

# Praying together for Gloucester City



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*Lord may your Kingdom come:  
in this city, our neighbourhood,  
our street, my home, my heart.  
Amen.*

**Christian Leaders' Network Gloucester  
May 2022 and beyond...**

## How to use the Guide

We offer this guide to support, inform and widen our praying for God's purposes to be realised more fully day by day in the wide spectrum of our city life.

The guide is structured around five weeks of 'daily' selections:

For each day, the guide invites prayers for:

- ❖ a significant area of city life [you may like to focus on local examples]
- ❖ two or three named churches, and
- ❖ one or two other Christian organisations

In each week, Day 7 focuses on a global concern relevant to us all in Gloucester.

The days and weeks are undated; proceed at the pace that fits your prayer pattern.

The guide includes contributions from leaders of many churches and other organisations with a Christian ethos, about:

- 😊 one thing they're thankful for, and
- 🙏 one thing they're hoping for.

You may like to find a church's website for more context to help your prayers.

The guide ends with four maps, showing most of the churches and most of the city:

- ❖ Central and North-East: Map A on page 28
- ❖ Central and North-West: Map B on page 29
- ❖ South-East: Map C on page 30
- ❖ South-West: Map D on page 31

Each church in the guide is listed with map reference; so A14 refers to Map A, no.14.

From the maps, you might make new discoveries of other churches in your area!

### Suggestions as you pray:

- As you begin, be still for a moment, and invite God to come afresh and lead
- If what you're praying about is good and working well, celebrate with God; if it's broken, then ask God for wisdom in how to pray
- In every case, ask God to bless – there's no greater thing to pray for!
- As you end, stay still for another moment, to sense if God is calling you to be part of the answer to your prayer.

## Dear praying friends

John the Baptist's momentous cry from the wilderness, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord', is captured memorably in the Broadway musical hit "Godspell".

That penetrating message remains God's call for us all today – to share in preparing for Jesus' return, by building God's kingdom here.

And how are we to do this? By living so that all around us may be transformed by God's love and joy and peace, every day, from one degree of glory to another.

What a calling!

It's a calling grounded in prayer, that God's work will be fulfilled more and more each day, in us and others.

To help us in prayer, this guide covers some of the many areas of life that make Gloucester city so vibrant. And it identifies every church and Christian organisation by name, with their prayer requests.

We hope you enjoy using the guide and find it helpful. If you do, please commend it to your Christian friends. And if you can, do arrange for the guide to be promoted on your church website and other social media. We want as many as possible to be informed and encouraged as they pray for Gloucester.

If printed copies would help, please let me know.

You may like to begin your prayers with words from Richard of Chichester in 1253 and reflected in another Godspell song,

"Day by day, O dear Lord, three things I pray:  
to know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly,  
day by day".

God bless you, and use us all as bringers of God's blessing as we pray for our beloved city.

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## WEEK 1

### The disciples asked Jesus how to pray (Luke 11:1)

*Our Father in heaven, holy is your Name;  
Your Kingdom come; Your will be done in Gloucester as it is in heaven.  
Amen*

## DAY 1

### Local government

Local City and County Councillors; City Mayor and Sheriff, Council Leader, Chief Officer, Council staff and agents; Political parties

### A14 Lonsdale Methodist

😊 for the dedication of church members who've kept things going even when difficult; and for a grant to replace the dayworker post

🙏 that our new mission plan will enable our mission to be inspired and focussed.

### A28 St Catharine's (London Rd)

😊 Seeing people going deeper with faith

🙏 to be able to work with others to support and encourage the refugees arriving in the city

### A29 Church of God Seventh Day (at Milestones)

### Books-Plus Gloucester

😊 Opportunities to encourage and talk with people about the Gospel; a clear increase in footfall

🙏 to have greater impact as a Christian bookshop in Gloucester and beyond; that Churches would use us for supplies and resources

## DAY 2

### Business

Especially manufacturers; builders; consultants in manufacturing, technical, computing and software; Light industry; new business enterprises

<b>A30 Holy Trinity Longlevens</b>	
😊 for the Interim Minister now staying on as Priest in Charge, and for her recent wedding!	🙏 to discern the purposes of the Holy Spirit for us in ministry and worship.
<b>A33 Global Mission for Christ Ministries at St Oswald's Village</b>	
<b>"Burn" Gloucester (monthly worship)</b>	
😊 the commitment of gifted worship leaders and teams who have sensitively led us in worship	🙏 more traditions and denominations to gather in unity to lift up the name of Jesus and seek His heart for our city.
<b>DAY 3</b>	
<b>Health Care: inpatients, residents, and staff</b> Gloucestershire Royal Hospital; Wotton Lawn Hospital; Winfield Hospital; Nursing homes	
<b>A31 Kendal Road Baptist</b>	
	🙏 to be a welcoming place for people to come and encounter Christ; to see disciples being made; and to be a prayerful church
<b>B5 Barton Street Methodist</b>	
😊 sharing our Christian Witness with the Grand Centre de Restoration church using our building	🙏 for God to lead us forward faithfully to sustain our life as change happens around us.
<b>B5 Grand Centre de Restoration</b>	
😊 grateful to God for protecting us.	🙏 for everybody to know God; all Gloucester to be transformed into a Christian city!

<b>Gloucester Foodbank</b>	
😊 the continued donations of food, toiletries & funds from Churches, individuals and organisations; for our volunteers who do so much	🙏 compassion and wisdom to provide people facing hardship with the support they need; for donations to continue; and for a volunteer in our warehouse
<b>DAY 4</b>	
<b>Young children and their families</b> Children's nurseries; childminders; pre-schools; Children's Centres (Bartongate, Kingsholm, The Oaks Tuffley)	
<b>B6 Bethel Apostolic Church</b>	
😊 that God has spared my life, so that I can help others	🙏 to see peace in the world, and injustice removed.
<b>B7 Church of God of Prophecy</b>	
<b>GARAS (for Refugees &amp; asylum seekers)</b>	
	🙏 continued commitment and resilience to provide caring and compassionate response to those needing our support wherever they come from; and for the day when our services are no longer needed.
<b>DAY 5</b>	
<b>People on the margins</b> Particularly those who are addicted to alcohol, drugs, or gambling; looking for a job; living with rejection; excluded; and all who support them	
<b>B8 Kingfisher Church (Tredworth)</b>	
😊 engaging more with our local community, seeing better relationships with leaders, and becoming a more effective resource to people locally from different cultures and backgrounds.	🙏 more opportunity to share the gospel in word and deed, especially among those we are now engaging with.

<b>B9 New Apostolic Church</b>	
😊 for our children able to join us in worship again, after Covid restrictions	🙏 for our church once again to be perceived as a haven for families, offering the full range of services without restriction or fear.
<b>Move-on accommodation for the homeless</b>	
😊 a small increase in available move-on accommodation for the homeless	🙏 an improvement in multi-agency communication when allocating accommodation.
<b>DAY 6</b>	
<b>Travel</b> Residents, visitors and tourists using the Transport Hub; Train station; Car parks; Cycle routes; footpaths; and all who maintain and run them	
<b>B10 Salvation Army</b>	
😊 God given opportunities to witness and worship	🙏 God's hand to be seen in new initiatives for children's work, small groups and fellowships.
<b>B11 Seventh-Day Adventist (Cromwell St)</b>	
<b>Gloucester City Mission</b>	
😊 all God's provision, and especially that another winter has passed with the shelter providing safe, emergency accommodation for 54 individuals who would otherwise have been on the streets	🙏 that our new building in Eastgate Street will be a place of hope and transformation, through our new Education and Training Centre offering a wide range of courses; also that our other core work through outreach, Restore, Wednesday lunches and Revive café continue to be blessed.

## **Day 7 Focus**

### **Planet**

Let us thank God for the wonder of the universe and the beauty and sustenance of nature;  
and ask God to show mercy and compassion on all across the world suffering from storms, floods, heat or drought, or other natural disasters influenced by climate change;  
and ask for grace for us all to challenge global warming and preserve human life as we cherish and care for the earth



## Week 2

**“The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord” (Luke 4:18-19)**

*Lord You have called and anointed each of us to play our part in bringing the gospel of freedom and new life; keep us faithful to fulfil our anointing with joy, whatever it takes. Amen*

## DAY 1

### **Business & Retail**

Especially architects; surveyors; estate agents; landlords; accountants, solicitors; Distribution centres; Vehicle sales and servicing; City centre retail; Gloucester Market; The Quays; local shops

### **B12 St James' and All Saints with Christchurch Gloucester (B50)**

😊 connections with people and organisations in the parish

🙏 a renewal of our gathered worship as we learn together and develop our liturgy

### **B13 Cheerful Heart church ministries (Barton St)**

### **B25 Destiny Temple (Kingsholm)**

### **B27 Kingsholm Christian Community**

😊 Being able to meet in person, to eat and pray together; and opportunities to serve and share the good news.

### **Roots (Coffee House)**

😊 continued support from our customers and seeing the community coming back together after Covid; also for partnering with others to address childhood food poverty in Kingsholm.

🙏 favour as we look to develop the warehouse for a new project and for more partnership opportunities

<b>Ethical Addictions Coffee Traders</b>	
😊 The team we work with; business bouncing back; travelling again and seeing farmers and friends overseas.	🙏 New opportunities for projects that impact communities, and a move to new premises as we grow.
<b>DAY 2</b>	
<b>Museums &amp; Heritage</b> Gloucester; Waterways; Soldiers; Folk; de Crypt; House of Tailor museums; also proposed Railway Carriage & Wagon Works museum	
<b>B40 Gloucester Community Church (Stroud Rd)</b>	
<b>B42 New Testament Church of God</b>	
<b>B48 Brunswick Baptist</b>	
😊 for God calling two people to come forward for Baptism, on Easter Sunday	🙏 for our newly appointed Minister to start at around September
<b>Christians together</b>	
To share a passion for God's kingdom to break through in this city; for co-ordination and partnership with each other and others to improve the lives of those in need, and to build a stronger, kinder community where everyone can flourish	
<b>DAY 3</b>	
<b>Sports &amp; Leisure</b> Bowls, cricket, football, rugby, tennis, cycling, swimming activities; Tenpin Bowling; Karting centre; Warehouse & climbing wall; fitness centres; gyms; park runs; Keep fit groups.	
<b>B49 GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL</b>	
😊 Different opportunities to pray and work together	🙏 We can begin to put together a good strategic plan for mission and ministry across our parishes.

<b>College Green (Glos Diocese with Cathedral community)</b>	
😊 Engaging with the book of Nehemiah, asking "what are you building?", learning from Nehemiah's genuine concern, prayerful response, planning and action!	🙏 for lots of positive engagement as a church family with the local community as we focus on the Good News of the Resurrection!
<b>Gloucester City Anglican Deanery</b>	
😊 Great teamwork in a time of change	🙏 Wisdom as we begin the process of appointing new clergy
<b>Mothers' Union</b>	
😊 that now we are meeting face to face once again we have been able to enrol new members.	🙏 to move forward with this year's theme of transformation - for our branches, ourselves and our communities.
<b>DAY 4</b>	
<b>Social care</b>	
Especially Care homes; Deaf Association;	Assisted Living centres; Family Haven
<b>B50 Christchurch Gloucester (see also B12)</b>	
<b>B53 Mariners Gloucester</b>	
😊 for many big answers to our prayers, and for signs of new life as new people join in our worship..	🙏 to continue to fulfil our destiny as a Beacon of light and hope to everyone who visits the Quays .
<b>B52 Kingfisher Church (Westgate St)</b>	
😊 the number of people inviting their non Christian friends to church in a low-key, natural way	🙏 a bigger building to meet in, to welcome more people, especially more children.
<b>The Cavern (coffee shop, a safe place to meet, and to see a friendly face)</b>	
😊 for being able to remain open and continue running our services, despite covid cases rising	🙏 Covid cases to fall so we can continue to grow and develop our provision

<b>DAY 5</b>	
<b>Schools</b> Primary schools; Secondary schools; Milestones special school; independent schools	
<b>B54 Potter's House Church (at the City Museum)</b>	
<b>B55 Redeemed Christian Church of God</b>	
<b>Christians Against Poverty (CAP)</b>	
😊 the new debt coaches, and all our volunteers	🙏 clients to encounter God more
<b>DAY 6</b>	
<b>Young people</b> Uniformed organisations: Scouts & Guides, Boys Brigade & Girls' Association; Cadets; Foster families; Trevone care for young people moving onto independence; Night life: Atik, Encore, Fever, Jax, The Gate clubs	
<b>B56 Southgate Evangelical</b>	
😊 the number of new families joining our Toddlers group	🙏 that we can connect more with the 'unchurched' in the city.
<b>Street Pastors</b>	
😊 being back on the streets again	🙏 volunteers to cover more Saturday nights; more prayer supporters; wisdom for tricky situations; opportunities to bring hope to those we meet
<b>Day 7 Focus</b> <b>Peace</b> Let us thank God for the freedom from war in UK; and cry out for our neighbours across the world, for end to the devastation and cruelty, pain and suffering of all war and violence	

### WEEK 3

**“The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me... to provide for those who grieve, a garland instead of ashes; oil of gladness instead of mourning; the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit” (Isaiah 61:3)**

*Father, You always care for the downtrodden and oppressed; enable us to see with Your eyes and perceive with Your heart, and to reach out with Your compassion to bring comfort and strength and hope for those in any kind of need. Amen*

### DAY 1

#### **Community services and civic life**

Including Health Centres & GP surgeries;  
NHS community outreach teams for learning disabilities, psychiatric care, psychosis recovery, managing memory, crisis resolution  
Dentists; pharmacies;  
'own home' Care providers;  
Libraries; Charity shops; Cemeteries including churchyards;  
Citizens' Advice Bureau

#### **B57 St John's Northgate (Methodist)**

😊 sharing our Christian Witness with Vineyard church using our building

🙏 for God to lead us forward faithfully to sustain our life as change happens around us.

#### **B57 Vineyard**

😊 response to the Gloucester Asylum Seekers' clothing campaign and new opportunities to work with refugees and Asylum seekers

🙏 Provision as we look to start a youth ministry

#### **B58a St Mary's Congregational**

**B58b Gloucester Evangelical Presbyterian (at St Marys Congregational; also at Farmers' Club A32)**

<b>SaltMalawi - support (based on Gloucester) for Church in Malawi</b>	
😊 that the Lord has raised up good and faithful men to lead the church of the disciples of Jesus in Malawi in a time of extreme difficulties for the nation.	🙏 also for God's blessing on all Christian groups across the world supported by people in Gloucester]
<b>DAY 2</b>	
<b>Adult education</b> Including University (Oxstalls); Glos College; English language and literacy services; Courses & workshops run by Gloucestershire County Council	
<b>B59 St Mary de Crypt - Discover de Crypt</b>	
😊 for the growing commitment by those who share Coffee, Cake and Conversation and then join Friday's Prayers for the City	🙏 for no further lockdowns, so we can welcome visitors throughout the rest of the year.
<b>B60 St Mary de Lode</b>	
😊 for our beautiful chancel that is seeped with prayers over centuries and is an inspiring place for prayer.	🙏 to resume our dementia friendly Songs of Praise
<b>TiC+ (previously Teens in Crisis)</b>	
😊 that through the support and prayers of many, our waiting list dropped from 740 young people and children waiting for support, to 470.	🙏 for more Churches praying for our work and for the youth of our county.
<b>DAY 3</b>	
<b>Culture &amp; Arts</b> Including Choirs; Art & craft groups; Drama and theatre groups; Cinemas	

<b>B61 St Peters Roman Catholic Church</b>	
 The generous and prayerful response to the Ukraine Appeal, enabling us to be alongside the local Ukrainian Community in this terrible time in the homeland	 Peace and reconciliation in Ukraine
<b>B61b Polish Catholic Parish</b>	
<b>B69 Ukrainian Greek Church of The Good Shepherd</b>	
 being overwhelmed with donations for Ukraine; for prayers and good wishes from complete strangers calling in; it's been not only a strong Christian witness but also the very best of humanity from people of different faith or no faith at all.	 Peace: not a plaster on a festering wound, but permanent, lasting peace; for the peace of Christ, beyond all human comprehension, to fill our hearts and minds; for peace in Ukraine, for her people and for her enemies; for lasting peace in our local community and throughout the world
<b>St Peter's High School</b>	
 God's continuing care for our young people and their families; the diversity of our community; our values of Respect, Optimism, Community and Kindness	 a continued knowledge of our worth in the eyes of Father God; renewed commitment to care for our world and for the needs of our sisters and brothers; for peace in our hearts, in our communities and our world
<b>St Peter's RC Primary School</b>	
 for each other's flexibility, understanding, generosity and prayers	 for peace in Ukraine
<b>DAY 4</b>	
<b>People finding life hard</b> Especially those living with stress or trauma; anxiety or depression; those who are bereaved, and others living with grief and loss; all who support them	

<b>B71 Gloucester Quaker Meeting</b>	
😊 Technology, to have blended Worship at the Meeting House and via Zoom, enriching our Meetings	🙏 that Friends from the wider area will visit us again for Worship, always a joyful occasion.
<b>Listening Post Counselling &amp; Training</b>	
😊 Significant support from a local Church in meeting an urgent need	🙏 The Spirit's guidance as we review our Strategic Plan
<b>DAY 5</b>	
<b>Trades</b> Including painters, plumbers, carpenters, builders, Bus and coach drivers, cleaners; masons, plasterers, glaziers, electricians, roofers, gardeners	
<b>C1 Abbey Church (Abbeydale)</b>	
😊 continued fellowship in person, and on Zoom for the vulnerable.	🙏 fruit from our outreach events, including during the Jubilee
<b>C2 Christchurch Abbeydale (LEP)</b>	
😊 the growth in our children's work: new children joining our Boy's brigade and Girls Association, and really successful all age worship and all age Cafe Church	🙏 that our new vision for leadership will bear fruit, and lead to numerical, spiritual & outreach growth
<b>Gloucester &amp; District Christian Choir</b>	
😊 for holding us together over recent months	🙏 that we will be asked to give concerts to help organisations raise money and spread the gospel to as many people as we can!

<b>DAY 6</b>	
<b>Public Administration</b> Flood defences; Food safety; Planners; Road safety; Trading standards; street cleaners; refuse collectors; County Court	
<b>C3 “Call the Fire” (prev. Golden Valley) Church</b>	
<b>C4 St Lawrence Church Barnwood</b>	
😊 Growing in worship together in our new pattern of services.	🙏 Development of our work with families, children & young people.
<b>C13 St Oswald’s (Coney Hill)</b>	
<b>Unity Community (prev. World Café)</b>	
😊 we celebrate the end of World Café, after an amazing life-changing 8 years where God’s generosity exceeded our dreams and He took us on an astonishing journey. He blessed people and His name was honoured.	🙏 to see how a new team from Gloucester Vineyard Church will continue to serve vulnerable people in our city under a new name - Unity Community.
<b>Day 7 Focus</b>	
<b>Pandemic</b> Let us thank God for all who’ve worked so hard to protect so many; for research and vaccines; and cry to God for those bereaved, suffering ill-health, or lost work; and communities across the world who are still suffering or at risk	



## WEEK 4

**Jesus said, “The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree and the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches” (Luke 13:18-19)**

*Lord when we’re discouraged, forgive us, help us to see something of what You’re doing, and to focus not on failure or success but on staying faithful and trusting ourselves to you. Amen*

## DAY 1

### Festivals

History; Rhythm & Blues; Retro; Pride; Gloucester Day; Tall Ships

### C21 Coopers Edge Baptist Church

😊 for unity and love within the church

🙏 for meaningful connections with the people of the local community, so that we can share with them the Lord Jesus Christ

### C22 Hillview Evangelical

😊 for new signs of life after a tough couple of years; people returning to in-person church gatherings, new people joining, and people wanting to know more about Jesus; for good number at our Alpha Course

🙏 To see growth in those who want to serve, to share Jesus with others, and a good start for our new Family Worker

### 1Voice prayer news

😊 Networks forming across the UK and the prophetic voice of the church heard

🙏 the local body of Christ to grow closer in love for one another

DAY 2	
<p><b>Emergency services</b>            Ambulance and Paramedics            GRH Accident &amp; Emergency unit            Fire and rescue            Police</p>	
C23 Hucclecote Methodist	
<p>😊 the various new ways we've been able to come together as a community.</p>	<p>🙏 a renewed enthusiasm and vision for God's work in Hucclecote</p>
C24 St Philip's & St James' Hucclecote	
<p>😊 for our new community garden which is taking shape and is beginning to connect with people</p>	<p>🙏 to continue to recover from covid: next focus is home groups</p>
University of Gloucestershire Chaplaincy	
<p>😊 for the many students who are living and studying on campus again, and the life this brings to Oxstalls</p>	<p>🙏 that the university becomes able to provide more support to our many international students</p>
DAY 3	
<p><b>Environment</b> including:            Parks, playgrounds, open spaces;            Waterways (docks, river, canal);            City Farm; Allotments;            and all who use them.             Our care of creation;            Net-Zero-carbon schemes</p>	
C33 'Share Matson' Church Community	
<p>😊 people saying that they are knowing God fixing their brokenness, and how God is putting them back together.</p>	<p>🙏 a multiplication of what God has started here, across the area; more lives impacted by people's testimonies.</p>

<b>C34 Matson Baptist</b>	
😊 for our work reaching out to the community in various ways and the positive response	🙏 That those we are reaching come to a true and lasting faith transforming them & their families
<b>Gloucestershire Royal Hospital Chaplaincy</b>	
😊 to have many volunteers back, and to be welcoming new members to the team.	🙏 for new opportunities to develop our services now that covid is less dominant.
<b>DAY 4</b>	
<p><b>People who may feel isolated</b> including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>those living with loneliness; with no one to call a friend;</li> <li>bringing up a family alone;</li> <li>living with the loss of separation; excluded from school;</li> <li>and all who support them</li> </ul>	
<b>C35 One Church Robinswood</b>	
😊 people who have been returning through the doors after Covid. We have seen old faces and are getting to know new ones!	🙏 to see God reignite spiritual gifts within the church and to see young people re-engage beyond the youth group too.
<b>C36a St Augustine's RC (see also D16)</b>	
😊 The active participation in conversations preparing for the Catholic Synod in 2023; and enthusiasm for coming together following the pandemic	🙏 An increased reaching out to those on the peripheries and the poor and marginalised; a blessed Ecumenical Pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play
<b>C36b Syro-Malabar Keralan Indian Catholic Parish</b>	
<b>D37 St Katharine's Matson</b>	
😊 the increasing numbers visiting the 'Long Table' at St Hilda's Hall for good food and company	🙏 new opportunities to facilitate community and relationships with the many families who come for baptism, weddings and funerals

<b>Wotton Lawn Hospital Chaplaincy</b>	
😊 support from local Christian clergy and representatives of other faiths, who have visited patients and have been a great encouragement to us as a team.	🙏 to resume gathered worship and other groupwork, suspended for so long due to Covid, when most religious and spiritual support has had to be given on a 1:1 basis
<b>DAY 5</b>	
<b>Voluntary Organisations, Neighbourhood and Community groups</b>	
Civic Trust All who volunteer, freely giving of their time, skills, and resources Community & social centres; Lunch & tea clubs; Friendship groups; Ethnic and Cultural groups; Chinese Resource Centre	
<b>C41 Gloucester Elim Church</b>	
😊 God's grace and love as we return together as a church family.	🙏 Increased outreach to the local community as we fulfil the great commission.
<b>C43 St Paul and St Stephen</b>	
😊 for the commitment of the core congregation	🙏 for leaders to restart our children and youth work, and wisdom in appointing a new vicar.
<b>C66 St Leonard's (Upton)</b>	
😊 for the lovely C of E school, who've welcomed the minister with open arms, and are keen to work together, including assemblies and plans to bring children into church	🙏 to begin talks about the future of the fellowship at Upton St Leonard's.
<b>King's School Gloucester</b>	
😊 for the return to 'normality'; for all involved in assemblies and services and all the support from the Cathedral and Diocese.	🙏 for our newly appointed Chaplain at this time of transition and as he begins his work in September.

## DAY 6

### Refugees

Including those who are being forced to flee;  
For regular food, clean water, and safe accommodation,  
to find peace and joy and build new memories;  
protection for those who are vulnerable to exploitation and abuse;  
For those without hope, to find welcome, acceptance and love;  
for opportunities to find community and friendship;  
for the church to be a refuge for all who need us;  
for a safe way to return home and rebuild their lives

### D15 The Church in Tuffley (churches together)

😊 The collaborative worshipping, praying and working between the five communities which make up the Church in Tuffley; reaching out to the community, helping the poor, praying weekly as ministers, worshipping together monthly, environmental action, joint courses and pilgrimages!

🙏 more people to become engaged; and that where we can do things together we do, so as Jesus himself said “May they be one so that the world may believe!”

### D16 English Martyrs Tuffley with St Augustines Matson (C36a)

#### Diocese of Gloucester Church of England Schools

😊 the many strong relationships between our schools and parishes

🙏 awareness and inspiration in caring for God’s creation.

### Day 7 Focus

#### Global Poverty

Let us thank God for all organisations dedicated to alleviate extreme poverty and hardship;  
and cry to God for communities in the grip of poverty and starvation, destitute, or for whom life is precarious

**WEEK 5**

**“Prepare the way for the LORD’s coming! Clear the road for him!  
The valleys will be filled, and the mountains and hills will be made  
level.” (Luke 3:4-6)!”**

*Lord please come soon – and help us prepare well in Gloucester for your  
Kingdom. Amen*

**DAY 1****Faith groups**

Central Mosque & Islamic Trust; Bangladesh Assocn & Islamic Trust;  
Jewish Community; Hindi Cultural community; Masonic groups;  
Spiritualists; all other faith groups

**D17 Grange Baptist**

😊 for the many opportunities to work with the Churches in Tuffley, and the way God has blessed our outreach to the local children

🙏 that God will continue to bless the many new outreach initiatives, and for connections to be made and the gospel message shared.

**D18 St George's Tuffley**

😊 a joyful joint service for Mothering Sunday led by Bishop Rachel; and for Explore Easter shared with uniformed organisations, schools and community.

🙏 community engagement with St George’s celebrations, including a community fun day and a special service to mark the 80th anniversary of first church on site.

**D20 Grace Church Quedgeley****D44 One Church Podsmead**

😊 A strong returning congregation that has been resilient to the Covid constrictions; new people finding faith and family

🙏 New God-inspired ways of connecting, serving and building with the community of Podsmead.

**Gateway Theology School**

😊 A grant from Gloucester Diocese to develop interactive online theology courses

<b>DAY 2</b>	
<b>Hospitality</b> Hotels and accommodations; Restaurants, cafes, take-aways, food delivery services; Pubs Night clubs	
<b>D38 Trinity Baptist</b>	
<b>D39 City Church Gloucester (Seymour Rd)</b>	
😊 the many who've generously given their time, energy and resources to help transform facilities for outreach in Linden	🙏 Increased engagement with the local community, the lonely, marginalised, and hurting locally
<b>DAY 3</b>	
<b>Media</b> BBC Radio Gloucestershire; Heart Gloucestershire, Gloucester FM, Digital social media; Citizen newspaper	
<b>D45 Methodist Church, Quedgeley</b>	
😊 all the support via modern technology whilst the Church was closed.	🙏 the day when our more vulnerable members feel safe to return to the building
<b>D46 St James' Quedgeley</b>	
😊 new vicar Mark Siddall and his family, starting in May	🙏 Holiday clubs for families; and those involved in providing meals.
<b>Christian Healing Ministry</b>	
	🙏 Recovery of ministry of Stephen, 'full of faith and the Holy Spirit, grace and power and wisdom, doing great wonders and signs among the people (Acts 6:5-10); Diocesan Healing Group

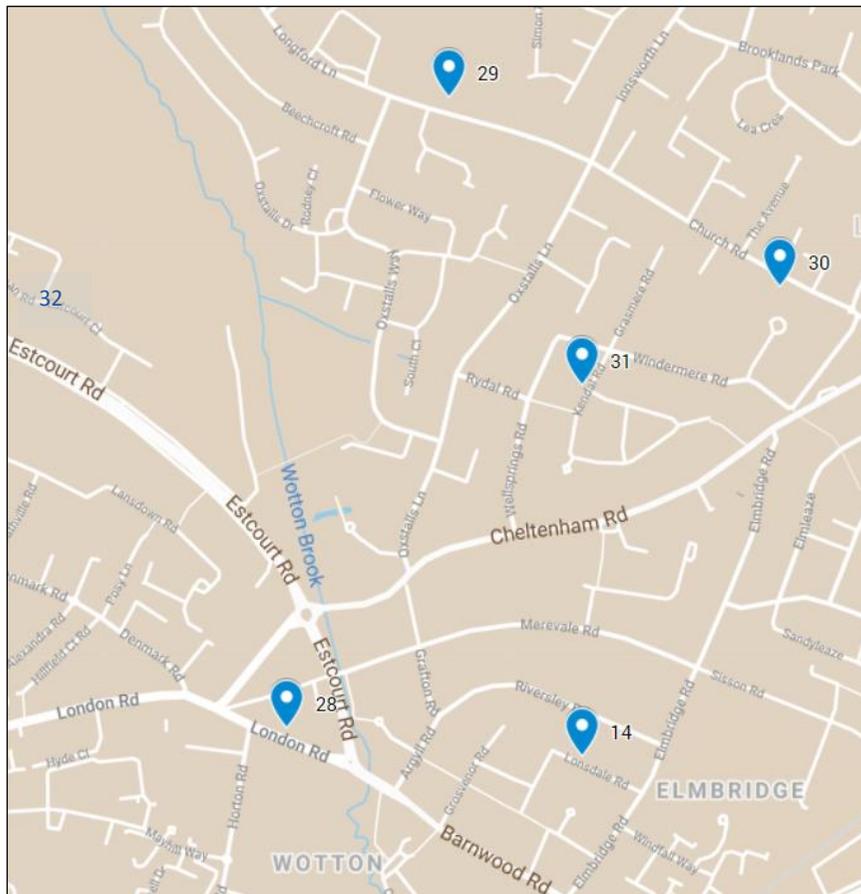
<b>DAY 4</b>	
<p><b>People in need</b> especially          people abused physically, emotionally, sexually, or at risk;          those living in debt;          those who are homeless;          people with inadequate housing, heating, food;          those for whom rising energy and other costs are making life more precarious</p>	
<b>D47 St Barnabas Tuffley</b>	
 deepening relationships with God and each other, ecumenically and in the City Deanery	 new opportunities to share the good news of Jesus in our communities
<b>D67 St Margaret's Whaddon</b>	
 overwhelming attendance and engagement with the joint parish course based on the Kings Speech.	 to engage with more families through regular Family Praise and events such as Teddy Bear Picnic.
<b>Gloucester Diocese Vision</b>	
 People exploring faith in new ways together	 God's wisdom as we take forward strategic planning for our local churches and areas
<b>DAY 5</b>	
<p><b>National Leaders</b>          Government and Parliament; justice and mercy.          City MP Richard Graham National policies;          National church and other faith leaders;</p>	
<b>St Swithun, Hempsted</b>	
 that our Messy Church has continued over the past two years and for its growth.	 to develop further our work with the children of Hempsted School
<b>Brockworth Ecumenical group</b>	
 our continuing vision of Church, united in prayer, in heart, above all, in our Saviour.	 The strength of the Spirit in continuing to pray for the wider community, joining in worship and open to the plans God has for us.

<b>DAY 6</b>	
<b>Community safety</b> Security services; Neighbourhood watch	
<b>St John the Baptist Elmore</b>	
😊 the wedding couples we meet through our connection with Elmore Court	🙏 to achieve substantial repairs on our Grade 1 listed building
<b>St Laurence Longney</b>	
😊 our Church of England school, now in new classrooms	🙏 for approval and funding to re-order the West End of the Church for community use
<b>St Nicholas Hardwicke</b>	
😊 The 'Sportily Pioneer' ministry on Hunts Grove, beginning to bear fruit	🙏 that our enhanced involvement in Hardwicke school will attract families back to Sunday worship
<b>Christian leaders</b>	
	🙏 For vision and inspiration, to sense what God is doing and join in fearlessly, adapting as needed; for encouragement and resilience to overcome trials that hinder the message and work of hope we share in the resurrection
<b>Youth for Christ Gloucestershire</b>	
😊 for 8 young people who made decisions to follow Jesus for the first time, so far this year, during residential weekends.	🙏 to expand the team to develop work in Gloucester; to see more young people being changed by Jesus.
<b>Day 7 Focus</b> <b>Proclamation</b> Let us thank God for those across the world who are courageously following God's call and eloquently proclaiming the good news of Jesus; and ask for grace to share God's kingdom life whatever the cost	

<p><b>Ending and Beginning</b></p> <p><b>Pause</b></p>	<p>What next?</p> <p>Will you continue to persevere in bringing this city and all its people in regular prayer to God, who yearns to bring the Kingdom here? Either using this guide again, or in some other way?</p> <p>Is God calling you to engage in some new way with an aspect of our city life?</p> <p>God bless you!</p>
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*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.  
(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

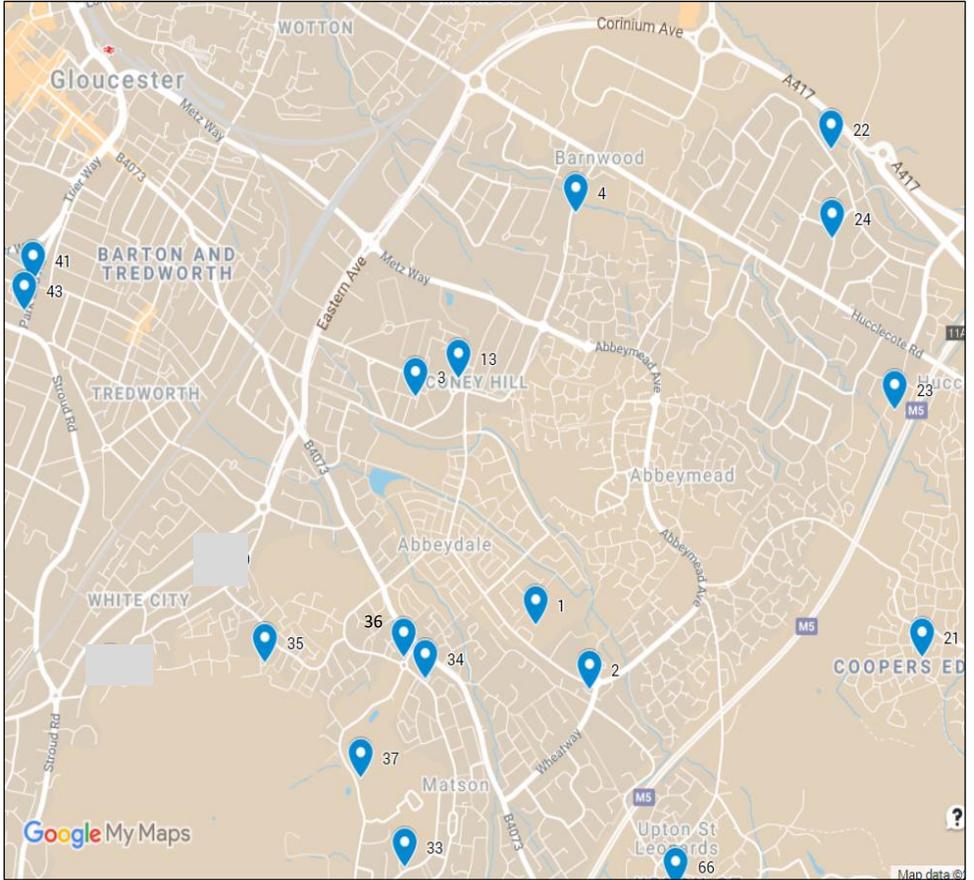
## MAP A: North East Gloucester



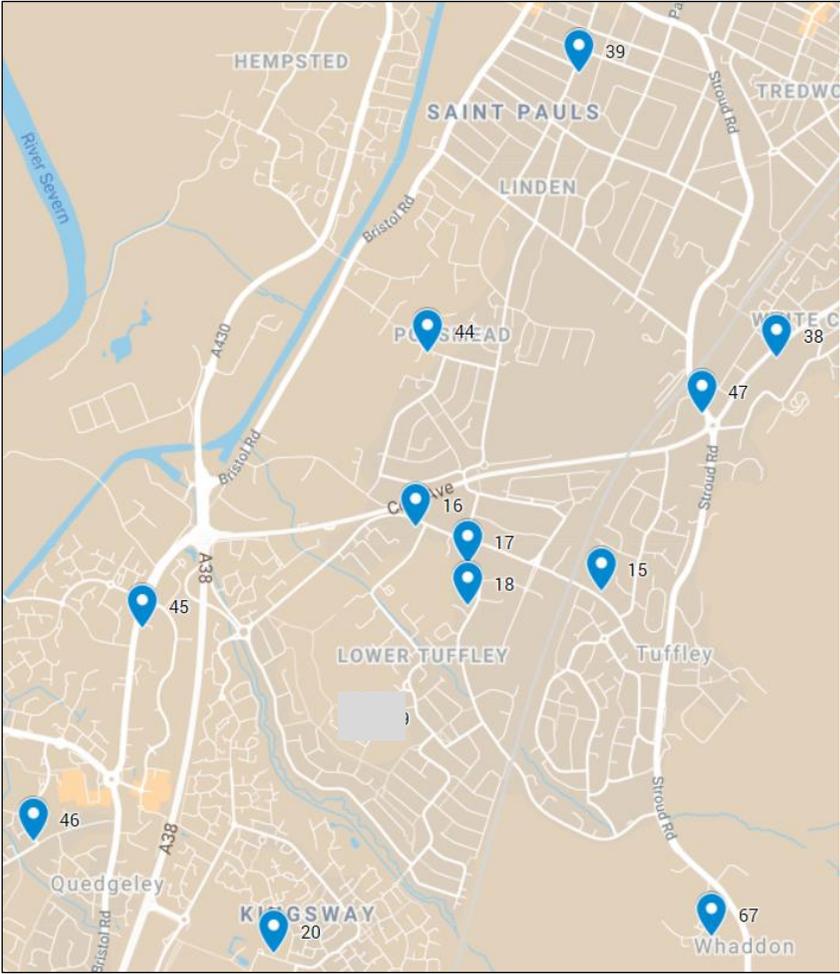
## MAP B: Central and North West Gloucester



# MAP C: South East Gloucester



# MAP D: South West Gloucester



May Christ,  
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
fill you with his new life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

