

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

Sunday 1st – Saturday 8th

During Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, we pray for all those living with ovarian cancer, and their families and friends. We pray that in their pain they would know the love you have for them. We give thanks for organisations working to discover new ways to prevent and treat ovarian cancer.

- Sun.23rd** Please uphold in prayer 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 influx of refugees from Sudan, together with conflict, climate change, insecurity and funding shortfalls. We give thanks 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.24th** Lord. We ask your blessing on our **church School, St. Michael's Middle** – for its Headteacher Darren Ayling, children, staff and its Academy Committee.
- Tue.25th** On the **Feast of the Annunciation**, when the angel told Mary she would give birth to Jesus, we remember her willingness to trust God. We pray Mary's faith would inspire us to say: 'I am the Lord's servant.' May your will be done in our lives.
- Wed.26th** 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.
- Thu.27th** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding and preaching, Jo is reading and Di is leading the Intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray too for Jo, our Choir Leader, our choir and our organist, Leonnie. Holy Spirit, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.
- Fri.28th** **Colehill First School and Hayeswood First School** – Executive Headteacher Sharon Staddon, children, staff, Academy committee & trustees.
- Sat.29th** Pray for **someone or something** that may be on your mind at this present time.
- Sun.30th** On **Mothering Sunday**, we give thanks for our mothers, past and present, and their love for us. We pray for those who find Mothering Sunday difficult due to loss, estrangement, or inability to have children. Thank you, God, that you comfort us 'as a mother comforts her child.'
- Mon. 31st** Pray for our **Churchwardens** Hila4y M and Graham and give thanks for all the work they do behind the scenes.

- Sat.1st** **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 fragile cease fire may hold and that the talks between Ukraine, Russia, America and Europe may result in a satisfactory peace for Ukraine.
- Sun.2nd** During **'No More' Week**, which raises awareness to end domestic abuse and sexual violence, we pray for healing for all those who have been victims of abuse. Lord, as members of your church, may we demonstrate your love and care to victims, and point them to you.
- Mon.3rd** On **World Wildlife Day**, we remember that you gave us the Earth to cherish and steward, convict us to do what we can to protect all you have created. 'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1).
- Tue.4th** On **Shrove Tuesday**, we give thanks for your provision to us Lord and ask that you would help us reflect your generosity and share with those who are hungry and in need. Freely we have received, so let us freely give.
- Wed.5th** On **Ash Wednesday**, we remember that God made us from dust and to dust we shall return. May the cross that many will mark on their foreheads today remind us of our need for salvation, and the forgiveness found in Jesus Christ. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins.' (1 John 1:9)
- Thu.6th** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding and preaching, Robert is reading and Alan is leading the Intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray too for Jo, our Choir Leader, our choir and Kerrie our organist. Holy Spirit, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you
- Fri.7th** Father, we give thanks for our **Lay Pastoral Assistants**, Barbara, Liz and Richard and ask your blessing on their ministry of care.

Sat.8th On **International Women's Day**, we give thanks for the women who bless our lives and communities. We pray for women around the world suffering because of prejudice, abuse, and hate. Where there is despair, we pray for hope. Help us build a world that celebrates and empowers women.

Sunday 9th – Saturday 15th

Sun.9th On the **National COVID-19 Day of Reflection**, we pray that you would be close to us as we reflect on the COVID-19 pandemic. We ask that you draw near to those who have lost a loved one, and to those who are struggling from the aftermath of the pandemic. As we think about all that has changed, we ask that you bring us comfort and fill us afresh with your peace.

Mon.10th 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.11th 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.12th 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.

Thu.13th **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday**. Suzanne is presiding, Alan Fryer is preaching, Jane is reading and Mac is leading the Intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray too for Jo, our Choir Leader, our choir and Kerrie, our organist. Holy Spirit, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.

Fri.14th We pray for **Cherubs, our mums and carers toddlers' group**, who meet on Fridays in school terms. We give thanks for all who contribute in managing and leading it.
Pray for a cause **dear to your heart**.

Sat.15th

Sunday 16th – Saturday 22nd

Lord, during this season of Lent, may we be strengthened in our prayer, and worship, that our desire would be to glorify you. Help us draw close to you in our need, remembering your words in the wilderness: **'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'** (Matt. 4:4, Deut. 8:3)

Sun.16th We pray for the **Community of the Sisters of the Church in Melanesia**. Bless their work with victims of domestic violence, their bible studies with prison inmates, and their efforts to educate children. May they continue to be instruments of Your love, bringing hope, healing and learning to those in need.

Mon.17th During this week, over 500 children from local schools will be visiting the Minster to **'Experience Easter'**. Please pray for these children, that as the events of Holy Week and Easter are relived in a very interactive way, the Holy Spirit may engage their hearts and minds.

Tue.18th **God before, God within and God beyond our words**, shape what we think this day; guard what we say, shield those we love, shelter us, whatever comes our way, shoulder our sin and burdens, and show us how to be your disciples this and every day.

Wed.19th On the **Feast Day of Joseph of Nazareth**, we pray we may follow his example of obedience and faithfulness, remembering that he did all the angel of the Lord instructed him to do, marrying Mary and naming her child Jesus 'because he will save his people from their sins.' (Matthew 1:18-24)

Thu.20th **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday**. Suzanne is presiding and preaching, Eric is reading and Liz is leading the Intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray too for Jo, our Choir Leader, our choir and Kerry our organist. Holy Spirit, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.

Fri.21st On the **International Day of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**, we pray that all human beings would be treated with dignity in the knowledge that all people have value, made in the image of God, according to his likeness (Genesis 1:26). May your church be an example of unity and love

Sat.22nd On **World Water Day**, we pray for the billions of people without access to safe water due to the water and sanitation crisis. In our desire to love our global neighbours, convict and compel us to rethink how we use water, and how we can support those in need.

Sunday 23rd – Monday 31st

As Spring begins, we reflect on new life: 'if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come' (2 Corinthians 5:17). We give thanks that you have saved us and given us new life, help us to know this more deeply, and live our lives according to this truth.