

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

During May we will continue to pray for people in our church family, or in their immediate families, whose frontlines involve work in the NHS, Health and Care services. There are many folk to pray for, so most days we will focus on one individual or family. Please add to your prayers any other people known to you.

Our front line people listed this whole month are: Anna, Sarah, Ali, Claire, Rachel, Trish, Ginny, Edd, Lizzie, Pete, Alex, Kerry, Will and Charlotte, plus (newly listed) Abi, Helen, Kat, Julie, Sue, Emily, Peter, Sarah, Karen, Sam and Carla.

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

Friday 1st May – At the start of this month there is much uncertainty over our lives and over the nation in general. Pray that we will continue to rely on our Heavenly Father for all our needs and trust Him for the future. St Andrew's prayer meetings resume today. Join with others from the parish as we pray together via Zoom, and pray for our churches, our communities and our town.

Saturday 2nd May – Pray for the work of CAP, and for the existing clients whose meetings have had to be postponed and contact with Befrienders curtailed. Pray that the work may continue as much as possible remotely, and in particular remember Christ Mesley and Denise Ditchburn.

Sunday 3rd May – Pray for our services today as they are led remotely and viewed on-line. For those leading the different parts of the service, and for the preaching or the Word that it might be received by all who hear.

Monday 4th May – Pray for those whose financial situations are in jeopardy, and who would otherwise have been approaching CAP for help.

Tuesday 5th May – Pray for Abi Pamich, working in Malvern as a Clinical Psychologist.

Wednesday 6th May – Pray for Helen Rhodes as she works in Davenham Rest Home in Graham Road.

Thursday 7th May – Pray for Alpha Online, being run via Zoom. For Colin Robbins as he leads this, and for all those who participate from home.

Friday 8th May – Pray for Kat, who is Angela and Bob Gibson's daughter-in-law. She is working as a palliative care doctor in New Zealand. Pray that the effective control of the virus may continue in that country. Pray too for their daughter-in-law Julie, working as a pharmacist in Liverpool. Pray for her safety as she deals with people with all sorts of ailments and symptoms.

Saturday 9th May – Pray for the Malvern Food Bank. For Peter Buchanan and the volunteers, many of whom have had to self-isolate. Pray for those that receive food parcels, particularly for the first time, that they might receive God's love and care.

Sunday 10th May – Pray for our services today as they are led remotely and viewed on-line. For those leading the different parts of the service, and for the preaching of the Word that it might be received by all who hear.

Monday 11th May – Pray for Sue, Chris and Rosemary Harrison's daughter-in-law, who travels into London by train and tube to work at the Royal Free hospital as an oncology pharmacist. Pray particularly for protection in travelling. Pray too for Emily and Peter Barnsdale, their daughter and son-in-law, who are doctors working in British Columbia, Canada.

Tuesday 12th May – Pray for Sarah, the daughter of Lis and David Ritchie. She is a physiotherapist working on Covid 19 recovery wards at St Thomas's hospital, London. Pray particularly for protection and stamina for her as she cycles to work.

Wednesday 13th May – Pray for Karen Enwright, working for a pharmaceutical company supporting the NHS. Pray that she will have relief

from the eye strain, headaches and back ache that she is suffering through working from home. Pray too for patients who can no longer access treatment in hospitals, that they may receive their treatment in the community.

Thursday 14th May – Pray for Sam and Carla Broad, son and daughter-in-law of Robin and Patience. They are working in hospital in Plymouth, Sam as a paediatric consultant and Carla as an Intensive Care doctor working with Covid 19 patients.

Friday 15th May – Pray for Anna Laidler, a nurse working on the frontline in the Rowan Suite in Worcester Royal hospital. Pray for the doctors and nurses working on the cancer wards, the skeleton staff and their services.

Saturday 16th May – Pray for Sarah Angwin, working in Intensive Care in Worcester Royal hospital, and her colleagues.

Sunday 17th May – Pray for our services today as they are led remotely and viewed on-line. For those leading the different parts of the service, and for the preaching or the Word that it might be received by all who hear.

Monday 18th May – Pray for Ali Mesley as she works remotely for St Richard's hospice in Art Therapy.

Tuesday 19th May – Pray for Gill Owen's daughter Claire, working as an intensive care nurse at St Helier hospital in Jersey. She is suffering from a heat rash caused by her spending so many hours in PPE.

Wednesday 20th May – Pray for Rachel Harper, a senior manager of a Care group with two homes in Malvern. Pray for her and her staff as they struggle to plan for this emergency and keep all the residents safe and well. Pray too for the difficulties they will encounter through the schools being closed.

Thursday 21st May – Today is Ascension Day. Perhaps read the account of Jesus's ascension in Luke chapter 24 and Acts chapter 1. Continue to pray for Alpha Online, that those who are taking the course may have personal encounters with the risen and ascended Christ.

Friday 22nd May – Pray for Trish Gorton as she works as a carer, and for her work with her mum Susan in particular.

Saturday 23rd May – Pray for Ginny Jones and her NHS colleagues at Gloucester hospital.

Sunday 24th May – Pray for our services today as they are led remotely and viewed on-line. For those leading the different parts of the service, and for the preaching or the Word that it might be received by all who hear.

Monday 25th May – Pray for Edd Carmichael, Jane Mortimore's son, as he works in emergency theatre and A&E in Leicester Royal Infirmary. Pray too for Lizzie, Peter's daughter-in-law, as she works as an adult nurse in Oncology in the Churchill Hospital, Oxford. Pray particularly for the PPE resources and anaesthetics which are in short supply there.

Tuesday 26th May – Pray for Pete Burdett-Smith, Kate's husband, working as an A&E consultant at Hereford hospital. Pray too for Kate's son Alex, working as a radiographer in Leeds.

Wednesday 27th May – Pray for Kerry West, who is a support worker in mental health at Worcester Royal hospital.

Thursday 28th May – Pray for Will, Ian and Carole Nicholls's son in law, working in a Salvation Army homeless hostel in Birmingham.

Friday 29th May – Pray for Carolyn Chapman's niece, Charlotte, a junior doctor working in A&E at Heartlands Hospital in Birmingham. She is seeing many Coronavirus cases daily. Please pray for her protection and emotional resilience.

Saturday 30th May – At the end of this month our situations may have changed from the start of April. As we anticipate summer, Pray that God will bring us into a new season in our relationship with Him and with one another.

Sunday 31st May – Pentecost. As we gather to worship from our homes, pray or sing the Taize chorus: "Come, Holy Spirit, descend on us, descend on us. We gather here in Jesus' name." Pray for God's Holy Spirit to fill our lives again and equip us for His service.