

St Andrew's and All Saints Prayer Diary – June 2020

During June we will focus our prayers on our local schools as they begin to resume teaching. We will pray for staff and pupils, and particularly for those in our churches who have been working from home and are about to return to their frontlines in our local schools and education centres.

Pray that as many churches stream their services and make them available to a much wider audience, the message of the gospel will reach many people.

Let us continue to hold in prayer those who lead our churches and their families:

Dave and Alice Bruce, Joshua and Eleanor
Peter and Emma Myres, Charlotte, Pippa, James and Alice
Eddy and Hanna Edwards
Helen Attree, Kim, Becky and Lauren

Week 1 – We pray for our primary schools this week, as they begin to welcome pupils back. All three of our parish primary schools have a Church of England foundation, and we pray for the Christian ethos of these schools to be evident.

Monday 1st June – We pray today for Malvern Parish School, a Church of England primary school in Manby Road. For the head teacher Sue Parker and her staff, for the governors, including Peter Myres and Rod Corke (The Priory) and for the PTA.

Tuesday 2nd June – Pray for the pupils of Malvern Parish School, some of whom are known to us and part of our churches. Pray too for the link school, Mawaba Primary, in Tanzania.

Wednesday 3rd June – We pray for the Wyche C of E Primary School in Lower Wyche Road. For the new head teacher who will begin in September, and his staff, and for the governors, including Dave Bruce and Helen Wilkinson.

Thursday 4th June – Pray for the pupils of the Wyche Primary School and for any known to us in our churches. Pray too for their link school in Tanzania,

Gofo Juu and for the school charity which supports the feeding of orphans there – Wychumvi.

Friday 5th June – Pray today for Malvern Wells Primary School, a Church of England primary school in Wells Road, and for the head teacher Alison Earp. Pray for her staff, and the governors, led by Frances Surrige and including Dave Bruce, Peter Boydell, Colin Robbins, Ali Mesley and Lorna Lymer. Pray also for Sandie Barr-Hamilton and her family as David's funeral is at noon today.

Saturday 6th June – Pray for the pupils of the Malvern Wells Primary School and for any known to us in our churches.

Sunday 7th June – Pray for our services today as they are led remotely and viewed on-line. Continue to pray for Alpha Online as it meets on a Thursday via Zoom, and for the various Life Group gatherings over the week. Pray that in this time of shutdown we may be ever more open to God and His leading.

Week 2 – This week we pray for some of our alternative education facilities across the parish. Including The Bridge, Messy Church and Sunday School online, and work with the pre-schoolers.

Monday 8th June – Pray for The Bridge Training and Development centre as it works with our secondary schools to provide vocational qualifications for pupils, and also with students who would struggle to be in full-time education otherwise. For God's presence and peace in a time of anxiety and strange circumstances.

Tuesday 9th June – Pray Neil and Sue Hornby as they manage the work at the Bridge, and for the deputy head Kath Barclay. Pray for other staff members Claire, Judi, Tara and Judy and for the board of governors, all of whom are Christians – chair Barry Austin, Helen, Debbie, Angela, Julia, Judith and Luke.

Wednesday 10th June – Pray for the pupils at the Bridge, that they will be able to manage stress levels and also be aware of the need for caution as they interact with fellow pupils and staff. Pray particularly for the Year 11 students who have had their qualifications put into question.

Thursday 11th June – Pray for the youngest members of our church family as they miss out on the social interaction provided by toddler groups and nurseries. Remember the parents and carers of young children as they cope with energetic pre-schoolers.

Friday 12th June – Pray for those people who are missing out on seeing other members of their family for reasons of self-isolation, self-protection, distance or the inability to meet without hugging.

Saturday 13th June – Pray for Messy church and the activities being organised for our youngest children on Sundays and during the week. Pray for Helen as she heads up this activity, and for all who lead and take part.

Sunday 14th June – Pray for our services today as they are led remotely and viewed on-line. Continue to pray for Alpha Online as it meets on a Thursday via Zoom, and for the various Life Group gatherings over the week. Pray that in this time of shutdown we may be ever more open to God and His leading.

Week 3 – This week we focus our prayers on our secondary schools and students, many of whom will be resuming studies in the classroom this week. Some places are classified as businesses, and we pray for the sustainability of them.

Monday 15th June – Pray for The Chase High School in Geraldine Road. For head teacher Mike Fieldhouse and his staff and also the board of Governors.

Tuesday 16th June – Pray for pupils at the Chase, remembering those who were unable to take public exams this summer. Pray for good decisions to be taken over teacher assessments and for pupils to find the right path for themselves.

Wednesday 17th June – Pray for the Christian influence at the Chase, and in particular for the head girl and boy – Eloise Wharton and John Hume. Pray for the CU and other meetings, that the presence of the Holy Spirit will pervade the whole school.

Thursday 18th June – Pray for Malvern College and for Keith Metcalfe the head. Pray for the teaching staff, including Adam Wharton, Micha Hnatek and Helene Varley, and other staff members.

Friday 19th June – Pray for the pupils at Malvern College, particularly those from overseas who may not have been able to return to family during these last few months. Pray for those involved in the Chapel and David Ibbotson the chaplain, and those whose care includes the boarding houses.

Saturday 20th June – There are a number of our young people who attend schools not mentioned above. Pray for them and for their schools and colleges. Pray too for the work of Regent's College, for the staff and for those who are engaged in Biblical studies and training for ministry.

Sunday 21st June – Pray for our services today as they are led remotely and viewed on-line. Continue to pray for Alpha Online as it meets on a Thursday via Zoom, and for the various Life Group gatherings over the week. Pray that in this time of shutdown we may be ever more open to God and His leading.

Week 4 – Prayer for other areas of life around Malvern.

Monday 22nd June – Pray for the Lyttelton Well, as they planned to open the bookshop in the week commencing 15th June. Many of the current volunteers are over 70 or have health issues. Pray particularly for new volunteers to come forward to maintain the business, and for John and Matthew as they lead.

Tuesday 23rd June – Pray for CAP as it has resumed operations, albeit remotely. Pray for the clients, that they may be willing and able to accept help, and that they will be blessed by God during this time. Pray for Chris Mesley and Denise Ditchburn as they lead CAP in our area.

Wednesday 24th June – Pray for Colin Robbins and the Blessings fund, that many will be prompted to give and that CAP clients will find their material needs supplied.

Thursday 25th June – Pray for Dave and Peter as they arrange funerals in this area, particularly as they may still be restricted in the personal contact being made. Pray for blessings on those that mourn, that they may know the comfort of the Lord at this time.

Friday 26th June – Pray Peter Buchanan and those who work in the Food Bank. For those who are clients and particularly those who find they need to use it for the first time. For generosity in giving and joy in receiving.

Saturday 27th June – Pray for those folk who would have been part of the Octagon community, that there will soon be opportunities for the Octagon to open and people to meet again.

Sunday 28th June – Pray for our services today as they are led remotely and viewed on-line. Continue to pray for Alpha Online as it meets on a Thursday via Zoom, and for the various Life Group gatherings over the week. Pray that in this time of shutdown we may be ever more open to God and His leading.

Monday 29th June – Pray for the opening of our churches very soon. For visitors to Malvern to be able to enter the Priory and know God's presence flowing through the building, the sense that it has been a house of Prayer for many centuries.

Tuesday 30th June – We are aware that rules and restrictions at the end of this month may be very different from the start, but the love of God is ever-present and never-changing. Pray that as we run through the summer we will know a new move of God's Spirit through our lives, our town and our nation, and that people will be turning to Jesus as the sure foundation.