

A PRAYER FOR THE PARISH 2024

Almighty God, in this time of vacancy and change for our parish,
hold us in your loving care,
lead us in the way of your son Jesus Christ,
and send your Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us.

Help us to use the gifts and talents you have given to each of us for your glory,
to seek your wisdom in prayer before we make decisions,
and to encourage, care and pray for each other.

We seek your guidance in the appointment of our new Rector.

We pray for a priest who will value the traditions and
ways of worship of St Paul's, St Nicholas and Woosehill;
a priest who can hold us together as a parish
and embrace that which makes us unique.

Give wisdom and discernment to those charged with finding our new Rector,
help us all to look forward with hope
for the priest who will pray with us and for us;
a priest who will lead us by example
and inspire us with enthusiasm for witness and mission,
a priest who will teach and preach the Christian faith
and help us to serve you with joy and courage.

Make our hearts ready to welcome, support and love our new priest,
and enable us all to work together for the building of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen

A prayer to take away and use each day

**O God, our source of love and strength,
in this time of change
encourage our Parish,
guide our leaders
and bless our future,
Amen**