

Churches Together in Broadstone - Prayers for August and September 26

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Sunday 2nd August '26: As we begin to turn towards the holiday season for many, we pray for all those seeking some time away from their everyday lives. We pray for all who will be meeting up with family at this time, for their time together and for the renewal and reconnection that this will provide. We ask that you keep people safe as they travel.

Sunday 9th August '26: Lord, we pray for all those who are visiting this area at this time; we pray for them and for their time on holiday or visiting family or friends. We pray that they enjoy and respect this area and see something of you in their time amongst your beautiful creation. We ask that you keep them safe during their time here and that they return home to their families, renewed and rejuvenated.

Sunday 16th August '26: Lord, we pray for the local care homes, for all the staff, for any volunteers, and for all whose work is caring. We pray for all those whose lives have been changed by moving into a care home; we pray for them as they face significant changes, and we ask that you hold them close and bring them reassurance.

Sunday 23rd August '26: Father, we pray for all those who may not be able to enjoy time away this summer due to illness, infirmity, loss, or financial pressures. We pray that they may find peace at home and continue to feel your love in their lives. Lord, keep them close and take away anything that makes them less than themselves.

Sunday 30th August '26: Lord, we pray for all our schools locally as they come to the end of the holiday season. We pray for the teaching staff, for the teaching assistants, for school support staff and for anyone who works in education as they return to school, and we pray that their time away has brought renewal and new ideas.

Sunday 6th September '26: At the end of the first week back in school, we hold before you all the children who have moved to a new school, a new class or a new setting. We pray for them and ask that you continue to guide them and to be there for them as they settle into a new way of being. We pray for new friends, and we ask for continued friendship.

Sunday 13th September '26: Lord, we pray for all those facing uncertainty or confusion at this time. We pray for those whose employment is uncertain, whose housing is changing, especially when it is not of their choosing. We pray for any whose health is causing them worry or concern. We ask that you keep them close and reassure them, and we ask that you inspire us to reach out, even when we feel anxious.

Sunday 20th September '26: Lord, we pray for our local environment, for the heathland, the rivers, streams and lakes, for the boggy ground and for those areas where nature can thrive undisturbed. We pray for our interconnectedness with all animals and plants; help us to realise that we are creation and that you have called us to look after these relationships in all that we do.

Sunday 27th September '26: We pray for anyone facing specific financial pressures at this time; we pray that these burdens may be lifted from their shoulders and that they may find a way forward toward financial independence. We pray that they reach out to the services that are there to help them. We pray for all those who work in Citizens Advice bureaux and for any debt advisory services. Bring them strength in all that they do.