

SONNING DEANERY PRAYER CYCLE

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This month our special focus is on all Parishes in the Deanery in this Third Lockdown:

In our Deanery, please pray for:

- Our Area Dean: Rev Richard Lamey
- Our Deanery Synod
- All Clergy in the Deanery:
- Our Church Wardens, PCCs and all responsible for the safe running of Churches at this time
- Those Churches who continue to worship in their Church building.
- All services live streamed, on video or Zoom and those who make it possible.
- All those who do not feel safe to attend Church and do not have the technology to join in services on-line.
- Our keeping of the season of Lent
- The Alpha Course at St Eligius, Arborfield Green, all those leading and those attending.
- All our Lent Groups and those who prepare the material to share online and those joining on zoom.
- Generosity in supporting our Parish Hardship Funds.
- Any who are sick with the virus and those who have lost loved ones to the virus.

In the wider Church please pray for:

- Our Archbishops and all responsible for policies in Church management during the pandemic.
- Our Diocese of Oxford, our Bishop Steven Croft and all staff working in the office or remotely.

In our communities, please pray for:

- All who are isolated and lonely in this third Lockdown.
- All who have lost their jobs and those whose jobs are now at risk with the huge closures of the high street stores and other businesses.
- All those furloughed from their jobs.
- Families struggling with home schooling and especially those juggling between work and home schooling.
- The young people who feel their experience of university is being stolen from them by the pandemic.
- Those young people are facing choices about their next stage of education in these uncertain times.
- Generosity to our local food banks.

PRAYER for Lockdown

Ever present God,
be with us in our isolation,
be close to us in our distancing,
be healing in our sickness,
be light in our darkness,
be wisdom in our confusion,
be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar,
that when the doors reopen,
we may with the zeal of Pentecost
inhabit our communities,
and speak of your goodness,
to an emerging world.
For Jesus' sake. Amen