

Fortnightly Prayer Diary

Monday 25th May – Sunday 7th June 2026

In this Prayer Diary our verses are drawn from *1 John 3*, which begins with John rejoicing in the love which the Father has lavished on us.

Monday, 25th - BANK HOLIDAY

‘How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.’ *(1 John 3: 1)*

“Thank you, Lord, and praise you, that we are your children – we are members of your family – and made so purely by your grace. May we rejoice in your love and never cease to proclaim your goodness to us.”

- Pray today for all the effort and prayer which is being put into preparations for Beach Missions and Summer Camps across the country. Pray especially that many folk may feel called to offer their services to lead and to help.
- Thank God for the lovely weather we had on Saturday whilst we carried out our sponsored walk, “Beating the Bounds”. Thank Him for the wonderful fellowship we enjoyed whilst walking.
- As it’s the start of the Half Term break, let’s pray for those taking time off - pray that they have a restful week and return refreshed.
- Please pray, as we continue to work to get the permission we need for our plans for the new Church Hall.
- Please pray for Coppins Road (Mary Overton).

Tuesday, 26th

‘Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.’

(1 John 3: 2)

P.T.O.

“Lord Jesus, we long for your appearing. We long to be like you. We long to see you as you are. Make of us, we pray, an expectant people, ever looking forward in hope.”

- Pray for all recently-elected councillors across the nation. Pray that all may be determined to serve the communities by which they were elected.
- Thank God for our church family and all that we can do together.
- Pray for your neighbours and our town – for a Great Awakening. Pray that people would reflect deeply on the last few years and all that has happened and turn to God for answers.
- Please pray for our Stewsdays team today. Pray that the guests will feel very welcome and for good conversations to take place.
- Please pray for Dorking Crescent (Robert and Christine Pearce).

Wednesday, 27th

‘Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.’ *(1 John 3: 3)*

“Lord Jesus, as we look forward in hope for your appearing, so we pray that you may purify our hearts and make us ready for that day when we will see you as you are.”

- Thank God for the continuing and vital work of The Christian Institute. Pray that this work may be increasingly widely known, well supported and upheld in prayer.
- Thank God for St Mark’s Church building where so many activities take place. Please pray for the Craft Group, which is there today.
- Please pray for those working to make sure that our Safeguarding procedures are up to date, and that we make sure that everyone who attends church activities is kept safe.
- Mission Links: Please pray for Catherine Porter, who is currently in Bournemouth, and her outreach and healing ministry with her church there. Praise God for healings taking place and pray that He continues to bless this ministry until Catherine returns to Japan.
- Please pray for Martinsdale (Barry Peters).

Thursday, 28th

‘Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.’

(1 John 3: 4)

“Lord Jesus, of your mercy, make us constantly aware that we are sinners and law-breakers – saved only by your amazing grace, through faith. May we be ever grateful and ever faithful.”

- Pray for the vital work of Bishop Rob Munro and his staff. Pray that they may be led and guided by the Lord to proclaim what is true and good to all whom they meet.
- Please pray for our Together Service this morning. Pray that all who attend would be encouraged in their faith in the Lord.
- Pray for all those coming into the Church Hall for a food bag today.
- Persecuted Church: Oman – population 4.7 million with 187,000 Christians. Converts to Christianity face total opposition from their family, due to a strong clan mentality. Immigrant Christian communities are tolerated, as long as they avoid sharing their faith with Muslims. Please pray:- for church communities, that God will protect them; that immigrant believers would have wisdom and boldness in living out their faith; for Open Door’s partners on the Arabian Peninsula to shine the light of Christ.
- Please pray for London Road (Michael Pretty).

Friday, 29th

‘But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.’ **(1 John 3: 5)**

“We praise you, Lord, that you, the sinless one, bore all our sins in your body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.”

- Please pray for Oak Hill College, as they seek for suitable people to join their College Council. They write: ‘We are seeking candidates who are passionate about the ministry of Oak Hill and have the convictions, character, wisdom, time and skills to play a part in it.’
- Please pray for all those who walk through and sit in St John’s Churchyard each day. Pray that God would touch their hearts. **PTO**

- Please pray as we are planning for this summer's Holiday Club.
- Give thanks for our Churchwardens and their teams, for all they do. Pray for them that God will strengthen them for their roles.
- Please pray for Melbourne Road (Melanie Price).

Saturday, 30th

‘No-one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No-one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.’ **(1 John 3: 6)**

“Thank you, Lord, that, by your grace and mercy, you have destroyed in all your chosen people the love of sinning. May our ever-deepening love for you continue to keep sin at bay.”

- Pray for the King and for the Royal Family. Pray that they might be led and guided by the Lord in all that they do and say.
- Thank God for our Church Hall and all the events that take place in it. Please pray for the Coffee Morning which is held in there today.
- Please continue to pray for the plans for the new hall. Pray that there won't be any snags or hold ups.
- Local churches: please pray for churches in the deanery holding summer events. Pray for good links with the community to be built.
- Please pray for Meadowsweet Road (Steve and Kim Ratty).

Sunday, 31st - TRINITY SUNDAY

‘Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous.’ **(1 John 3: 7)**

“Today, O Heavenly Father, as we mark Trinity Sunday, along with all your people across the world, so we pray that you will fill us with your Spirit of love, of joy, of peace, of truth and of power. Set our hearts on fire with love for the Lord Jesus, your Son, and as we follow Him may our love for fellow men and women grow. Renew your Church, Father God, we pray, so that we might bring glory to your Name.”

- Please pray for the Persecuted Church across the world. Pray that all who are suffering for the Name of Christ may be empowered by the Holy Spirit to suffer and to stand for Jesus. Pray that they may know their Heavenly Father to be beside them and watching over them.

P.T.O.

- Give thanks for those who sit around us in our church services.
- Please pray for our various services today. Pray that many will learn of God's goodness, want to praise him, be encouraged in their faith and strengthened to live for him day by day.
- Pray for our Evening Communion Service (*last Sunday of the month*) – pray it would continue to help and encourage those who attend.
- Please pray for Puffinsdale (Marion Reynolds).

Monday, 1st June

‘He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.’ **(1 John 3: 8)**

“Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you came to destroy the devil’s work. Give to us all, we pray, the spirit of wisdom to recognize the devil’s work and the spirit of courage to oppose it.”

- Please continue to pray for John Dunnett and all that he does in his work for churches through the CEEC.
- Give thanks for our Little Fishes as they return today following the Half Term break. Pray for a good number and good conversations.
- Please pray for our Homegroups, meeting through the week – and for their leaders, in this important role.
- Please pray for all in our church who teach from God’s Word, in many different ways. Pray that, guided by God’s Spirit, they would stay faithful to His Word.
- Please pray for Castle Hill Park (Iris Riley and Jackie Brooks).

Tuesday, 2nd

‘No-one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.’ **(1 John 3: 9)**

“Thank you, Lord, for all your people who have been born again by grace through faith. Thank you for your seed in us. We pray that it may grow and develop and bear much fruit – to your glory.”

- Pray for all working for a just, long-lasting peace in Ukraine. Pray that He may comfort all the injured and the bereaved. **PTO**

- Please pray for Mark and those from other churches attending Bishop Rob's Regional Conference in London today. Pray that it will be a helpful and encouraging time.
- Pray for our architect and those who are producing the reports to make sure that we get Planning Permission for our new Church Hall. Pray that God will help them and speed them in their efforts.
- Mission: Please pray for Kathryn Asiku in Uganda as she prepares to teach at an I-DELTA course during June/July. (*Institute for the Development of Languages and Translation in Africa*). Pray for all the students attending that they will be blessed.
- Please pray for Highview Close (Kim Ringe).

Wednesday, 3rd

'This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.' (*1 John 3: 10*)

"Lord Jesus, as we consider this difficult verse, in which St John challenges us to distinguish between the children of God and the children of the devil, so we pray that you will endue us with the spirit of wisdom and the grace of humility."

- Pray for the work of Affinity in connecting evangelicals across denominations in the UK. Pray for Anglican evangelicals to have good relationships with non-Anglicans. Pray for Lee Gatiss (from Church Society), who is on their Advisory Council.
- Please pray for our Wednesday Worshipers, as they meet today for the First Wednesday special to celebrate Pentecost. Pray for visitors to be welcomed and for godly fellowship between all.
- Pray for the couples that are getting married in St John's this year and for the Marriage Preparation meeting taking place tonight.
- Pray for our young people going to Ignite this evening at St Paul's.
- Please pray for Cypress Close (David Rippard).

Thursday, 4th

'This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.' (*1 John 3: 11*)

P.T.O.

“Help us, O Lord, we pray, to love one another with a pure heart, and fervently.”

- Pray today that Christians across the country, in practical ways, will remember the poor in our midst. Pray that they may all be generous and loving and helpful.
- Give thanks for those packing food bags this morning for families and individuals in need. Pray that each will be received as a sign of God’s love.
- Please pray today as Christianity Explored starts tonight in St Mark’s. Pray for those attending that they will have open hearts and minds. Pray that God will be at work in many lives.
- Persecuted Church: Ethiopia – population 129.7 million with 77.5 million Christians. Christian communities are facing serious religious freedom issues. Non-traditional Christians get the worst treatment from local authorities. Please pray:- for people who have left another faith to join an evangelical community and now face opposition; for believers living in unstable parts of Ethiopia where they may be targeted; for unity among all Christians there.
- Please pray for Coppins Road (Tom Rivers).

Friday, 5th

‘Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s were righteous.’

(1 John 3: 12)

“Help us, O Lord our God, as we walk on the narrow path to life, to be increasingly self-aware, not only of our actions but also of the motivation behind them.”

- Pray for the important work of Gafcon bringing together orthodox Anglicans from across the world.
- Pray that many in this parish might seek the Lord.
- Pray for all that will go on in the Church Office today and for all who work there throughout the week.
- Pray for all those who sit in our Churchyard throughout the week.
- Please pray for Dulwich Road (Helen Robertson).

Saturday, 6th

‘Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you.’
(1 John 3: 13)

“Help us, O Lord, to stand firm in our faith, especially when we face opposition from the world. Help us to stand up, even when many around us are giving up and compromising the faith once delivered to the saints.”

- This year we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the printing of William Tyndale’s New Testament, the NT in English to be widely available. Please pray that many may hear about, and be astonished by, the amazing story of Tyndale’s life-long mission to translate the Bible into language which could be understood by ordinary people.
- Please pray for all in our church family who are ill at this time.
- Pray for the Finance Committee meeting this morning. Thank God for his continued financial provision for us as a church.
- Other local churches: thank God for our partnership with other churches, shown by our joint “Summer Weekend at Home”. Pray that many will join in from all of the churches involved.
- Please pray for St. Osyth Road (Louise and James Robinson).

Sunday, 7th

‘We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.’ **(1 John 3: 14)**

“Today, O Lord, we remember the eternal love which exists between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. May we all be inspired by your love to love you and to love our brothers and sisters in Christ.”

- Please pray that many churches and individuals in our nation may decide to join Church Society and benefit from it.
- As we meet for the Lord’s Supper at our morning services today, let us pray that we will be united together around Him.
- Please pray for those who will join the Online Service today.
- Pray for good numbers at Tea Time Church this afternoon.
- Please pray for Craigfield Avenue (Jill Ross).