

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

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

- Tue.1st** During **Stress Awareness Month**, we pray for everyone who is feeling overwhelmed and burdened by stress. We ask that you fill them with your peace and help them to find joy amidst challenges. We thank you for Jesus' invitation to "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28-30)
- Wed.2nd** On **World Autism Awareness Day**, we give thanks for organisations working to increase awareness and acceptance of autism. Teach us to have empathy and treat one another with dignity. May your church be a place where all feel welcome.
- Thu.3rd** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding and preaching, Graham is reading and Suzanne 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.4th** 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.
- Sat.5th** On the **International Day of Conscience**, we pray for a culture of peace, knowing that all people are made in the image of God and should be treated with dignity. Help us to show to those around us a spirit of peace, justice and compassion.

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

As the **Easter school holidays begin**, we pray that teachers, staff and pupils would find rest. We pray for churches planning holiday clubs, that you would give them energy as they serve children and families in our communities. We also pray that all children and families who attend will feel the love and kindness of Christ.

- Sun.6<sup>th</sup>** We pray for the work of **our Diocese of Salisbury**, remembering especially our **Bishops Stephen, Karen and Andrew**. Lord, bless them in their ministry. Grant unto them energy and vision. Guide them in their teaching and in the decisions they have to make.

- Mon.7<sup>th</sup>** 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.
- Tue.8<sup>th</sup>** Father, we give thanks for our **Lay Pastoral Assistants**, Barbara, Liz and Richard and ask your blessing on their ministry of care.
- Wed.9<sup>th</sup>** On the anniversary of the **martyrdom of Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, we reflect on his prayer written from prison: 'You know all man's troubles; You abide with me when all men fail me; It is Your will that I should know You and turn to You. Lord, I hear Your call and follow. Help me.'
- Thu.10<sup>th</sup>** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday**. Suzanne is presiding and Martin is reading. Pray too for Jo, our Choir Leader, our choir and Jenny our organist. Holy Spirit, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.
- Fri.11<sup>th</sup>** On **World Parkinson's Day**, we pray for all those living with Parkinson', and for their families and friends. We give thanks for organisations who offer support and are researching to find a cure.
- Sat.12<sup>th</sup>** Pray for a cause **dear to your heart**.

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

During **Holy Week**, we remember your journey to the cross, that you suffered many things, were rejected, betrayed and killed to save us. May we be filled with awe and thanksgiving at what you endured for us and filled with hope that you rose from the dead and conquered the grave

- Sun.13<sup>th</sup>** On **Palm Sunday** we remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem as people shouted 'Hosanna', which means save us, 'blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord' (Mark 11:9). May we rejoice in you today and always, our King and Saviour.
- Mon.14<sup>th</sup>** Lord, we give you thanks for those **unsung heroes** in our church family at St. Michael's who do so much in contributing to our common life together. Without any fanfare of trumpets, they quietly and unassumingly get on with their jobs, often unseen by others. Lord, bless each one of them.

**Tue.15<sup>th</sup>** Remember the **Diocese of Yambio in South Sudan** and for its Bishop, Samuel Peni, and for those in our link deanery Karika. We give thanks for the witness of **Christians in South Sudan** who, in spite of the troubles there, show such joy, love and passion and huge faith in you.

**Wed.16<sup>th</sup>** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding and preaching, Alan is reading and Martin 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.17<sup>th</sup>** On **Maundy Thursday**, we remember Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, saying 'Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.' Lord, thank you that you have washed us and made us clean. Help us to follow your example of humbly serving and your instruction to 'wash one another's feet.' (John 13:1-7)

**Fri.18<sup>th</sup>** On **Good Friday**, we remember Jesus' crucifixion. In your innocence, you died for the guilty. 'God shows his love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.' (Romans 5:8). May we never cease to give thanks for what you have done for us.

**Sat.19<sup>th</sup>** On **Easter Saturday**, we reflect on the significance of the cross and pray for those who don't yet know the truth and hope of Christ' death and resurrection: 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

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

**Sun.20<sup>th</sup>** On **Easter Sunday**, we proclaim Christ is risen, he has conquered the grave! Remind us that the same power that raised Christ from the dead, is at work in us. We have been raised with Christ, help us to set our hearts on things above (Colossians 3:1). We wait and pray for your return.

**Mon.21<sup>st</sup>** On **World Creativity and Innovation Day**, we celebrate the tapestry of the family of God and all the creativity within it, reflecting our creator God. Help us to continue to discover new ways to serve the church and to share your Good News with the world.

**Tue.22<sup>nd</sup>** On **World Earth Day**, we thank you for the world of wonder and beauty that you created. We pray that you would help us to care deeply for the world, and that you would help us to act with courage for a sustainable future and to protect all life. May your name be glorified through all that you have made.

**Wed.23<sup>rd</sup>** On **St George's Day**, we remember the life and death of St George, who was killed for refusing to deny his faith in Christ. May we be convicted by his resolve, and may his faith remind us of the cost of following you, Lord.

**Thu.24th** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Suzanne is presiding and preaching, Robert is reading and Hilary G. 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.25th** On the **Feast Day of Mark the Evangelist**, we give thanks for his Gospel, which proclaims that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, whose death paid the price for our sins. We pray that as we dwell on your word, we would know these truths more deeply.

**Sat.26th** Pray for **someone or something** that may be on your mind at this present time.

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Sun.27th** During **World Immunisation Week**, we pray for communities around the world that do not have the same access to medicine and vaccines as we do. Lord, would you burden our hearts for the less fortunate, and stir us to act for the good of our international neighbours.

**Mon.28th** 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.29th** 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. **Pray for our NHS** and give thanks for an occasion when you received treatment from them in the past.

**Wed.30th** **Pray for those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday.** Martin is presiding and preaching, Bridgett is reading and Graham is leading the Intercessions on behalf of us all. Pray too for Jo, our Choir Leader, our choir and Sean our organist. Holy Spirit, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.