

# WYLYE AND TILL VALLEY BENEFICE PRAYERS MARCH 2025

*Lord may Lent be a time of inward searching  
that makes me more able to look with compassion at the needs of the world.  
Amen*

1	<b>St David's Day</b> God our Father, You called your servant David to uphold the Christian faith amongst the people of Wales, to encourage them by his observance of fasting and obedience, and to show them compassion through small acts of great love. As light is poured onto the mountain-tops and as fresh rain is sprinkled on the hills, help us to be good carers of one another and of Your great and glorious Creation. Amen
2	We pray for our local surgeries at Codford and Wilton and for all our local social care homes. We ask, loving Father, to bless their work and all whose vocation is in community health. Amen.
3	We pray for the church and village community of Berwick St James. We pray for Bill Hiscocks and James Douse Churchwardens of Berwick St James.
4	We pray for the children, teachers, staff, parents and governors of Great Wishford Primary School, Farley School and Wylve Valley School at Codford.
5	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
6	Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Amen.
7	We pray for the church and village community of Winterbourne Stoke and their Churchwarden Dee Montagu-Pollock.
8	Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
9	<b>The First Sunday of Lent</b> Almighty Father, we pray for all farmers within our Benefice; may every green shoot that rises from the dirt, and with every new animal that is born, remind us of the spiritual life that is budding and being born in our lives and we will give you the praise that's due your name. Amen
10	Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you" – please grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen.
11	God of creation, who loves all he has made and all that has evolved, open the eyes of your people, that your love might be reflected in our care for the planet. Through Jesus Christ, who walked this earth and calls us by name. Amen.
12	We pray for the church and village community of Stapleford and their Local Church Committee.
13	Lord and giver of all life, help us to value each person, created in love by you. In your mercy, guide and assist our efforts to promote the dignity and value of all human life, born and unborn. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
14	Let us pray for an end to the Waste and desecration of God's creation, for access to the fruits of creation to be shared equally among all people and for communities and nations to find sustenance In the fruits of the earth and the water God has given us. Amen.
15	We pray for the church and village community of South Newton and their Churchwarden Adrian Softley and Local Church Committee.
16	<b>The Second Sunday of Lent</b> We pray for all who maintain our village halls and community spaces across the Benefice.
17	We pray for our Benefice Lay Worship Leaders: Beth, Tim, Gill and Laurence and our Lay Pastoral Assistants Daphne, Caroline, Ro, Beth and Anna and our Lay Licensed Minister, Yvonne. Amen.
18	Dear Mother earth, who day by day unfolds rich blessing on our way, O Praise God! Alleluia! The fruits and flowers that verdant grow, Let them his praise abundant show. O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen

19	<b>Joseph of Nazareth</b> God our Father, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph the carpenter to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary: give us grace to follow him in faithful obedience to your commands; 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
20	We pray for the church and village community of Great Wishford and for the Local Church Committee.
21	Father, we remember how your Son Jesus turned towards suffering and death. When we face suffering, give us grace to accept it through the power of your Spirit and knowing that this is a path that He himself has trodden. Amen
22	We pray for the church and village community of Wylie. We pray for the church and village community of Wylie and Fisherton Delamere and their Churchwarden Roger Liddiard
23	<b>The Third Sunday of Lent</b> Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of Your love. Amen.
24	We pray for the church and village community of Stockton and their Churchwarden Claudia James
25	<b>The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
26	We pray in gratitude for all those who bring awareness of the suffering planet, acknowledge that all creation is sacred, and work to bring about a change in our attitude towards Earth, our common Home. Amen
27	O God Source of Life, Creator of Peace, help Your children, anguished and confused, to understand the futility of hatred and violence and grant them the ability to stretch across all political, religious and national boundaries so they may confront horror and fear by continuing together in the search for justice, peace and truth. Amen.
28	We pray for the church and village community of the Langfords Wylie, their Local Church Committee and Churchwardens, Beth Andrews, Bob Ogilvie and Jo Pearce.
29	Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.
30	<b>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent ~ Mothering Sunday</b> Loving God, you sent your Son to be part of a human family. Strengthen us as we share family life together, in our homes and in our church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
31	Most holy God and Father, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow; and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Holy Jesus, we want to become more like you, to love all your people.

Holy Spirit of love and peace, give us the strength to see  
all whom we encounter as children of God.

We ask this in the precious name of Jesus our Saviour.

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