

Our Father in heaven,

As we remember St Swithin's Day, we want to take this opportunity to celebrate and to say "thank you" for the life of your church here in Walcot.

We thank you that St Swithin's has been placed here to be a light within this parish, and that over the years many people have been able to gather together here for worship. We thank you for your faithfulness, and for all that you have already done in this church, and we also thank you for the work that you are continuing to do now, as you continue to do your work through us.

We pray that we might be faithful, as we seek to build a thriving church in Walcot for the display of your splendour. So would you help us to shine for you in this parish and wherever we go. Would you fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we can be effective witnesses for you as we take part in your Kingdom works. Help us to make much of who you are, and help us to grow and mature so that people will be able to see more of Christ in us. We thank you that it is now our time, and that we have the privilege of playing a part in your story. So would you bless each and every single member of St Swithin's, from the young to the old, and bless our parish.

We pray these things in Jesus' name, amen.