

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

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

- Fri.1st**    **Pray for Martin and Mac who are leading our worship on Sunday.** 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.
- Sat.2nd**    We pray for members of our church family who will be away on holiday this month. Lord, grant them safe journeys and rest, refreshment and renewal.
- Sun.3rd**    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.4th**    As we reflect on the mysteries of the ocean depths during **National Marine Week**, we celebrate the wondrous design of the seas. Help us to lament how we have polluted our oceans and to respond to the groaning of creation. Teach us to sense Your presence in the tides and currents of the surging seas. Teach us to care for the oceans and all our waterways.
- Tue.5th**    During the school holidays, we pray for all **children and staff of our local schools** that they may find renewed energy and strength for the new term in September.
- Wed.6th**    As we remember the **Transfiguration**, when Jesus revealed His divine nature to the disciples, we pray that all would have a powerful encounter with Jesus, the Son of God. May our lives reflect His light, help us listen to Him, as God commands. (Matthew 17:5)
- Thu.7th**    **Pray for Martin, Hilary G and Graham who are leading our worship on Sunday.** 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.
- Fri.8th**    Pray for a cause dear to your heart not mentioned elsewhere.
- Sat.9th**    Today is **Mary Sumner Day** where we give thanks for the founder of the Mothers' Union. She left us with a model to follow, exemplified in her prayer ***'All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee, and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe or the life that I live. Amen'***

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Sun.10th** 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 our Ministry Team, Hilary G, Graham, John and Jenny, and for our Lay Pastoral Assistants Barbara, Liz and Richard. We give thanks for the varied and imaginative liturgy we enjoy in our worship each Sunday. We pray that St. Michael's may ever be a beacon of truth and light to our community. Empower all our church family to act in ways that align with your will for justice and peace.
- 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 dire situations in Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Sudan and South Sudan.
- Tue.12th** On **International Youth Day**, we give thanks for young people across Dorset and Wiltshire and pray that they would encounter you and know your unconditional love and peace. We thank you for youth workers and volunteers working to reach young people with the Gospel. As we think of the young people in our lives, we lift their names to you.
- Wed.13th** Today is **St. Michael's Children's Activity Event 'Woodland Animals'** open to all the Community from 10 – 12 noon. We pray for God's blessing on all who attend and for the volunteers running it.
- Thu.14th** On **A-Level Results Day**, we pray for all those who are receiving their exam results, for those who are celebrating and those who are disappointed. Pray for anyone you know in this situation and we ask that those having to make decisions about their futures may be wisely guided.
- Fri.15th** **Pray for Suzanne and Hilary G who are leading our worship on Sunday**. 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.
- Sat.16th** God of love, thank you for the **gift of friendship**. Thank you for the people we count as friends who bring love, fun, joy and warmth into our lives and who are always there for us in our times of need.

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

- Sun.17th** We give **thanks to God** for giving us his Son Jesus Christ, for his life on earth, his cruel death on the cross for us and all humankind and his resurrection from the dead and offering new life to all which we celebrate in the Eucharist today with Christians all over the world.

- Mon.18th** We give thanks for the brave and faithful work of the **Mothers' Union in South Sudan**. Continue to inspire them by the vision of Mary Sumner to uphold family life rooted in love and prayer. In very challenging circumstances, bless their ministry with strength, wisdom and enduring hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Tue.19th** On this **World Humanitarian Day** we thank God for the selfless efforts of humanitarian workers who risk their lives to help people in need, often in dangerous and challenging environments. The day also serves to highlight the critical issues faced by those living in conflict zones, particularly remembering the situation in Gaza and Ukraine and praying for a lasting peace in all areas of conflict.
- Wed.20th** **Pray for Suzanne and Eileen who are leading our worship on Sunday.** 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.21st** On **GCSE Results Day**, we pray for all those receiving their results, for those who are celebrating and for those who are disappointed. We pray that they would be filled with your peace and know that they are not defined by their results, but they are treasured by their Father in Heaven, regardless of their grades
- Fri.22nd** Lord, may we celebrate the **joys of simple everyday life** – the smile of a stranger, the gentle touch of care, the warmth of the summer sun and your many blessings. **By your Spirit, help us all to be a bringer of joy to those we meet this day.**
- Sat.23rd** 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.

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

- Sun.24th** On the **Feast Day of Bartholomew the Apostle**, we remember the faith of your disciples, 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.
- Mon.25th** 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.26th** 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.27th** 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.
- Thu.28th** Pray for our Ministry Team who are leading our Café Church (with a difference!) Pet Service on Sunday.
- Fri.29th** As we remember the **Death of John the Baptist**, who continued to rebuke those in power despite the cost, we pray that we would learn from his boldness, his humility, and his willingness to lay down his life for Jesus, declaring: "He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less." (John 3:30)
- Sat.30th** As September is approaching, **we pray for those who are thinking about their next steps**. Whether it be starting university or college, a new school, or a new job, we pray that they would be reminded that you are with them in this season of change. Lord, we ask that you would fill them with your peace.
- Sun.31st** Pray for someone or something that may be on your mind at this present time.