

# St Andrew's and All Saints Prayer Diary – May

(from 5<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June)

*During this month we remember that Jesus appeared to many of His followers before being taken up into heaven.*

*Let us pray that we may have fresh encounters with Jesus, and meet Him in our everyday lives and our front lines.*

*(Our focus this month is for prayer “close to home”. In future months we will be thinking of wider, and more international, needs.)*

**Week 1 – Pray through this week for Dave and Alice Bruce, Joshua and Eleanor. For protection and blessing on them as they seek to follow God's calling on their lives here in Malvern.**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – Pray for our Sunday services, for those who are regular attenders and those who are visiting. For an understanding of who the Holy Spirit is, and the impact the Spirit can have in our lives. Pray that each person may meet Jesus through the worship service. Pray for the Deeper service tonight.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – pray for our elected councillors, following the local elections on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. For wise judgments and unselfish motives. Pray for the Mystery play, taking place in the Priory.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – pray for those returning to work and to school, following the Bank Holiday. for new boldness to speak about Jesus in our places of work and study. For Connie Willetts funeral this afternoon at St Andrew's – for peace for her family and friends and a sense of joy as we give thanks for her life.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – as the Mystery Play comes to its close, pray for all those who have attended, that the Lord will speak in new and fresh ways. For those who have taken part, that the experience of acting out many scenes from the Bible will prompt new exploration of God's Word.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – pray for The Waiting Room at All Saints this evening. For those attending and leading, that the Lord will meet them in the quietness. For All Saints Toddler Group as they meet this morning.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – pray for those attending the Malvern Spring Show over these 4 days. For safety for those travelling to and from the Show, and for a tangible sense of God's presence in the stunning location that is the showground.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> – pray for those who are preparing to lead services in our churches. For service leaders, speakers, worship leaders, readers, intercessors, and those who will be leading our children's work.

**Week 2 – Pray through this week for Peter and Emma Myres, for Charlotte, Pippa, James and Alice, thinking of James particularly as he begins his GCSEs, and Pippa as she celebrates her birthday on the 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – Pray for our Sunday services, for those who are regular attenders and those who are visiting. For the Holy Spirit to give us help and guidance through the week. Pray especially for the first of the 'Second Sunday Special' (Café style) services at All Saints and for the lunch there afterwards - for fun and fellowship as they share a meal together.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – pray for our young people beginning their A-Levels and GCSEs this week. For a balance of study and rest, and for each one to know the presence of the Lord with them. Pray for the Bereavement Café as it begins today at St Andrews, for all those attending and those facilitating. For a sense of the Lord's presence and His comfort. Pray too for the Alpha Course, meeting at Abbey Road Coffee Shop, for those attending and those leading.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – pray for the various Life Groups meeting during the week across our parishes. For a deepening of faith and strengthening of relationships.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>- pray for Bob and Angela Gibson as they lead a visit to Stone House Cottage Garden. That all those who go may have a really enjoyable day and gain new insights into our wonderful creation.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Pray for St Andrews PCC, meeting for the first time since the APCM tonight. For wisdom and God's direction in all the discussions and decisions.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – pray for our students within the parish, and in particular for Lisa O'Kane, Ruth Gould, Isaac and Alyce Wills, studying at Regent's College.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – pray for those who work shift patterns, and those who do not have Saturdays or Sundays as work-free days. For them to be able to take Sabbath rest and leisure time.

**Week 3 – Pray through this week for Helen and Jeremy Attree, and in particular for Jeremy’s ongoing chemotherapy treatment – for protection from side effects and continued healing. Pray for their daughter Kim (and children Sam and Levi) as her baby is due on 21<sup>st</sup> May.**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> - Pray for our Sunday services, for those who are regular attenders and those who are visiting. For Seminar Sunday at St Andrew’s, for those speaking and those listening, that they may receive new insights into the amazing, unfathomable, reckless love of the Lord. Pray for Youth Church, meeting this evening at All Saints. For it to be a safe place for young people to explore faith and deepen their walk with Jesus.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – pray for the Malvern CAP as they meet to pray this evening in St Andrew’s. For Chris Mesley and Denise Ditchburn as they head up our branch. For those who come, and those who are hesitant about asking for help.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – pray for Sarah Yeadon and Kirsty Oldfield, our parish administrators. That they will have time and space to fulfil the needs of a very busy parish, and for their homes and families.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – pray for the work of the Lyttelton Well, for the ministry of the café and the bookshop, for the counselling service and the pastoral work. Pray for Churches Together in Malvern, for an increasing sense of unity and purpose as they work together for the Kingdom of God in our town.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – pray for Messy Church, meeting this afternoon at All Saints. For all children and adults attending, that each one may have fun and learn more about Jesus. Pray for All Saints PCC, who are also meeting for the first time since the AGM. Pray too for the European Elections, taking place today.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – pray for those who lead our musical worship and head up our worship teams, and for all those who play and sing in those teams. For an ever-increasing sensitivity to the Lord’s leading in our sung worship. Pray for Little Treasures the St Andrew’s Toddlers Group meeting today.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> – Pray for Laruen and Curtis getting married today at All Saints. Pray for our local leaders. For Harriett Baldwin MP, and for Mayor Cynthia Palmer, and for those who lead our local councils. For wise counsel and fair judgments in all that they do and say, and for a sense of the Holy Spirit guiding them.

**Week 4 – Pray through this week for Eddy and Hannah Edwards, as they settle down into life and as married couple. For space and time to give to one-another, and for their home.**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> - Pray for our Sunday services, for those who are regular attenders and those who are visiting. Pray in particular for Elizabeth, Rebecca and Suzanna – the children of Jasmine and Michal, being baptised at St Andrew's today. Pray for the shared lunch at St Andrew's, for fun and fellowship as they share a meal together.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – pray for our young people during half term this week. That they may have an enjoyable and restful time, and particularly those who are still facing their exams.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – pray for the schools in our parish, for Chase High School and Malvern College, and for our three church primary schools: Malvern Wells, the Wyche and Malvern Parish. Pray for an increased openness to the Gospel of Jesus. For Christian Unions and other Christian gatherings within the schools.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – pray for the work of The Bridge, for the staff and for the pupils who attend. Pray for the strengthening of the Holy Spirit in all those who work and serve there, and for the young people who attend to find real transformation and hope.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> – remember the Ascension of Jesus, and read Acts chapter 1, verses 1 to 11. Pray for Thy Kingdom Come, taking place in the Priory grounds over the next 10 days. For visitors to have a genuine encounter with Jesus during this time. Pray for the church members manning the tents, that they will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading as they minister.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> – pray for those we know who are teachers, that they may enjoy some rest and recuperation before the second half of term. Pray for those we know who are school governors, especially for Frances Surridge who is Chair of Governors at Malvern Wells Primary, that they may have a strong and positive influence in the schools where they serve.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Pray for Laura and Richard, members of St Andrew's getting married today at St Andrew's. Pray for all the marriages in our churches, that God would strengthen them and bless them.

*This prayer diary is put together by Peter and Jane Mortimore. If you have any items for prayer for next month, please contact them at [jane.mortimore@googlemail.com](mailto:jane.mortimore@googlemail.com) by 15<sup>th</sup> May.*