Walk,	Preparation for Marriage
24	Ross Road, Leadon Place, Elgar Close, Ellens Croft	Ledbury Mothers' Union
31	Lawnside Road, Queens Court, Market Street	Baptism Preparation Confirmation Preparation
Feb 07	Beggars Ash, West Hill, Bromyard Road	Home Bible Study Groups and Seasonal Studies
14	Leadon Bank, Orchard Rise, Robinsons Meadow, The Mews	Our Group Office, Administrator, and all church communications
21	High Street, The Homend, Homend Mews	Pastoral Visiting, Bereavement Support and Home Communion
28	Southend Mews, South Parade, The Paddock	Brewery Discussion Group Horseshoe Craft Group
Mar 06	Gloucester Road, Underdown, The Southend	Ledbury Food Bank Ring and Ride
13	Leadon Way, Leadon Road and Other outlying roads	Young Church; Church Youth Group; Drop in Centre
20	Newbury Park, Masefield Avenue, Dawes Court, Station Approach	Home Study Groups Ecumenical Lent Groups
27	Knapp Lane, Knapp Close, Knapp Ridge	Mission Group The Teaching Group
2nd Quarter	Pray for residents, business folk, Volunteers, visitors, travellers on...	Pray for the Church Family <i><u>caring for our building and its use</u></i>
Apr 03	Albert Road, Victoria Road, Lower Road, Harlequin Close	Worship, meetings, craft, music, drama, display, celebration, prayer

Personal prayer

The people in the town who make life work day by day	
Thank God for local skills and talents, & pray God blesses organisations employees & volunteers, <u>enabling our health and security:</u>	1st Q
...the local Police Service; Community Wardens; Traffic Wardens; Fire Service; Ambulance and Paramedic Services; Air Ambulance...	Jan 03
...suppliers of gates, railings, hedges; security alarms; secure doors; locks; safes...	10
...companies who maintain telephone and internet communications for business, emergency aid; mail/parcel delivery; contact with loved ones...	17
...Council and local companies involved in road maintenance including winter gritting...	24
... managers, attendants, coaches and trainers in local sports; swimming pool, private gyms, football, rugby, cricket, tennis, bowls...	31
...walking and cycling leaders; maintainers of way-marked paths and cycle lanes; local writers and publishers of route maps and travel guides...	Feb 07
...health centres, hospital, care homes, sheltered accommodation; local GPs, nurses, welfare assistants, administrative staff and receptionists...	14
...Ledbury Community Volunteers; Neighbourhood Watch Agents; volunteer litter pickers; dial-a-ride car drivers...	21
...providers enabling us to manage our money: building societies, banks, Post Office, loan agencies and debt advisers...	28
...food retailers and deliverers; bakers; butchers; fish suppliers; delis; cafes; 'take-away' suppliers; wholesale suppliers; all who meet our daily need to eat...	Mar 06
...road and rail transport companies and all involved in movement of goods, and provision of goods transport services...	13
...our passenger services, rail station maintenance; bus and taxi drivers; timetable schedulers...	20
Council road teams; commercial garages, mechanics and local people employed in transport maintenance and rescue of stranded motorists...	27
Thank God for local skills and talents, and pray God blesses people <u>enabling our well-being in our town and its surroundings.</u> Those who:	2nd Q
...manage our water supply, mend leaks, keep our supply of water fresh, clean and regular...	Apr 03

Personal prayer

2nd Quarter	Pray for residents, business folk, volunteers, visitors, travellers on...	Pray for our Church Family caring for our <u>church building and its uses</u>:
From Sun Apr 10	Little Marcle Rd, Churchill Meadow, Coachmans Court	Holy Dusters; Catering Committee and helpers; Sunday Coffee Rota helpers
17	Hillfields Drive, Upperhall, Upper Hall Close	Those who look after heating, lighting and toilet cleaning
24	Upperfields, Bank Crescent Homend Crescent	Flower Guild, Displays, Banners Exhibitions, Photographs
May 01	The Parkway, Dymock Road	Group Clergy; Review Group working on restructuring
8	Church Street, Church Road, Church Lane	Friends of Ledbury Parish Church; fabric and maintenance
15	Longacres, Margaret Road Queens Way	St Katherine's Development
22	Worcester Road, Horse Lane Orchard, Ledbury Park	Organisation for funerals, weddings and baptisms
29	Biddulph Way, Lambourne Close, Dunns Copse	Summer Season Stewards
Jun 05	Oatleys Crescent, Oatleys Terrace, Oatleys Road	PCC members, PCC Secretary and Deanery Synod Representatives
12	Woodleigh Road, Woodleigh Close	Church Wardens and sides-people
19	St Georges Close, Barnett Avenue, Barnett Close	Those who hold sales to support St Michael's local ministry
26	Childer Road, Hallwood Drive Hasnett Road	Financial management: PCC Treasurer Stewardship and Offer Scheme
3rd Quarter	Pray for residents, business folk, Volunteers, visitors, travellers on...	Pray for our Church Family involved in our <u>local and global sharing</u>
Jul 03	The Langland, Plaisters End Audley Croft	Bookstall and Church Library Concert Committee
10	The Garth, Callow End Northmead	Church Website, Welcome Visits, Welcome Pack and Sunday Welcomers

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Thank God for local skills and talents; & pray God blesses people who enable our <u>general well-being in our town and its surroundings</u>. Those who	2nd Q
...manage our waste: sewage works; local waste disposal and recycling centres; and those who litter pick our streets and verges..	Apr 10
...clean our drains and maintain drainage routes in the town to minimise the risk of flooding...	17
...work in forestry to preserve, maintain and recycle the local woodland...	24
..farm and grow food locally, run stables, manage the hunt and other rural sports; maintain the landscape around the town..	May 01
...work as town and landscape planners; maintain our built environment; and run the Civic Society to advise on local opinion and options...	08
...maintain public spaces, verges, and parkland; own businesses which sponsor flower beds and displays for all to enjoy...	15
...are employed by the Council and private businesses to provide, maintain, and clean toilets accessible to the public...	22
...meet our housing needs: landlords; auctioneers; removal companies; social services; solicitors, banks, building societies; and estate agents...	29
...maintain our homes: plumbers; electricians; decorators; storage companies; builders; cleaners; gardeners; odd jobbers; advertisers...	Jun 05
...supply and fit bathrooms, kitchens; and those who supply aids to daily comfort: DIY outlets, retailers of floor coverings, bedding, towels...	12
...supply gas, electricity, oil, solid fuel, companies specialising in renewable energy fittings; to provide warmth, cooking and hot water...	19
... retail shoes and clothing; manage charity shops; run cleaning and repair services for shoes and clothing...	26
Pray God's blessing on local organisations, their employees and volunteers, who enable our <u>social well-being</u>. In particular those who:	3rd Q
...enable learning through books at the library and through our local bookshops, writing and discussion groups...	Jul 03
...welcome incomers and visitors to the town; our Town Crier, Mayor, town councillors, tourist information providers, council help desk staff...	10

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3rd Quarter	Pray for residents, business folk, volunteers, visitors, travellers on...	Pray for our Church Family <i>caring for our building and its uses:</i>
From Sun Jul17	Traherne Close, Jubilee Close, Orchard Place, Orchard Rise	Open services in residential homes; home visiting; village church links.
24	Blenheim Drive, Furlong Court, Russet Close	Local Ministry Development Group and the Mission Action Plan
31	Bramley Close, Furlong Court, Russet Close	Town Liaison eg Civic Service; Christians Together in Ledbury
Aug 07	Katherines Walk, Hazle Close, Martins Way	Bell Ringers and Hand-bell Ringers
14	Golding Way, Northdown Close, Challenger Close	School Assemblies, Little Fishes, 'Open the Book', Drama Group
21	New Mills Way Frost Road	Support for our linked parish, St Michael and AA*, Mtwara, Tanzania
28	Auden Cose, Drinkwater Close, Gibson Road	Support for our CMS, Leprosy, Malawi & other mission partners
Sep 04	Thomas Close, Brook Road, Abercrombie Close	Financial Support for charities and international agencies
11	Bronte Drive, Browning Road, Farjeon Close	Maintenance of St Anne's for prayer: candles to light, and Prayer Station
18	Wye View, Arrow View, Lugg Fields	Ledbury Group Ministry monthly Magazine and weekly Notice Sheet
25	John Le Road, Prince Rupert Road, Massey Road	Worship Development Group
4th Quarter	Pray for residents, business folk, Volunteers, visitors, travellers on...	Pray for members of our Church Family <i>involved in worship</i>
Oct 02	Hopton Close, Skippe Close Lady Somerset Drive	Guild of Servers
09	Frome Brook Road, Poplar Close, Kingsmead	Music: organist, occasional choir, orchestra, visiting choirs...
16	Kempley Brook Drive, Loden Brook Close, Preston Brook Close	Readers of Lessons
23	Orchard Lane, Belle Orchard Belle Orchard Close	Preachers

* AA: All Angels

Pray God's blessing on local organisations, their employees and volunteers, who <u>enable our social well-being</u>. In particular those who:	Q3
...enable our communication by supply and maintenance of electronic equipment, mobile phones, landlines and the internet...	Jul 17
...run social services, provide support in bereavement, in relationship breakdowns; for victims of crime; for prisoners and their families...	24
...lead Christian Churches of all denominations; run ecumenical initiatives for young people; shared meals; Women's World Day of Prayer; Men's Breakfast...	31
...support people aiming to improve their skills in reading, writing, drama, public speaking, art, craft and design...	Aug 07
...educate us about ways to care for our planet earth; support learning through WEA, U3A, WI, Probus and other independent groups...	14
...maintain, be involved in and enjoy the Market Theatre; Poetry Festival; Carnival; Big Breakfast and all other special events in the town...	21
...promote travel and tourism to support the local economy – Travel Agents, town guides, gift shops, hotels, B&B*s, coach drivers...	28
...lead all people of faith, belief and doubt; encourage those who pursue the path of peace and seek to share the love of God with those around them...	Sep 04
...make available meeting places for communal exchange: pubs, cafes, restaurants; independent shops, supermarkets, hall, church rooms...	11
...supply and maintain computers locally – publicly accessible ones and private ones in our own homes...	18
...develop a sense of community, local pride and esteem: Local newspaper and magazine editors, reporters, staff and delivery...	25
Pray God's blessing on local organisations, their employees and volunteers, who <u>enable our emotional and spiritual well-being</u>. In particular those who:	4th Q
...support voluntary groups: specialist groups for art, poetry, charitable giving, nature, local history, Tourist Information Centre, Master's House...	Oct 02
...provide and maintain leisure facilities; Council and private playground providers, youth clubs, sports teams...	09
...carry out special figurehead roles of Mayor, Town Crier, Carnival Princess, Rector, Priests and Ministers in our community...	16
...enable self-sufficiency through support for independent living including the local Shop-Mobility; Meals on Wheels and Age UK...	23

* B&B: Bed and Breakfast

4th Quarter	Pray for residents, business folk, volunteers, visitors, travellers on...	Pray for members of our Church Family <i>involved in worship</i>:
Oct 30	Villa Way, Miller Craddock Way, Aston Close	Sunday Communions: Family Worship; Compline; Evensong...
Nov 06	Fairfields Road, Fairfields Close, Bethell Court	Monday FCP*; Friday prayer Thursday "7-12-7" Mission Prayer ...
13	Viking Way, Sunshine Close, Target Close, Teme Way	St Anne's Chapel for personal prayer and lighting prayer candles...
20	St Katherine's Almshouses, New Street, Harling Court, Born Court	Prayer Ministry: thanksgiving/ healing/ prayer requests...
27	Chestnut Close, Birch Close, Linden Garden, Pound Meadow	Family Worship with occasional baptisms on the first Sundays
Dec 04	Pound Close, Oakland Drive, Elmsdale Road	Intercession leaders...
11	Mabels Furlong, Warren Drive, Bray Avenue	St Katherine's worship– see page 12 (Friday mornings: ecumenical)
18	Yeoman Close, Progress Close, Saxon Way	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion (anyone welcome)
25	Spring Grove, Shepherds Close, Woodfield Road, Ferndown Road	Ecumenical worship / meals / youth-work / talks / study groups / Alpha Course / Prayer Patrol / ...
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* FCP: Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer

Pray God's blessing on local organisations, employees and volunteers, who <u>enable our emotional and spiritual well-being</u>. In particular those who:	4th Q
...Support our rest, recreation and play, providing parks and public places for us to use....	Oct 30
...collect for charity; arrange events; contribute time and money to support those in need, including the Ledbury Food Bank...	Nov 06
...organise weekly Country Market, Farmers' Market; Craft Fairs in Weavers Gallery, Market House, St Katherine's Hall, Heritage Centre...	13
...Provide employment for our local community, bring visitors into town through cultural exchanges; school trips and pairing in mission field...	20
...run our Town Council to maintain and enhance our local quality of life in cooperation with Herefordshire Council...	27
...enrich our lives through humour and participation in local events; bring arts and crafts into our lives, sharing skill and insights...	Dec 04
...educate children and young people: Ledbury Children's Centre, Ledbury and Eastnor Primary Schools, John Masefield High School; and settings outside town...	11
...listen to their customers and clients, and allow them to share personal information, and so befriend them (hairdressers, chiropodists, manicurists)...	18
...share the joy of Christian Revelation, support understanding of the Gospel; daily demonstrate the Gospel in action via the Holy Spirit...	25
Thank God for local skills and talents, and pray God blesses organisations, Employees and volunteers, who <u>enable our health and security</u>:	1st Q
...the local Police Service; Community Support Officers; Traffic Wardens; Fire Service; Ambulance and Paramedic Services, Air Ambulance...	Jan 01
...suppliers of gates, railings, hedges; security alarms; secure doors, locks, safes...	08
...companies who maintain telephone and internet communications for business, Emergency aid; mail; parcel delivery; contact with loved ones...	15
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Local Opportunities for sharing with others in prayer

- Light a candle in St Anne's Chapel – the flame symbolises the light of Christ in the world and reminds us that the Holy Spirit is with us always, to the end of time. Visit the chapel any time for peaceful reflection.
- Write a prayer request and pin it to the board in St Anne's Chapel. Your prayer will form part of the worship offered to God here, during the week.
- Join in Prayer : unscripted prayer in St Anne's Chapel as advertised (eg on Fridays at 9:00am for 30 minutes or so) - open and informal.
- Join in weekly led Prayer: 7:00 am / 12 noon / 7:00pm on Thursdays in St Anne's Chapel - informal so come and go to suit your own schedule if you can't manage the whole time (30 minutes to an hour). Mission focus.
- Join in from home by praying the Ledbury Prayer Cycle week by week.
- Attend special, one-off published prayer events during the year;
- Join a House Group. Spend some time in prayer for the concerns of group members, as well as enjoying friendship and exploring portions of the Bible.
- Pray with Christians from other traditions, eg Prayer Breakfast; Sandwich Lunch, Men's breakfasts; Contemplative Prayer Group; Women's World Day of Prayer; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity... as advertised during the year.
- Share in weekday worship in St Katherine's Chapel: Mothers Union Corporate Communion 10:30 am, 3rd Thurs / Every Friday 10:30 am Communion alongside the Country Market! EVERYBODY WELCOME at all of these services.
- Stay for 'Prayer Ministry' – a short Prayer and Share opportunity after Sunday morning worship, supported by an experienced prayer team... for thanksgiving...healing... requests for...help with...forgiveness...celebration... whatever you want to share taking to God in prayer...
- Form a Prayer Triplet. Meet regularly to share concerns and joys and pray.

The Bible encourages us to pray:-

- **They all joined together constantly in prayer... (Acts 1.14)**
- **"For where two or three gather in my name, I am there with them." (Matthew 18.20)**
- **Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you..." (Matthew 7.7)**

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