

ST. MARGARET'S  
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SOUTH MARSTON  
&  
STANTON FITZWARREN

MAY PRAYER  
DIARY



*The Book of Acts – Chapter 1 Verses 7-9*

*<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "The times and occasions are set by my Father's own authority, and it is not for you to know when they will be. <sup>8</sup> But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> After saying this, he was taken up to heaven as they watched him, and a cloud hid him from their sight.*

**To my fellow Christians...**

Owing to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, many church and local events have been put on hold or cancelled altogether. As a result, until such time as the events recommence, the prayer diary will be scaled down to weekly prayers, much like the prayer diaries that are distributed over Christmas and the summer months.

I will still attempt to make the prayer diary as varied as possible, but for that to succeed I will continue to require your help and support, so please feel free to jot down your own thoughts for prayer below.

God Bless,  
Adam Jenkins

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**Prayer topics...**

**Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**Collect:** Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Pray for our politicians and our government this week, especially with local elections due to take place this week. Pray that our elected officials make the decisions that most benefit our country and that they may put aside their differences to ensure a positive outcome to the many crises that seem to be affecting our country at the moment.

Pray also this week for all those who have to work this Bank Holiday weekend, especially our emergency services who must keep working no matter what day it is and no matter what else is going on in the world. Remember also in your thoughts those attending the Lent Group, as it comes to an end this week.

**Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Collect:** Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

In your prayers, pray for Headteachers, teaching and support staff for the time, energy they commit to educating their pupils. Also pray for all pupils who will be sitting exams over the next few months, particularly those sitting GCSEs and A Levels. Pray that they will not be too stressed by any pressure or expectations and that they will do their best.

Also this week, pray for all the members of the Bumps and Babes group on Tuesdays. Many new and expectant mothers will undoubtedly be nervous for the future, so pray that, by meeting others like them, they can share in their experiences and bond with people that they may not otherwise have done.

**Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**Collect:** Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Pray this week for our Ministry Team, as they continue to lead us in fellowship and faith. May God be with them as they seek to impart His wisdom to us, not only every Sunday but on a daily basis with the online Morning Prayer services. Pray that they will not shy away from lovingly calling people to turn from their sin, even if it's a member of their own congregation.

Also this week, pray for all those who are attending, and taking part in, the Out of the Ashes concert at Christ Church in Old Town today. May the musicians and singers use their talents to embolden the spirits of those attending with renewed vigour and hope.

**Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Collect:** Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

This week we remember the ascension of Jesus Christ to heaven following his resurrection. Pray that, when our vision is small and our faith is thin particularly in light of the bad events that continue to blight our world, God will remind us of His towering beauty as He reigns over all things.

Also remember in your prayers those who are getting married this month. With this being a busy time of year for weddings, pray for all the couples as they begin a new life together. May their marriages be life-long and life-giving. Pray also that God will help those preparing for marriage, through the months of planning and the exciting times that are ahead.

**Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Collect:** Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

In your prayers this week, remember our Queen as we celebrate her Platinum Jubilee this week, and that there will be a guest missing from her celebration table that she would dearly love to have been there. Pray that God will be close to all who the Queen and all members of the Royal Family, as thoughts will no doubt turn to Prince Philip today.

Pray also for 5<sup>th</sup> Swindon Boys Brigade, particularly the Junior Boys who are going to Broadleas Adventure Centre for their first Junior Camp in three years this week. Pray that both the Boys and Officers, not just from our Company but across the Gloucestershire Battalion, who attend will enjoy themselves and learn more about themselves and each other.