

The Parish of St Andrew's, Reading Street

Prayer Diary

April 2026

Prayer lies at the heart of the Christian life.

God promises to hear us and to respond when we pray.

Fri 24th Jesus said, "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." **Matt.16.18** . No matter what - our Lord will protect our church. We thank You. Jesus, for Your promise.

Sat 25th Pray for the preparation being made in readiness for the Annual Parochial Church Council on the 10th May. Pray that our APCM may be a celebration of the past year and an opportunity to look to the future with hope and enthusiasm.

Sun 26th We pray today for our YPaSTA and Junior Church, and all who lead and teach the children. May each child grow up to know and love the Lord Jesus and follow him throughout their lives.

Mon 27th Lord, please be close to all who are unwell, in hospital or at home. Give them your peace and healing. Help those who are anxious and waiting for diagnosis or going through difficult tests or procedures.

Tue 28th Pray for children who are deprived, excluded or have special needs.

Wed 29th Lord we ask you to bless residents in care homes. May they find friendship together. Help the staff who care for them in a busy and stressful environment. Give them patience and compassion. We also ask you to bless those who visit to lead services.

Thu 30th The end of another month. Loving God, You hold us in Your hands. Give each of us what we need for the month ahead, whatever it brings, and we shall give to You our thanks and praise.

Thank you for reading and using our prayer diary, we hope you found it helpful. We would welcome your feedback. If there is any topic you would like included in a future diary, please telephone the Church Office on 609513, or call in between 10 -12 noon Monday to Friday

Wed 1st We pray for all who attend the Compline service this evening. Pray that through this week we may share in Christ's dying and rising.

Thu 2nd MAUNDY THURSDAY: Our Lord is a great God, thank Him for His unfailing love. Pray for our service this evening that we may be drawn closer to the Lord as we recall the event of the Last Supper.

Fri 3rd GOOD FRIDAY: Pray for the Three hour service this afternoon and the Good Friday Devotional service this evening. Give thanks to the Lord who gave everything for us, His broken Body and His blood outpoured.

Sat 4th Increasing age can bring weakness in its different forms so that people are no longer able to cope with the demands of day to day living. Pray for those whom you know who are being forced to face change just now. God understands when no-one else seems to!

Sun 5th EASTER DAY: Jesus is risen, Alleluia! Risen Lord, be real to us as we worship You today. We remember that every Sunday is a time to celebrate Your rising from death. Thank You for Your death for us and for Your victory over sin, death and hell. Thank You that because of You we need not fear separation from You! Stir our hearts again today.

Mon 6th We continue to rejoice with Jesus' disciples in His Resurrection. Ask God to open our eyes and our hearts so that we may understand all the more clearly what we read in the Scriptures and hear in our church services or on radio and TV. So may we believe all the more in His promise of everlasting life!

Tue 7th Dear Risen Lord, may the joy of Easter remain real with us in the weeks ahead. Thank You for all that You went through for us. Help us never to take this for granted but rather to determine anew to follow You more closely.

Wed 8th *“Strive for peace with everyone and for the holiness without which no-one will see the Lord.”* Heb. 12.14. We need to draw people to Christ by our own behaviour! Lord Jesus, prompt me often, and by Your Spirit, help me to do and to be so that I am always in the centre of Your will!

Thu 9th Pray for all those who have addiction problems.

Fri 10th *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God.”* Matt. 6.33. Is this the secret path to happiness? Some have found that it is. Surely it is certainly worth trying!

Sat 11th It is difficult to wait for the results of tests, or for a hospital appointment. Merciful Father, be near to the dear folk who are watching the days pass. Keep us faithful in supporting them.

Sun 12th We pray for the Reverend Gary Colville, our celebrant and preacher this morning.

Mon 13th *“We have different gifts ...”* Rom.12.6 Gracious Lord, thank You that our gifts are freely given to us from Your hand. Help us to use them wisely. And help us to beware of criticising the gifts that others have: that is between them and You!

Tue 14th Continue to pray for all who are caught up in violence and warfare. Pray especially for the people in the Middle East.

Wed 15th All-seeing God, show me who needs my prayers today. Prompt my mind and my imagination; and then help me to be pro-active. Perhaps I can encourage that person with a phone call, a visit, a letter or an electronic contact. I know I won't regret making this effort and it is possible that my friend might be hugely blessed.

Thu 16th Creator God, thank You for Spring, for all the signs of new life which we see in the fields and in our gardens and which lift our hearts.

Fri 17th *“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”* Rom.12.12 We know that it is all too easy to give up, but the Apostle Paul knew what he was writing about. It works and is certainly worth persevering in all three!

Sat 18th Pray for all who are dedicated to helping visually impaired people.

Sun 19th Pray that all people may hear and believe the word of God.

Mon 20th *“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.”* Rom. 8.1,2 Thank You, dear Lord, for this freedom. Help me to live in it!

Tue 21st Pray for those who struggle to commit time to listen to God.

Wed 22nd *“Do not judge, or you too will be judged.”* Matt. 7.1 Sometimes I am critical of others, so often my close friends! Forgive me, Lord. Help me to remember that You are the only true Judge.

Thu 23rd *“Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up.”* Gal. 6.9. Keep us persevering, Gracious Lord, for growth in spirit - and for growth in the numbers of people joining us in worship! Help us believe!