

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

Thursday 1st – Saturday 10th

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.

- Thu.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.
- Fri.2nd** Lord God, we pray for **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.
- Sat.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.
- Sun.4th** On **National Sports Sunday**, we thank you for the work of Sports Chaplaincy. We give thanks for churches in Devon who provide sports activities and groups for their local community. We pray for connections between the church and the community to flourish through this work.
- Mon.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.
- Tue.6th** Lord, we pray for our **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.
- Wed.7th** **Pray for Suzanne, David and Jenny S who are leading our worship on Sunday**. 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.

Thu.8th On the **80th Anniversary of VE Day**, we remember those who fought and lost their lives. We give thanks for their courage and for the freedom their sacrifices brought us, may it inspire us to be people of peace. In a world that still faces division and suffering, we pray for hope and unity.

Fri.9th Father, we give thanks for our **Lay Pastoral Assistants**, Barbara, Liz and Richard in their ministry of care.

Sat.10th Give thanks for **Alan and his team** who skillfully manage our church's financial affairs with vision, care and insight, resulting in financial stability and success, which allows us to focus on our mission and ministry.

Sunday 11th – Saturday 17th

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.11th 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.

Mon.12th **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 South Sudan.

Tue.13th 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.

Wed.14th 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.

Thu.15th **Pray for Suzanne, Rod and Garth who are leading our worship on Sunday.** 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.16th 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.

Sat.17th 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 18th – Saturday 31st

Sun.18th 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.19th Pray for our Churchwardens **Hilary M and Graham** and give thanks for all the work they do behind the scenes.

Tue.20th Pray for someone or something that may be on your mind at this present time.

Wed.21st 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.22nd **Pray for Suzanne, Bridgette and Jane who are leading our worship on Sunday.** Pray too for Jo, our Choir Leader, our choir and Leonie our organist. Holy Spirit, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.

Fri.23rd We pray for **Cherubs**, our mums and carers toddlers' group and for all who contribute to its management and activity.

Sat.24th 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.

- Sun.25th** On **Rogation Sunday**, we thank you God that you made the land fruitful. We pray for farmers and agricultural workers in Dorset, may you bless the land and those who work it. Help us be conscious of how to be sustainable and generous with the resources you have given us.
- Mon.26th** A course dear to your heart not mentioned elsewhere.
- Tue.27th** **Colehill First School and Hayeswood First School** – Executive Headteacher Sharon Staddon, children, staff, Academy committee & trustees.
- Wed.28th** 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.29th** **Pray for Martin, Suzanne and Mary who are leading our worship on Sunday.** Pray too for Jo, our Choir Leader, our choir and organist. Holy Spirit, guide and inspire them, that through our worship those present may be brought ever closer to you.
- Fri.30th** 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.31st** 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.