

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

Sunday 1st – Saturday 7th

During Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, we pray for all those living with ovarian cancer, and their families and friends. We pray that in their pain they would know the love you have for them. We give thanks for organisations working to discover new ways to prevent and treat ovarian cancer.

- Sun.1st** Lord, during this **season of Lent**, may we be strengthened in our prayer and worship, that our desire would be to glorify you. Help us draw close to you in our need, remembering your words in the wilderness: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' (Matt. 4:4, Deut. 8:3)
- Mon.2nd** During '**No More**' **Week**, which raises awareness to end domestic abuse and sexual violence, we pray for healing for all those who have been victims of abuse. Lord, as members of your church, may we demonstrate your love and care to victims, and point them to you.
- Tue.3rd** On **World Wildlife Day**, we remember that you gave us the Earth to cherish and steward, convict us to do what we can to protect all you have created. 'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1).
- Wed.4th** We pray for the Mothers' Union, celebrating 150 years since its foundation by Mary Sumner. 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.
- Thu.5th** **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, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan and South Sudan.
- Fri.6th** **Pray for all those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday**, including 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.7th** Father, we give thanks for our **Lay Pastoral Assistants**, Barbara, Liz and Richard and ask your blessing on their ministry of care.

Sunday 8th – Saturday 14th

- Sun.8th** On **International Women's Day**, we give thanks for the women who bless our lives and communities. We pray for women around the world suffering because of prejudice, abuse, and hate. Where there is despair, we pray for hope. Help us build a world that celebrates and empowers women.
- Mon.9th** On the **COVID-19 Day of Reflection**, we pray that you would be close to us as we reflect on the COVID-19 pandemic. We ask that you draw near to those who have lost a loved one, and to those who are struggling from the aftermath of the pandemic. As we think about all that has changed, we ask that you bring us comfort and fill us afresh with your peace.
- Tue.10th** 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.11th** On **Young Carers' day**, we give thanks for young people who are providing care for family members. In the moments when they feel weary, isolated or face struggles, we pray you would give them strength and fill them with peace. We pray that you would surround them with people who can support them.
- Thu.12th** 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.
- Fri.13th** **Pray for all those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday**, including 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.14th** 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.

Sunday 15th – Saturday 21st

- Sun.15th** On **Mothering Sunday**, we give thanks for our mothers, past and present, and their love for us. We pray for those who find Mothering Sunday difficult due to loss, estrangement, or inability to have children. Thank you, God, that you comfort us 'as a mother comforts her child.' (Isaiah 66:13)

- Mon.16th** During this week, hundreds of children from local schools will be visiting the Minster to '**Experience Easter**'. Please pray for these children, that as the events of Holy Week and Easter are relived in a very interactive way, the Holy Spirit may engage their hearts and minds.
- Tue.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.
- Wed.18th** **God before, God within and God beyond our words**, shape what we think this day; guard what we say, shield those we love, shelter us, whatever comes our way, shoulder our sin and burdens, and show us how to be your disciples this and every day.
- Thu.19th** On the **Feast Day of Joseph of Nazareth**, we pray we may follow his example of obedience and faithfulness, remembering that he did all the angel of the Lord instructed him to do, marrying Mary and naming her child Jesus 'because he will save his people from their sins.' (Matthew 1:18-24)
- Fri.20th** **Pray for all those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday**, including 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.21st** On the **International Day of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**, we pray that all human beings would be treated with dignity in the knowledge that all people have value, made in the image of God, according to his likeness (Genesis 1:26). May your church be an example of unity and love.

Sunday 22nd – Tuesday 31st

During Springtime, we reflect on new life: 'if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come' (2 Corinthians 5:17). We give thanks that you have saved us and given us new life, help us to know this more deeply, and live our lives according to this truth.

- Sun.22nd** On **World Water Day**, we pray for the billions of people without access to safe water due to the water and sanitation crisis. In our desire to love our global neighbours, convict and compel us to rethink how we use water, and how we can support those in need

- Mon.23rd** 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 influx of refugees from Sudan, together with conflict, climate change, insecurity and funding shortfalls.** We give thanks 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.
- Tue.24th** Lord. We ask your blessing on our **Church School, St. Michael's Middle** – for its Headteacher Darren Ayling, children, staff and its Academy Committee.
- Wed.25th** On the **Feast of the Annunciation**, when the angel told Mary she would give birth to Jesus, we remember her willingness to trust God. We pray Mary's faith would inspire us to say: 'I am the Lord's servant.' May your will be done in our lives.
- Thu.26th** 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. Holy Spirit, grant unto them energy and vision.
- Fri.27th** **Pray for all those who are preparing to lead our worship on Sunday**, including 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.28th** **Colehill First School and Hayeswood First School** – Executive Headteacher Sharon Staddon, children, staff, Academy committee & trustees.
- Sun.29th** 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.30th** Lord, 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
- Tue.31st** Pray for our **Churchwardens Hilary M and Graham** and give thanks for all the work they do behind the scenes.