

# SONNING DEANERY PRAYER CYCLE

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**Number 53**

**May 2017**

**This month our special focus is on St Bartholomew Arborfield with St. James Barkham and Christ Church Wokingham**

**Please pray for:**

Rector: Rev Piers Bickersteth

Curate: Rev Ben Thorndike -

Minister: Rev Julian Bidgood

Minister: Mark Huddleston

Apprentice: Ben Green

Leaders: David Horrocks and Michael Byrne

Treasurers: Andy Yeo and Mark McDonnell

PCC Secretaries: Katherine Matsuya and Andrew Bateman

Administrator: Isobel Manning

Children's and Youth Worker: Matt Taylor

Churchwardens: Arborfield, James Carpenter and Patricia Fryer. Barkham, Kester Paine and Theresa Swan. Christ Church, Jon White and Martin Northend.

**In the Benefice:**

- Give thanks for growth at **Arborfield** in light of the departure of 30 adults and children to be part of the launch team for Church at the Green (CTG) and for new people stepping up to serve. Give thanks for the first 2 months of CTG, for many answered prayers, for a servant hearted team, and for those who have been drawn to the evangelistic events. Please pray that we will have increasing love for those who do not know Jesus Christ across our churches
- At **Barkham** give thanks for the 26 people (including children) who went to help start Church at the Green and for all those at Barkham who have stepped up to fill gaps on various rotas. Pray that as we miss those who have gone, new relationships would develop and that we would all be learning to depend on the Lord in new ways. Please pray for wisdom in running our youth work as a large number of children in the church family move from primary to secondary age-group. Pray that the whole church family would be involved in praying for and encouraging our young people to grow as disciples.
- At **Christ Church** thank God for the start of a new Christianity Explored course and a number of new contacts made within the town. Please pray that Christ Church situation within Wokingham will be regularised soon and that all churches in Wokingham can support each other in their individual contributions towards God's mission within the town. Please pray for ongoing attempts to replace our children's and youth worker for September.

**In the Deanery please pray for:**

- The ongoing conversations around the shape of ministry in central **Wokingham**.
- The appointment of a new Headteacher at All Saints VA Aided Primary School Wokingham.
- For the ecumenical prayer walks taking place in **Sandhurst, Owlsmoor and College Town** on the 25th and 27th May as part of "Thy Kingdom Come"
- Rev Julian McAllen appointed to **Finchampstead and California** in May and for his welcome service on the 7th of May.
- The Clergy, staff and congregation at **Ruscombe and Twyford** during the vacancy.

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