

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

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

During **Deaf Awareness Week**, we pray for those who are deaf. If they feel alone or isolated, we pray that you would bring them comfort and peace. We give thanks for members of Deaf Churches across the Salisbury Diocese, and for those who lead and minister to them and for their flourishing together.

- Fri.1st** On the **Feast Day of Philip and James the Apostles**, whom you chose as your disciples, we remember their faith, their willingness to follow, and their courageous witness of your truth. We pray that you would give us boldness in our own witness, and help us to trust in you, Jesus.
- Sat.2nd** Lord God, we pray for **all who contribute to our common life together** at St. Michael's. 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.3rd** Lord, we ask for your blessing on our **Church School, St. Michael's Middle**, for Darren Ayling, its Headteacher, children, staff and Academy Committee.
- 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** During **Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week**, we pray for women experiencing mental health problems during pregnancy or postnatally, especially those who struggle to share this with others. We give thanks for the gift of motherhood, help us to care for and support those struggling with their mental health, and reflect your love to them.
- Wed.6th** Lord, we pray for our newly elected **PCC** and ask that each member may exercise their responsibilities wisely and prayerfully so that decisions they make may be in accordance with your will for the extension of Christ's kingdom in at St. Michael's.
- Thu.7th** **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 all, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.

**Fri.8th** We pray for the work of our **Diocese of Salisbury**, remembering Acting Bishop Karen, with the extra work load she is carrying at the moment, and Andrew, as he and his family prepare to move to St. Albans as its Bishop. Lord, bless them in their ministry and grant unto them energy and vision in the responsibilities they undertake.

**Sat.9th** On **World Fair Trade Day**, we give thanks for organisations and activists committed to building healthy, equitable, sustainable communities around the world. We pray for those currently living and working in unfair systems and particularly those whose livelihoods are most impacted by climate change.

### **Sunday 10th – Saturday 16th**

During **Christian Aid Week**, we thank you for the work of Christian Aid. This year, we pray that farmers who are facing hunger and hardship can access vital resources to protect their families, feed their communities and fight back against the effects of the climate crisis.

**Sun.10th** On **Rogation Sunday**, we give thanks for the land that you made fruitful. We pray for the farmers and agricultural workers in Dorset and Wiltshire. May you bless the land and those who work it. Help us to be conscious of how to be sustainable and generous with the resources you have given us.

**Mon.11th** **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 Sudan and South Sudan.

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

**Wed.13th** **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 all, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.

**Thu.14th** On **Ascension Day** we give glory to you **Christ our King**. You came down to lift us up, you became human that we might share the divine. Lift our hearts and minds that we may behold your glory, and proclaim you as our Saviour and King.

**Fri.15th** On the **Feast Day of Matthias the Apostle**, who had been with the disciples during Jesus' ministry and was chosen to replace Judas (Acts 1:12–26), may we be inspired by his faith, that we too would take up the call to live as Christ's witnesses.

**Sat.16th** 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.

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

**Thy Kingdom Come (TKC)** is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. **This year it runs from 14<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May, and the theme is 'God with us'**. We pray for people in our lives who may not know you yet, and we ask that they would get a fresh sense of your presence and your peace. Help us to share the Good News of Jesus with them.

**Sun.17th** Remember 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 country's civil war and conflict in neighbouring Sudan. Lord, bring lasting peace in this troubled area and your Spirit's guidance on those who can influence peace. Thank you 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.18th** Pray for our Churchwardens **Hilary M and Graham** and give thanks for all the work they do behind the scenes.

**Tue.19th** Pray for someone or something that may be on your mind at this present time.

**Wed.20th** On the **World Day of Cultural Diversity**, we give thanks for the diversity of the Church. We thank you that you call people from all nations and walks of life to be part of your family, as we are united in Christ. We pray for unity amongst all God's children across the globe.

**Thu.21st** **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 all, 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** Father, we give you thanks for our families and pray that we all may grow together in awareness of your love for us. We thank you for the work of the **Mothers' Union** and for its promotion and support for family life world-wide. We uphold before you our branch of the **Mothers' Union in Colehill** and give you thanks for the love, friendship and fellowship its members share with one another.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 31st**

- Sun.24th** At **Pentecost**, we remember the arrival of the **Holy Spirit**. Thank you, Lord, that you sent us a helper to be with us forever, who dwells with us and in us (John 14:15-17). Holy Spirit, please remind us of this and continue to guide and empower us, help us keep in step with you and bear fruit in our lives
- Mon.25th** During **Stroke Awareness Month**, we pray for all those who have suffered from strokes and for those who have lost loved ones to strokes. We pray for your peace in their lives. We also give thanks for organisations seeking to raise awareness as well as improve treatment and support people who experience strokes.
- Tue.26th** **Colehill First School and Hayeswood First School** – Executive Headteacher Sharon Staddon, children, staff, Academy committee & trustees.
- Wed.27th** 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.
- Thu.28th** **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 all, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.
- Fri.29th** On **World MS Day**, we pray for all those who are living with MS and those who care for them. We give thanks for organisations working to discover new ways to treat and support those living with MS. May each person affected by this condition know your love and peace.
- Sat.30th** 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.
- Sun.31st** On this **Trinity Sunday**, we give thanks to the **Father** that in love he created us, to **Christ** that by love he has redeemed us, to the **Spirit** that through love he has sustained us.