

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

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Fri.1st**    **During Black History Month**, we give thanks for the diversity of the church, and lament times when Christianity has been misused to divide and oppress. Remind us that all people are made in the image of God, and help us to grow together in love and unity.
- Sat.2nd**    **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding and preaching, 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.
- Sun.3rd**    **On All Saints Day** we give thanks for the faith of the saints who now dwell with you, help us to follow their example and serve you with our lives. We pray for all the saints on earth – your church – may we delight in them: ‘As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones in whom is all my delight.’ (Psalm 16:3)
- Mon.4th**    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.
- Tue.5th**    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.6th**    **On National Stress Awareness Day**, we pray for all those feeling overwhelmed by stress, may they experience your supernatural peace and remember Jesus’ invitation to “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)
- Thur.7th**    **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding and preaching and Meg is reading. Pray to 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.8th**    **On the feast day of the Saints and Martyrs of England**, we remember those who have gone before us and particularly those who gave their lives for the gospel. May we share their faith as we follow you Jesus, counting the cost of being your disciples.

**Sat.9<sup>th</sup>** **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 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Sun.10<sup>th</sup>** **On Remembrance Sunday**, as communities come together to remember all those who have lost their lives as a result of war, we pray that your church would be a light to those who gather, reflecting your love, and pointing them to you and your way of peace.

**Mon.11<sup>th</sup>** **On Remembrance Day**, we pray: Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Tue.12<sup>th</sup>** **During Anti-Bullying Week** we pray for young people, for those who have been hurt as well as those who have hurt others, may you bring healing, Lord. Please teach us all to love, honour, and forgive one another, doing to others what we would have them do to us.

**Wed.13<sup>th</sup>** **On World Kindness Day**, we remember the immeasurable grace and kindness God has shown us in all he has done for us. Help us to be kind to another: 'as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with kindness...'  
(Colossians 3:12)

**Thu.14<sup>th</sup>** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding and preaching, Robert is reading and Sandra is offering intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray to 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.

**Fri.15<sup>th</sup>** **Colehill First School and Hayeswood First School** – Executive Headteacher Sharon Staddon, children, staff, Academy committee & trustees.

**Sat.16<sup>th</sup>** Pray for a cause dear to your heart not mentioned elsewhere.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sun.17<sup>th</sup>** **On Safeguarding Sunday** we remember all victims of abuse and pray for healing. We give thanks for our parish safeguarding advisors, our diocesan safeguarding team and all who work to make our churches safe places. Help us to play our part, to have the bravery to speak up and look out for all those who are vulnerable.

**Mon.18th** **The Cop 29 Conference is now taking place in Baku, Azerbaijan.** We pray for our world leaders, that you would give them ears to listen to those most affected by climate change, and wisdom on how to take action. We pray you would deepen our gratitude for all your hands have made, and move our hearts to care more deeply for your creation and for each other

**Tue.19th** 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.20th** **On World Children's Day,** we pray for children in our families and communities, and we give thanks for the wonder of child-like faith. We pray all children would know they are loved by their Father in heaven, and we give thanks for Children's workers in churches across the Salisbury Diocese.

**Thu.21st** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding and preaching, Richard is reading and John is offering intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray to for Jo, our Choir Leader, our choir and our organist Kerrie. Holy Spirit, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.

**Fri.22nd** We pray for **Cherubs**, our mums and carers toddlers' group and for all who contribute to its management and activity.

**Sat.23rd** **On the International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day,** we pray for all those who have lost loved ones to suicide. In times of pain and confusion, may they know you are near to the broken hearted, and that you yourself are acquainted with grief. Help us to listen well, and to weep with those who weep.

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Sun.24th** **Stir-up Sunday** is traditionally the day when Christmas puddings are made – as we approach the festive season, we pray for all those who are struggling to feed their families. We give thanks for churches running foodbanks, lunch clubs, warm spaces and other vital outreach. Help us to be generous with what we have been given, just as you are generous to us.

**Mon.25th** **On this International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women,** we give thanks for organisations fighting prejudice, discrimination and violence against women. We pray for past and present victims of abuse, please help them, Lord.

**Tue.26th** Father, we give thanks for our **Lay Pastoral Assistants**, Barbara, Liz and Richard in their ministry of care.

- Wed.27th** Lord, we ask for your blessing on our **Church School, St. Michael's Middle**, for Darren Ayling, its Headteacher, children, staff and Academy Committee
- Thu.28th** As we come to the end of 'Movember', we pray for **men struggling with their mental health**. May the church foster communities of vulnerability and honesty, where people are built up and loved. May the peace of Christ comfort those who are anxious, angry, lonely or afraid, help them know you are near.
- Fri.29th** **On the Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church**, we remember that you call us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. We pray for all those carrying your good news to people across the world as well as here in the UK, Holy Spirit give us boldness
- Sat.30th** **On the Feast Day of Andrew the Apostle**, one of the first called by Jesus, we remember how he left everything behind to follow you. Lord, help us to have that same devotion, and teach us to be 'fishers of people' like your disciple Andrew.