



Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy (DRC) Prayer Update August 2024 by Alison Fletcher, Agricultural Chaplain



“
My times are in your hands
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Psalm 31:15

How do we use our time?

This prayer update will land at the start of August which traditionally in many walks of life is seen as a holiday month. Schools, social groups and even churches are either closed or have a reduced activity schedule.

Working alongside the farming community we know there is no such thing as a designated “holiday” time and even in August there are a multitude of farming tasks to be done in the fields and with livestock, not forgetting our dairy farmers who only ever get a few hours between morning and evening milking, and even then it’s not “time off”.

But one thing is for certain - we all have the same 24 hours a day, whatever our vocation or lifestyle. We may not rely on the church clock as our time keeper as our ancestors did, but whether you’re the owner of an Apple iWatch, or a precious long-serving wrist watch, or use the clock on your mobile phone as I do, most of us are conscious of time passing hour by hour, day by day.

This got me thinking so how do we use our time?

I found a few helpful quotes related to time so here are two of them for your own reflections and prayers:

Live each day as if it is special, because it is.

**Experience what is; the sad and the happy.
Do not dwell on the past or worry about the future. The past is gone and the future is in the hands of God.**

Take what God gives you today, live and give thanks.







**Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.**

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Please join us in giving thanks for:

-  The week-long spell of dry weather in late June after weeks of unsettled weather, providing the opportunity for farmers to bring in silage, hay and do some shearing.
-  The successful farm walk on June 20th organised by the DRC, Bagshaws and High Peak Livestock Society - good weather, good numbers, good food and lots of chat whilst visiting the farms - thanks to the Walker and Harrop families for hosting us. We shared just over £575 of donations with Derbyshire Air Ambulance.
-  The numerous ongoing opportunities for the chaplains to support farming families who are sadly experiencing bereavement, health issues or other difficult situations.
-  Ongoing financial support from various sources, including an unexpected but gratefully received share of proceeds from a recent village church flower festival.

Please join us in praying for:

-  All the various agricultural shows this summer and especially for the team as we host a hospitality tent at Ashbourne Show, Hope Show, Turnditch & Windley Village Show, West Hallam Ploughing Match and Brailsford Ploughing Match.
-  For farming families experiencing bereavement and health issues.
-  For Revd Alan Griggs, our lead chaplain, as he conducts numerous weddings for farming couples over the summer months.
-  Strength and energy for many in the farming community who won't get a break away from the farm this summer.

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