

**St. Michael and All Angels, Colehill**  
**MONTHLY PRAYER DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2025**

**Saturday 1st – Saturday 8th**

**During Children’s Mental Health Week, we pray for all children who feel anxious, alone or lost, particularly those in our families and communities. May they know the love of Christ, and may it conquer any loneliness, fear or anxiety. Help us to share your love with them and offer support where we can**

- Sat.1st** Lord God, we pray for the **life of our church and all who contribute to our common life together.** We give special 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.
- Sun.2nd** On the **Feast of Candlemas**, when we remember the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, we recall the prophecies spoken about him – that he would be “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” (Luke 2:32) We give thanks to God for the gift of his Son Jesus, who is our salvation.
- Mon.3rd** Caring Father, we give thanks for **Wimborne Food Bank** and especially for its volunteers who give so much of their time. We pray for parents who struggle to feed their families.
- Tue.4th** On **World Cancer Day**, we give thanks for organisations researching new ways to prevent and treat cancer. We pray for all those living with cancer, their friends and families, and for all those who have lost loved ones to cancer. When all seems hopeless, may they find hope in you, Jesus.
- Wed.5th** During **Sexual Abuse Awareness Week**, we pray for all those who have suffered sexual abuse. We pray for healing for justice for victims and survivors, may their voices be heard and may they know your peace.
- Thu.6th** On **Time to Talk Day**, we pray for those who struggle to talk about their mental health. Help us to share and listen well, love and encourage one another, and build one another up. Lord, we pray that when we struggle with our mental health, you would fill us with your peace.

**Fri.7th** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding and preaching, Meg is reading and Sandra is leading the Intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray too 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.

**Sat.8th** **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 the situation in Gaza, praying that the cease-fire may hold, Lebanon, Ukraine Sudan and South Sudan and other areas of conflict in the world.

### **Sunday 9th – Saturday 15th**

**During National Marriage Week, we give thanks for the gift of marriage. We pray that you would help couples to grow together and flourish in their marriage. Bring them joy and laughter, give them strength to support one another. For those who are struggling in their marriage, we ask that you would give them strength, and help us to support them**

**Sun.9th** Pray for **Antony, our Archdeacon and Andrew, our Rural Dean.** Grant them wisdom and discernment in the responsibilities they undertake.

**Mon.10th** Pray for a cause **dear to your heart.**

**Tue.11th** Lord Jesus, we remember **our local community**, remembering with gratitude all who serve on Colehill Parish Council, and those who work in Colehill and provide a service for its inhabitants and further afield.

**Wed.12th** Father, we give thanks for our **Lay Pastoral Assistants**, Barbara, Liz and Richard in their ministry of care.

**Thu.13th** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding and preaching, Alan is reading and Hilary M is leading the Intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray too 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.14th** On **St Valentine's Day**, we remember St Valentine who was martyred for helping persecuted Christians and marrying Christian couples. We give thanks to the one who is love, who 'sent His only Son into the world that we might live through him...if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (John 4:8-11)

**Sat.15th** 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.

**Sunday 16th – Saturday 22nd**

**As half-term begins, we pray for rest and restoration for both staff and students in schools. We pray for your blessing on half-term activities that are taking place in churches across Dorset**

**Sun.16th** Lord. We ask your blessing on our **church School, St. Michael's Middle** – for its Headteacher Darren Ayling, children, staff and its Academy Committee.

**Mon.17th** On **Random Acts of Kindness Day 2025**, we pray that you would give us the opportunity to share your love and kindness with those we meet today. Open our eyes to the needs of others.

**Tue.18th** 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.

**Wed.19th** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding, David is reading, John is giving the talk and Jenny S is leading the Intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray too 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.

**Thu.20th** On the **World Day of Social Justice**, we pray for wisdom and revelation in the hearts of world leaders, that they would have compassion for the oppressed and vulnerable. Give us perseverance to seek justice, 'for the Lord is a God of justice' (Isaiah 30:18).

**Fri.21st** On **Care Day 2025**, we give thanks for those who provide safety and support to children in care. We pray that all children would know that they are loved by their Father in heaven.

**Sat.22nd** **Those living in** Canford Bottom, Fryers Copse, Willow Drive, Sadler Close, Spur Close, Stirrup Close & Halter Rise.

## Sunday 23th – Friday 28th

**This week, we pray for families in our community. We uphold before you Lord, Cherubs, our mums and carers toddlers' group, and all who contribute in managing and leading it. We give thanks for their service and pray that you would sustain them and renew their joy in this ministry as they share Christ's love with children and families**

- Sun.23rd**      **On this Second Sunday before Lent, we pray the Collect for today.**  
'Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever, Amen'.
- Mon.24th**    Pray for **someone or something** that may be on your mind at this present time.
- Tue.25th**    **Storytelling God**, you invite us to bring you our story alongside your story, so that our lives might find true meaning and lasting joy. May the stories of Jesus guide, inspire and shape us today, so that, in turn, our life stories may direct others to the good news of your love.
- Wed.26th**    Pray for **our PCC**. Grant its members vision and wisdom to discern God's will for St. Michael's in the coming years.
- Thu.27th**    **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding, Lynn is reading, Hilary G is giving the talk and Alan is leading the Intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray too 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.28th**    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.