

# SONNING DEANERY PRAYER CYCLE

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**Number 67**

**July 2018**

**This month our special focus is the Sonning Deanery Synod**

**Please pray for:**

**Area Dean:** Revd Canon Julie Ramsbottom

**Assistant Area Dean:** Revd Richard Lamey

**Lay Chair:** John Smith

**Secretary:** Bridget Crossley

**Treasurer:** Vacant

**Quinquennial Inspection Secretary:** Michael Byrne

**Ecumenical Representative:** David Hare

Members of the **Standing Committee:** Revd Canon Julie Ramsbottom, John Smith Revd Richard Lamey, Bridget Crossley, Gillian Gyenes, Pauline Humphreys, Judith Scott, Revd Catherine Vaughan, Sharon White.

**Representatives on Diocesan Synod:** Revd Piers Bickersteth, Gillian Gyenes, Revd Hannah Higginson, Martin Hughes, Geraldine Lea, Revd Canon Andrew Marsden, Judith Scott, John Smith.

**In the Synod please pray for:**

- Ways in which the Deanery can assist parishes to engage with Bishop Steven's initiative to encourage us to become a more Christlike Church: Contemplative, Courageous and Compassionate - building the Kingdom together.
- Better working together, through deepening relationships, sharing good practice and tackling areas of difference honestly.
- The work with new communities
- Encouragement of lay discipleship through training,
- Support for local church leaders to strengthen parishes with limited resources and engage with relevant Diocesan initiatives to assist this process.
- The mission and outreach in each parish to build up the life of the Deanery, Synod and Chapter.

**In the Deanery please pray for:**

- Revd Richard Lamey on sabbatical and the rest of the team at St Paul's Parish as they cover the services and pastoral needs.
- Revd James Warren as he starts his ministry as Priest in Charge at St Catherine's Bearwood and St Mary's Winnersh
- Revd Hannah Higginson coming off maternity leave in the autumn and starting at All Saints
- Revd Steve Turville and Revd Hugh Barne being ordained priest on 23 June to serve at Wargrave with Knowl Hill
- Gemma Wilkinson being ordained at Petertide and starting her curacy at St James Finchampstead
- Revd Julian McAllen and his wife as they become parents for the first time
- Our outreach into the new housing estates being built in our area.

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