

Blackbourne Team. Pray especially for the parish and church community of St Barthlomew's Ingham

**DAY 24**

Thank God for all who contribute to our Sunday worship. Pray for our musicians, those who lead our prayers and read the Scriptures.

**DAY 25**

For those exploring a calling to Christian ministry and for those in training.

**DAY 26**

Thank God for our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in The Blackbourne Team. Pray especially for the parish and church community of St Mary's Ixworth and All Saints Ixworth Thorpe.

**DAY 27**

For those engaged in pastoral care in the Team.

**DAY 28**

For our Bishop's Martin and Mike, Archdeacons David and Ian and those in leadership in the Diocese.

**DAY 29**

Thank God for our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in The Blackbourne Team. Pray especially for the parish and church community of St Mary's Troston.

**DAY 30**

Pray for those who have been bereaved .

**DAY 31**

Pray for all those in local government. Especially our Parish and County Councillors and local MP's.

*From time-to-time this Prayer Diary will be refreshed and re-issued*

## The Blackbourne Team Prayer Diary (issue 2)

This Prayer Diary sets to act as a stimulus for prayer for one another, the Church and the wider community. The entries are spread over 31 days and you are invited to use this as a basis of a daily cycle of prayer each month. You may find some of the following prayers helpful. *Phillip Garbett, Rector*

**Prayer of Approach**

Faithful one, whose word is life; come with saving power to free my praise, inspire my prayer and shape my life for the Kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A prayer before Bible reading**

O Lord, you have given us your word for a light to shine upon our path. Grant us so to meditate on that word, and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Accepting Today**

O God our Creator, your kindness has brought us the gift of a new day. Help us to leave yesterday and not to covet tomorrow, but to accept the uniqueness of today.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give thanks O God our Father, for the many blessings of this life: for health and strength and all our powers of body and mind; for our homes and loved ones and for the wonderful joy of friendship; for our work and the opportunity of service; for the beauty and bounty of the world of nature; for the kindness, generosity and sympathy shown to us by so many along life's journey. Give us thankful hearts, O God, for all your goodness, and help us by the way we live to repay some of the debt we owe; for the sake of him who came not to be served but to serve, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**A prayer for ourselves and all in the Blackbourne Team of Churches**

Eternal God, the light of the minds that know you, the joy of the hearts that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you: grant us to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may truly serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**DAY 1**

The Blackbourne Team of Churches  
Bardwell, Barnham, Euston, Fakenham Magna, Honington w Sapiston,  
Ingham w Ampton & Gt & Lt Livermere, Ixworth w Ixworth Thorpe, Troston

Thank God for our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in The Blackbourne Team. Pray especially for the parish and church community of St Peter's Ampton.

**DAY 2**

The four Church of England schools in the Team. The children, staff, governors at Bardwell, Barnham, Honington and Ixworth.

**Day 3**

The mission of the church, especially the societies and agencies supported by our churches.

**DAY 4**

Thank God for our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in The Blackbourne Team Pray especially for the parish and church community of St Peter and Paul, Bardwell.

**DAY 5**

The Churchwardens and PCCs in the Team.

**DAY 6**

All those who serve our communities. The police, emergency services and social services.

**DAY 7**

Local hospitals, staff, patients and Chaplains

**DAY 8**

Thank God for our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in The Blackbourne Team. Pray especially for the parish and church community of St Gregory's Barnham

**DAY 9**

For all children and their families linked to our churches.

**DAY 10**

For those serving as Lay Elders, Readers and Clergy.

**DAY 11**

Thank God for our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in The Blackbourne Team. Pray especially for the parish and church community of St Genevieve's, Euston

**Day 12**

For spiritual revival, that God the Holy Spirit will inspire, challenge and change us more into the likeness of Christ.

**DAY 13**

Pray for those caught up in addiction and debt, that they may know the transforming and liberating power of Jesus Christ.

**DAY 14**

Thank God for our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in The Blackbourne Team. Pray especially for the parish and church community of St Peter's Fakenham Magna.

**DAY 15**

Jesus said "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called sons and daughters of God" (Matt.5:9) Pray for peace in the world and for all those who suffer or are displaced as a result of warfare.

**DAY 16**

For the elderly and infirm, especially the lonely and those who care for them in nursing homes and sheltered accommodation.

**DAY 17**

Thank God for our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in The Blackbourne Team. Pray especially for the parish and church community of St Peter's Gt Livermere.

**Day 18**

For those being prepared for Baptism and Confirmation, that they may have a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**DAY 19**

For those who assist with the running and care of our churches and churchyards, especially those whose work is unseen.

**Day 20**

Thank God for our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in The Blackbourne Team. Pray especially for the parish and church community of All Saint Honington and St Andrew's Sapiston.

**DAY 21**

For all who work in farming and agriculture and for the Euston and Ampton Estates

**DAY 22**

For Bible Study and home groups, that they may continue to grow spiritually and numerically.

**DAY 23**

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