

St. Michael and All Angels, Colehill
MONTHLY PRAYER DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday 1st - Saturday 7th

- Sun.1st** **Creationtide is the period in the church calendar from 1st September to 4th October, and this will be reflected in our Sunday worship during September.**
Father, we give thanks for the beautiful world you have created. Stir us to act as individuals, and as your church, to be good stewards of all your hands have made. We pray particularly for people whose lives are most impacted by climate change, move our hearts to love our global neighbours through prayer and action.
- Mon.2nd** We pray for all our local schools as they return this week after the summer holiday. Grant their teachers wisdom, patience, vision and energy. We remember children who will be moving into new classes or facing the challenge of moving to a new school.
- Tue.3rd** Lord God, we pray for the life of our church and all who contribute to our common life together. We give thanks for Suzanne our Vicar, Martin our Assistant Priest and our Ministry Team, Hilary G, Graham, John and Jenny, and for the varied and imaginative liturgy we enjoy in our worship each Sunday.
- Wed.4th** Father, we give thanks for our Lay Pastoral Assistants, Barbara, Liz and Richard in their ministry of care.
- Thu.5th** On this **International Day of Charity**, we give thanks for charities across Dorset who support the vulnerable and champion good causes. We pray particularly for Christian charities reaching out to those in need and sharing the love of Christ with them, we pray for provision and perseverance.
- Fri.6th** Offer prayer for those who are preparing to lead us in worship on Sunday – Suzanne celebrating and giving a talk with Darren Ayling, Headteacher at the Middle School, Steve reading and Liz offering the intercessions on behalf of us all. Lord Jesus, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.
- Sat.7th** Pray for a cause dear to your heart not mentioned elsewhere.

Sunday 8th - Saturday 14th

- Sun.8th** On **Education Sunday**, we give thanks for our network of CofE schools and academies within our Diocese of Salisbury, as well as the children and families, and youth workers in our churches engaging with schools to share the good news of Jesus. **We pray especially for our Church School, St. Michael's Middle, for Darren Ayling, its Headteacher, children, staff and Academy Committee.**

- Mon.9th** On this **Emergency Services Day**, we give thanks for those who work in the emergency services, for their hard work and dedication. We ask for provision for services that are severely lacking resources at the moment.
- Tue.10th** On this **World Suicide Prevention Day**, we pray for all those who feel hopeless, that they would have the strength to seek help, make us vigilant to notice those who need support. We give thanks for services which help those who have suicidal thoughts. Most of all we pray that all people would know they are deeply loved by you, and that there is everlasting hope found in Jesus Christ.
- Wed.11th** Lord God, we uphold before you all those who are sick and infirm, the sad, lonely and those who are housebound, especially those who are mentioned on our Weekly Prayer List. May they experience your presence, and so find strength and grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Thu.12th** Offer prayer for those who are preparing to lead us in worship on Sunday – Suzanne celebrating and preaching, Lynn reading and Alan offering the intercessions on behalf of us all. Lord Jesus, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.
- Fri.13th** Colehill First School – Executive Headteacher Sharon Staddon, children, staff, Academy committee & trustees.
- Sat.14th** On Holy Cross Day, may we reflect on the crucifixion of Jesus, open our eyes to see afresh the display of love and sacrifice on the cross. May we live each day in light of the suffering you endured to redeem the world. Give us the strength to pick up our own cross and follow you, thank you for your boundless grace.

Sunday 15th - Saturday 21st

- Sun.15th** On this **3rd Sunday of Creationtide** we pray for the world we live in: that God may open our eyes to recognise the goodness of all creation and help us to do what we can to restore and care for the wonderful gift that we have been given.
- Mon.16th** Loving Father, we uphold before you all our local Medical Practices. Bless doctors, nurses, receptionists and other ancillary staff as they continue your healing work on earth.
- Tue.17th** God of healing and compassion, we thank you for the National Health Service, and for the dedication of all who work in it. Give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who care for the sick, and your wisdom to those engaged in medical research.
- Wed.18th** Offer prayer for those who are preparing to lead us in worship on Sunday – Suzanne celebrating, Hilary preaching, Margaret G. reading and Jenny offering the intercessions on behalf of us all. Lord Jesus, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.

Thu.19th On this **Youth Mental Health Day** we pray for young people in our communities, that amidst the pressures and confusion of life, they would know they are known and loved by a God who a present help in times of trouble. May they know you and experience your peace. Help us to support, encourage and pray for them.

Fri.20th Queen Elizabeth's School – Headteacher, Tom Neill, students, staff, Academy Committee and trustees.

Sat.21st On the **Feast Day of Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**, we give thanks for his Gospel, which testifies that Jesus is the promised Messiah, the fulfilment of all of God's promises. May you teach us and remind us of these truths as we read the Gospel of Matthew.

Sunday 22nd - Monday 30th

Sun.22nd On this **4th Sunday of Creationtide**, we call to mind, Holy Spirit, that you hovered over the deep at the dawn of creation. You fashioned time and space itself. You breathed life into all beings and you continue to dwell and work in all creation to sustain that life. Be with us now at this critical moment of our history for our planet. Give us the courage to denounce all that disfigures your creation and to commit fully to caring for our earthly home and for all the created beings we share it with.

Mon.23rd Remember the **Diocese of Yambio in South Sudan** and for its Bishop, Samuel Peni, and for those in our link deanery Karika. Twelve years on from independence, South Sudan faces a growing humanitarian crisis with the country's civil war and conflict in neighbouring Sudan. Lord, bring lasting peace in this troubled area and your Spirit's guidance on those who can influence peace. Thank you for the witness of Christians in South Sudan who, in spite of the troubles, show such joy, love and passion and huge faith in you.

Tue.24th Pray for someone or something that may be on your mind at this present time.

Wed.25th Offer prayer for our Lay Worship Leaders, Hilary G, Graham, John and Jenny who are preparing to lead us in Café Church on Sunday. Lord Jesus, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.

Thu.26th On this **anniversary of the death of Wilson Carlile, founder of Church Army**, we give thanks for his life and ministry. We pray for Church Army Evangelists across the UK. Holy Spirit give them boldness as they serve your church share the Good News with others

Fri.27th Hayeswood First School – Executive Headteacher Sharon Staddon, children, staff, Academy Committee and trustees.

- Sat.28th** Pray for our Churchwardens Hilary M and Graham and give thanks for all the work they do behind the scenes.
- Sun.29th** Today on this our **Patronal Festival**, we celebrate the **Feast Day of Michael and All Angels**. May our eyes and ears and hearts, and the eyes and ears and hearts of the Church be open to receive angels who surprise us, who come unannounced, who come unexpectedly. Thank you for all angels who travel with us and guide us, who protect us from danger and help us find our way when we are lost.
- Mon.30th** On this **International Translation Day**, we give thanks for your word and for all those translating the Bible into new languages for those who have not yet read it. We pray for them, that your word may become a lamp to their feet, which leads them to the figure at the centre of all scripture, Jesus Christ.