Bromsgrove Parish Prayer Diary for May

*God is our refuge and strength,
    an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46.1*

**Saturday 1st May- Rock Hill**

Pray for all people in Rock Hill that they will remain calm and secure during this time of national emergency, and a loving caring community will evolve**.**

**Sunday 2nd May – Christ Church**

We pray for Christy Church as they meet to review the Finance results for 2020

**Monday 3rd May – Clergy**

Father we pray for our clergy at this trying time as they attempt to keep the parish working and worshipping. We give thanks for the work they continue to do to ensure we have online services and as we begin to take tentative steps to meeting in church.

**Tuesday 4th May – Pharmacies/Doctor’s surgeries**

We thank you, Lord, for all the people working on the front line in pharmacies and surgeries.   We pray for their safety as they serve others and for their anxious families at home.  We pray that the people who visit these places seeking help will be responsible and avoid putting these dedicated people at risk.  May their religious faith sustain and inspire them?

**Wednesday 5th May- Listening Service Monitoring Group**

We pray for the valuable work that is being done with the teenagers of the Parish.

**Thursday 6th May – Local Elections**

We give thanks and pray for our great tradition of Democracy.

**Friday 7th May– Catshill and North Marlbrook**

Pray for all people in Catshill and North Marlbrook that they will remain calm and secure during this time of national emergency, and that a loving caring community will evolve

**Saturday 8th May- Christ Church Catshill**

In these trying times we give thanks for ways that the church family can find a way to meet together and safely in this cherished place of worship

**Sunday 9th May – Finances**

Over the coming indefinite period money will continue to be an issue. On a personal level jobs will be lost incomes will be lost or at best reduced. Churches and the Diocese of Worcester will not be immune to this, and we pray that severe hardship in all areas can be avoided.

**Monday 10th May- PCC**

We pray for our PCC as they meet to review the financial results for 2020

**Tuesday 11th May– Dodford**

In these trying times we give thanks for ways that the church family can find a way to meet together and safely in this cherished place of worship.

**Wednesday 12th May– –** **Those who keep our community functioning.**

We ask God to bless all those who must work at this time for the good of the whole community.  Especially we remember those who deliver milk or post and those who collect our rubbish and our recycling materials.   We remember the lorry drivers and van drivers who keep our supermarkets and homes stocked with essential goods. May they realise how we value their work. Thank you for those who have continued to work to stock supermarket shelves, serve on deli counters, work on the tills, and generally help around the stores. Without their selfless attitude and commitment to turning up to work in conditions that see them exposed to the Corona Virus to a greater degree than any of us, except for the NHS, we would not have the ability to feed ourselves and our families.

**Thursday 13th May – Ascension Day**

Father in heaven, our minds were prepared for the coming of your kingdom
when you took Christ beyond our sight so that we might seek him in glory
May we follow where he has led and find our hope in his glory, for he is Lord forever.

**Friday 14th May – ReachOut Bromsgrove steering group**

We pray for this valuable resource as they meet to discuss ways to enrich the life’s of the most disadvantaged in our community

**Saturday 15th May – Refugees**

Our community has been assisting the work done by a local charity to provide much needed clothing and toiletries etc to this group of people, strangers to this country, a number of which are fellow Christians. They have been hosted at St Luke’s and we pray that people in the community will be able to help with the supply of such materials when the current restrictions are relaxed

**Sunday 16th May– Christ Church**

We pray for Christ church as they hold their ADCM

**Monday 17thMay– High Street shops bars restaurants and cafes**

For so long we have taken for granted our ability to shop, eat and drink where we like at almost any time we want. These establishments are facing unprecedented strains on their ability to survive this storm. Perhaps we can take this time to appreciate what we have, cherish it, and invest our money in these businesses to help in their recovery. We give thanks for a loosening of the restrictions around these businesses and we pray for their survival and growth

**Tuesday 18th May – Aston Field**

Pray for all people in Aston fields that they will remain calm and secure during this time of national emergency, and that a loving caring community will evolve.

**Wednesday 19th May– Care Homes**

There are a few care homes throughout the parish for which we would ask you that you wrap your arms around. Enable the carers in those places to have sufficient protection to be able to provide the level of care that is needed to ensure the residents maintain a level of physical and emotional wellbeing. We give thanks that people living in these homes are now allowed to see one of their loved ones.

**Thursday 20th May– St Godwald’s**

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**Friday 21st May– Those living alone.**

Lord we think today and pray for those people who have had to self-isolate and who hunger for the touch of a hand or to see a friendly face in their homes. We pray that there will be people who will give some solace by making a phone call or some form of social media to let them know they have not been forgotten. Thank you for the kind generous souls who have volunteered to shop for essential food items.

**Saturday 22nd May– Lickey End**

Pray for all people in Lickey End that they will remain calm and secure during this time of national emergency, and that a loving caring community will evolve.

**Sunday 23rd May– Pentecost**

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. We also pray for and give thanks for the Confirmation of David Rosewarne at Worcester Cathedral

**Monday 24th May – Local Hospitals**

For the sacrifice and work undertaken by Nursing staff, paramedics, porters, cleaners, catering staff. Keep them safe and make sure they have all the protective equipment they need and give thanks that they are working to keep us all safe.

**Tuesday 25th May- Farmers**

We give thanks for those who continue to work tirelessly to produce food that makes its way onto our supermarket shelves. Once again this is a group of people who we have tended to take for granted because somehow the food we eat continues to arrive on our table. Once we are through this time of struggle lets ensure that we place buying from our own farmers ours, and this country’s priority. Please ensure that there are sufficient hands to pick all the produce that needs to be harvested.

**Wednesday 26th May- Charford**

Pray for all people in Charford that they will remain calm and secure during this time of national emergency, and that a loving caring community will evolve

**Thursday 27th May– St John’s and St Andrew’s**

In these trying times we give thanks for ways that the church family can find a way to meet together and safely in this cherished place of worship

**Friday 28th May- Food banks**

An increasing number of people have come to rely on these establishments as we have had to come to terms with the period of austerity that the country has had to live through. Please ensure these priceless community assets continue to receive the support that is vital to the work they do. We also give thanks for those who have been moved by the plight of people struggling and have contributed financially or by providing items of food.

**Saturday 29th May- All Saint’s**

In these trying times we give thanks for ways that the church family can find a way to meet together and safely in this cherished place of worship

**Sunday 30th May- Trinity Sunday**

Through them we come to know the mystery of your life. Help us to worship you, one God in three persons, You reveal yourself in the depths of our being, by proclaiming and living our faith in you.

**Monday 31st May - Sidemoor**

Pray for all people in Sidemoor that they will remain calm and secure during this time of national emergency, and that a loving caring community will evolve.

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