

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

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Tue.1st** Lord Jesus, during **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, we pray for all those living with breast cancer, their families and friends, and for all those who have lost loved ones to breast cancer. We give thanks for organisations working to prevent and treat breast cancer. We pray those who are currently fighting this disease would know you are near.
- Wed.2nd** On this **International Day of Non-Violence**, we remember that Jesus taught us to turn the other cheek. We long for a world where people in power do not use violence to achieve change but strive to keep peace. “Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.” (Matthew 5:9)
- Thur.3rd** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead worship on Sunday**, which is Harvest Festival. Bishop Karen is presiding and preaching, Richard is reading and Martin is offering intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray too for Jo, our Choir Leader, our choir and our organist Kerry. Holy Spirit, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.
- Fri.4th** On the Feast Day of **St Francis of Assisi**, we pray his words: *‘I beg you, Lord, let the fiery, gentle power of your love take possession of my soul, and snatch it away from everything under heaven, that I may die for love of your love as you saw fit to die for love of mine.’*
- Sat.5th** **God of all peace**, speak your peace to our restless souls, bring your peace to our troubled lives and, establish your peace in our broken world. We bring before you especially the situation in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine and South Sudan.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Sun.6th** We pray for the work of our **Diocese of Salisbury**, remembering especially our Bishops Stephen, Karen and Andrew. Lord, bless them in their ministry. Guide them in their teaching and in the decisions they have to make. Come Holy Spirit, grant unto them energy and vision in the responsibilities they undertake.
- Mon.7th** On **World Habitat Day**, which focuses on the right of all people to adequate shelter, we pray for those who do not have sufficient space or safe homes, and those who have no homes at all. May our societies and structures become more just, stir us to act in generosity and love towards those who have little.
- Tue.8th** 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.

**Wed.9<sup>th</sup>** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding and preaching, Barbie is reading and Garth is offering intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray too for Jo, our Choir Leader, our choir and our organist Kerry. Holy Spirit, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.

**Thu.10<sup>th</sup>** On **World Mental Health Day**, we pray for all those struggling with their mental health, help us to support, encourage and pray for one another when we become overwhelmed. Lord, thank you that you call all people to come to you and receive your peace, and that you are 'a very present help in times of trouble.' (Psalm 46:1)

**Fri.11<sup>th</sup>** We pray for **Cherubs**, our mums and carers toddlers' group and for all who contribute to its management and activity.

**Sat.12<sup>th</sup>** Pray for someone or something that may be on your mind at this present time.

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Sun.13<sup>th</sup>** On **Sight Loss Sunday**, we give thanks for organisations and charities which support those with sight loss, particularly Torch Trust. We pray for all those who have suffered or are suffering from sight loss, and give thanks that - as this year's theme reminds us - 'we walk by faith, not by sight'. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

**Mon.14<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Tue.15<sup>th</sup>** Father, we give thanks for our **Lay Pastoral Assistants**, Barbara, Liz and Richard in their ministry of care.

**Wed.16<sup>th</sup>** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding and preaching, Bridgette is reading and Eileen is offering intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray too for Jo, our Choir Leader, our choir and our organist Leonie. Holy Spirit, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.

**Thu.17<sup>th</sup>** On the **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**, we give thanks for charities supporting the most vulnerable communities in the world and working to break cycles of poverty. May we share God's heart for justice and for those in need, and be generous and faithful with our time, money and prayers.

**Fri.18<sup>th</sup>** On the **Feast Day of St Luke the Evangelist**, we give thanks for his writings and pray that through reading the books of Luke and Acts, we would become more certain of who Jesus is, what he came to accomplish, and what it means to follow him.

**Sat.19th** Lord, we ask for your blessing on our **Church School, St. Michael's Middle**, for Darren Ayling, its Headteacher, children, staff and Academy Committee.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Sun.20th** 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.

**Mon.21st** During **National Adoption Week**, we pray for all children who do not have parents, and we give thanks for those who adopt children. We pray you would stir those who are able to consider welcoming a child into their families, just as you have adopted us as sons and daughters into your family through Jesus Christ.  
(Ephesians 1:5)

**Tue.22nd** Lord, we pray for our **PCC** and ask that each member may exercise their responsibilities wisely and prayerfully so that decisions they make may be in accordance with your will for the extension of Christ's kingdom in our parish.

**Wed.23rd** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Martin is presiding and preaching, Graham is reading and Mac is offering intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray to for Jo, our Choir Leader, our choir and our organist Jenny. Holy Spirit, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.

**Thu.24th** Give thanks for **Alan and his team** who skillfully manage our church's financial affairs with vision, care and insight, resulting in financial stability and success, which allows us to focus on our mission and ministry.

**Fri.25th** Father, we give you thanks for our families and pray that we all may grow together in awareness of your love for us. We thank you for the work of the **Mothers' Union** and for its promotion and support for family life world-wide. We uphold before you our branch of the **Mothers' Union in Colehill** and give you thanks for the love, friendship and fellowship its members share with one another.

**Sat.26th** A course dear to your heart not mentioned elsewhere.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Sun.27th** On this **Bible Sunday**, we thank you Lord for the Scriptures. As we reflect on the Bible, make us open to your wisdom, receptive to your will and courageous in our response. We give thanks also for linguists, translators and publishers who continue to serve the cause of your Gospel by making the Bible available to more and more people.

- Mon.28th** On the **Feast day of Simon and Jude the Apostles**, whom you chose as your disciples, we remember their faith, their willingness to follow, and their courageous witness of your truth. We pray that you would give us boldness in our own witness, and help us Lord Jesus to trust in you.
- Tue.29th** On the **International Day of Care and Support**, we pray for carers and support workers and those in similar roles. May God protect and sustain them as they work hard - often unseen - to care for, rehabilitate, and serve those in need.
- Wed.30th** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding, Jenny is giving the talk, Eric is reading and John is offering intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray to for Jo, our Choir Leader, our choir and our organist. Holy Spirit, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.
- Fri.31<sup>st</sup>** As we remember today, **Martin Luther, the Reformer**, we pray his words: *'I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.'*