Bromsgrove Parish Prayer Diary for May

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

**Tuesday 1st June- Local schools**

We give thanks for this half term break and pray that all children, their parents, and staff have an enjoyable week, and they can find relief from the stresses that can come with school life.

**Wednesday 2nd June – 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 continue to take tentative steps to meeting in church. We give thanks that they can meet every Wednesday online to discuss the way forward for the Parish.

**Thursday 3rd June – Richard Sandiland**

Our new curate and his family move into the parish over the next couple of days. We look forward to working and worshipping alongside Richard, and we pray that he has an enjoyable and productive time with us.

**Friday 4th June – 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?

**Saturday 5th June- World Environment Day**

This day focuses on environmental concerns ranging from pollution to global warming and sustainable food production to protection of wildlife, which is vital for our lives, lives to come and the fellow creatures that co-exist with us on this beautiful planet that the Lord has given us

**Sunday 6th June – 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**.**

**Monday 7th June– Christ Church Catshill**

In these trying times we give thanks for ways that the church family can find a way to meet and safely in this cherished place of worship. We pray or the DCC as they meet tonight to discuss the way forward for the church

**Tuesday 8th June- National Best Friends Day**

We give thanks today for the friendships that we have and hold dear both in our church and secular lives. To quote from “It’s Wonderful Life” let us remember no person is a failure who has friends.

**Wednesday 9th June – 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.

**Thursday 10th June- Listening Service Monitoring Group**

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

**Friday 11th June– Dodford**

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**Saturday 12th June –** **Love Your Burial Ground Day**

 Christ Church are hosting a day in honour of the above. The Church will be open from 10.00am until 4.00pm. for “Love Your Burial Ground” day. They ask that you bring your own picnic and come and explore both Churchyards. There will be a “Find the Headstone” quiz for children, and adults, if they want to join in. The Crafters Group are also hoping to have their stall open. Please come and join them.

**Sunday 13th June – 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.

**Monday 14th June – World Blood Donor Day**

This is a day set aside to thank all of those people who are a silent group of people who donate on a regular basis to help improve and save lives. We give thanks for these donors and pray that more will come forward to donate.

**Tuesday 15th June – 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

**Wednesday 16th June– 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

**Thursday 17th June– 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

**Friday 18th June – 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.

**Saturday 19th June– 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.

**Sunday 20th June– St Godwald’s**

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**Monday 21st June– 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. We give thanks for the loosening of restrictions which mean that more people are able to receive the reassurance that only a hug from a loved one can give

**Tuesday 22nd June– 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.

**Wednesday 23rd June– PCC Standing Committee**

This important committee meet today alongside the Church Wardens to look for ways to improve and update ways that the parish can have an improved dialogue with the people of Bromsgrove.

**Thursday 24th June – 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. Now that the number of Covid related patients is decreasing we pray that you will be with them as they cope with the high number of procedures that have built up

**Friday 25th June- 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.

**Saturday 26th June- 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

**Sunday 27th June– 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 and safely in this cherished place of worship

**Monday 28th June- 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.

**Tuesday 29th June- 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

**Wednesday 30th June – All Saints**

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