**SONNING DEANERY PRAYER CYCLE
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 **No.129 September 2023**

**This month our special focus is on the Parish Wargrave with Knowl Hill**

**Please Pray for:**

Vicar: Rev. John Cook

Associate Minister: Rev. Steve Turville

Curate: Rev. Richard Eves

Lay Minister for Funerals: Andy Ferguson

Office staff: Lucy Bowley, Ros Lane Heath

Church Wardens: Mark Puddy, Sue Witney

Treasurer: Jane Wills

PCC Secretary: Sheila Williams

**In the Parish, please Pray for:**

* The new academic year in the five Church Schools
* The Baptism tea on Saturday September 30 for those who have had children baptized in last five years.
* St Peter’s Knowl Hill building project, that the faculty will soon be approved, so that work can commence.
* The marking of Creationtide with the theme, 'Let Justice and Peace Flow', Amos 5:24, as we join in the World Day of Prayer for God’s Creation on 1st September.
* Creationtide Sermons on 24th September (Climate Sunday) and our Harvest Festival on 1st October.
* The weekly devotional and optional Bible studies, that all will impact our lives as we consider massive world challenges.

**In the Deanery, please pray for:**

* The marking of Creationtide in all our Churches.
* All of our groups for children and young people as they start back after the summer
* The four parishes in vacancy, Winnersh and Bearwood, Ruscombe, Twyford and Hurst, Finchampstead and All Saints, Wokingham. For those who are taking on extra responsibilities, for all of those helping out from the wider Deanery and for the process of appointing the new priests.
* All Saints Wokingham as its spaceforall project gets off the ground with a creative heritage exhibition, Earth Fayre and Flower Festival in September and October.
* All Green initiatives including the Walter lectures at All Saints starting in September; exploring climate justice.
* The Rev. Laura Wheatley Downs, who has joined the Deanery Standing Committee as Associate Area Dean.

**In this country, please pray for:**

* All struggling with budgeting due to the rise in the cost of living.
* The Food Banks and that those who are able contribute generously.
* All worryied about housing costs whether rent or mortgage.

**In the world, please pray for:**

* All places where there is war and conflict, especially those continuing to suffer in the ‘forgotten’ war in Yemen.
* The places where there are wildfires and all people affected especially the fire services.
* The world leaders, that they will make wise and just decisions which respect the earth and all that live in it especially those who are poorest and most vulnerable.

*“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” Amos 5:24*

*Living God, you call us to be good stewards of this earthly home, strengthen us to care for your creation; forgive us when, through our greed and indifference we abuse its beauty and damage its potential.*

*Empower us, through your Spirit to so nurture and love the world, that all creation sings to your glory.*

***Amen***

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