

**Churches Together in Broadstone (CTiB) ~ Praying Together**  
**AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER**  
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## **AUGUST**

### **Sun 7 Aug**

God of the unexpected hour: keep our hearts awake to the needs of those around us this week; call our denominations afresh to lay aside our own anxieties and serve others; and guide us as we carry the treasures of your grace out into the world. Amen.

### **Sun 14 Aug**

God of uncompromising love: help those in positions of leadership and public service to search for truth as they interpret the signs of the present time; kindle our hearts with your passion for justice; and bless all who will work to bring your peace to places of violence and division this week. In the name of the Prince of Peace, Amen.

### **Sun 21 Aug**

God of the sabbath: we pray for all who are crippled by the burdens they carry this week. Where there is sickness, division and strife, bring your healing; where there is shame, debt and addiction, bring your freedom; where there is death, grief and loss, bring your life. And use us this week to bring words and gestures of wholeness, hope and love to your world. Amen.

### **Sun 28 Aug**

God of the banquet: we thank you for the feast of life, the riches of your creation, the abundance of your love. We pray for all this week who fear they are not worth a seat at your table, and pray they would hear your call of welcome inviting them in; and we thank you for the fellowship we find in one another. Bless us this week, that we might bring your blessings to all around us. Amen.

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Sun 4 Sep**

Heavenly Father, As Creationtide begins, we thank you for all you have given us and for the beauty of creation. We praise you and wonder at all that surrounds us. Remind us of our childhood amazement and fascination with every moving insect and grain of sand. Thank you for giving us eyes to see the sunsets; ears to hear birdsong; noses to smell a beautiful rose; hands to hold another's hand and mouths to taste our favourite foods. Forgive us when we have wasted earth's resources and not fully appreciated the fragility of life. Help us to protect the earth with love and gentleness, respecting all living things, and to share with those less fortunate. Amen

### **Sun 11 Sep**

Creator God, we thank you for the beauty of this place, and the green spaces we enjoy. The recreation ground, the football fields, Pocket Park, the trail way, Delph Woods, the cricket pitch, our heaths and our playgrounds – help us to be good and grateful stewards of these spaces. Bless all those who care for our green spaces; and bless the work of Dorset Wildlife Trust to care for this beautiful county. Amen.

### **Sun 18 Sep**

Dear Father God, as the climate changes we pray that we may change too. Please help us to live simpler lives, enjoying the gifts you have given us: the beauty of the sunset, the stars on a clear night, the petals on a flower, butterflies, so many delights in nature. Do we need television? Do we need foreign holidays? Do we need to drive everywhere? Do we need to shower everyday? Do we need to keep buying new clothes? In Your strength we can do anything. Amen

**Sun 25 Sep**

God of earth and soil, of sky and sea, of forest, desert, ice and fire; we hold before you the broken patterns of your creation, and our place within them; and we remember your call to live in hope. Open our hearts to the cry of the earth; and guide us into sustainable ways of living, being and loving. May we be good stewards of all that we have received from those who came before; good friends to the creatures around us today; and good ancestors to those who are yet to come. In Jesus' name, Amen.