

St. Michael and All Angels, Colehill
MONTHLY PRAYER DIARY FOR APRIL 2026

Wednesday 1st – Saturday 4th

- Wed.1st** Lord Jesus, 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.
- Thu.2nd** 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.3rd** On **Good Friday**, we remember Jesus’ crucifixion. In your innocence Lord, 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.4th** On **Holy Saturday**, we think of Jesus’ family and his disciples in their utter despair and desolation following the crucifixion the previous day. We pray for those who at this time are grieving for the loss of a loved one.

Sunday 5th – Saturday 11th

- Sun.5th** 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.6th** During the **Easter school holidays**, we pray that teachers, staff and pupils would find rest. We pray for churches planning holiday clubs in our diocese, 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.
- Tue.7th** We pray for the work of **our Diocese of Salisbury**, remembering especially our **Bishops Stephen, Karen and particularly Andrew**, as he prepares for his move to the Diocese of St. Albans as its Bishop. Lord, bless them in their ministry and grant unto them energy and vision.

Wed.8th 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.9th 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.'*

Fri.10th **Pray for those who are ministering to us in our worship on Sunday.** Pray too for those who **enrich our worship through music** - 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.11th 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.

Sunday 12th – Saturday 18th

Sun.12th Lord, we lift our voices in praise to you. Renew our hearts with joy and gratitude and help us to worship you with fresh passion this and every day. May our lives reflect your goodness and bring glory to your name.

Mon.13th Pray for a cause **dear to your heart.**

Tue.14th 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.

Wed.15th Father, we give thanks for our **Lay Pastoral Assistants**, Barbara, Liz and Richard and ask your blessing on their ministry of care.

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Fri.17th 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.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. **Pray for our NHS** and give thanks for an occasion when you received treatment from them in the past.

Sunday 19th – Saturday 25th

Sun.19th 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 major troubles there, show such joy, love and passion and huge faith in you.

Mon.20th Lord, we ask for your blessing on our **Church School, St. Michael's Middle** – for its Headteacher **Darren Ayling**, children, staff and its Academy Committee.

Tue.21st On **World Creativity and Innovation Day**, we give thanks that you are a creative God who shows wondrous creativity in all you have made. We celebrate the beauty of creativity and innovation found in each and every one of us, in different ways. Help us to use our creativity and new ideas to serve your church and share the Good News with the world.

Wed.22nd 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.

Thu.23rd 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 discipleship.

Fri.24th **Pray for those who are ministering to us in our worship on Sunday.** Pray too for those who **enrich our worship through music** - 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.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.

Sunday 26th – Thursday 30th

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

Mon.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.

Tue.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.

Wed.29th We pray for **Queen Elizabeth's School** in Wimborne, for **Tom Neill** its Headteacher, students, staff and its Academy Committee.

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