

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, WHITE RIVER

A Prayer for Sunday, 6 September 2026

Lord,

Spring has arrived on the calendar, and the Lowveld is doing what it always does at this time of year, which is look tired and dusty and give very little away. The jacarandas will come. The rains will come. We are not always good at waiting for either. Teach us patience in the meantime, and gratitude for the first green we have started to notice on the trees.

We thank You for the land we live on, for water and soil and the people who work them. As this season of creation begins, forgive us for treating what You have made as though it were ours to use up. Make us careful with it. We pray for farmers watching the sky, for those whose livelihoods depend on rain arriving on time, and for everyone who will be at risk if fire moves through dry veld before it does.

We bring You those who are unwell, and those whose illness is not visible and therefore not always believed. Those waiting for results. Those who have had their results and are

learning to live inside them. Be near the lonely, and near the ones who have grown so used to being lonely that they no longer mention it. Where You intend one of us to be part of the answer, say so plainly enough that we cannot pretend we missed it.

We pray for those under financial pressure, in this parish and beyond it, and we pray for the finances of this church. You know exactly what we owe and exactly what we have. Give us honesty about both, generosity where we are able, and the humility to ask for help when we are not.

We pray for Mark our Rector. Give him wisdom for what is genuinely urgent, rest where the week allows it, and the deep assurance that he is held by You.

Now send us out into this new season steadily. Not pretending things are easier than they are, but trusting that You are good, that You are present, and that nothing this week can carry us beyond Your reach.

In the name of Jesus, we pray.

Amen.