

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for all those who care for the elderly, both within families and outside of the family structure.

**Tue 26<sup>th</sup>** Ask God to bring physical and psychological healing to women who have suffered from sex trafficking.

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>** Thank God for the work of The Gideons International as they distribute God's word throughout the world.

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup>** Merciful Father, we pray for Your healing grace on all those who have lost a loved one recently. We know that they will be safe with You, but it can be very hard trying to manage that loss. Lord, help each one of us to care for those who are sad: it is a lonely place to be.

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup>** Thank You, Father, for another weekend! Bless families, helping them where possible to be able to spend quality time together. Where there is tension, give a spirit of patience and understanding, so that problems can be sorted out before they grow too big!

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup>** God's love for us is set in concrete; that's the foundation you build your life on. In our parish, many new houses are springing up, hopefully on strong foundations. Thank God for the eternal reliability of His love for you and for those precious to you.

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup>** We pray for Esther, our guest preacher this morning, from Compassion UK.

***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.***

## **The Parish of St Andrew's, Reading Street Prayer Diary May 2026**

***Prayer lies at the heart of the Christian life.  
God promises to hear us and to respond when we pray.***

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** Gracious God, we give You thanks for bringing us safely to the beginning of another month. Thank You for answering our April prayers. Help each of us to trust You for the answers which we wait for, knowing that everything is in Your hands. You are utterly faithful!

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>** Pray for the services at our church tomorrow, and pray for those all over the world who are unable to worship with others because of persecution.

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>** Lord Jesus Christ, as a carpenter You knew what it was to serve others in Your daily work. We pray for those who serve us today, emptying bins, cleaning, driving, and waiting on us. Bless especially those known to us. Thank You for their commitment. Remind us to add our thanks when we have the opportunity.

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the continuing crisis in Sudan – some two million refugees need assistance.

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup>** Ask God to help us all to pray ever more in line with his will to change people's lives.

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** Pray for Philip who is on duty at Buckingham Palace Garden party today.

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup>** Council Elections today: Thank God for the right to vote and for freedom of speech. Pray that voters and politicians will make wise choices. Pray for those who come to power and for those who lose power.

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** Pray we will be 'salt and light' in our neighbourhoods, workplaces, and leisure times.

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup>** It's our APCM tomorrow: please pray that we shall have heavenly wisdom as we discuss and make decisions. Pray that each person intending to be present will spend time beforehand being prepared by Christ, the Head of the Church.

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** Pray we will be good stewards of our time and resources as we serve the LORD. Pray too for our APCM taking place this morning.

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup>** We pray for Mayowa, our Children and Young People's minister.

**Tue 12<sup>th</sup>** Pray for anyone known to you who is struggling with illness, relationship breakdown, financial trouble, or any other pressure. Ask God to draw near.

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>** Ask God to bless and encourage those who minister to the younger children in Junior church, pre-school church and young people.

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day:** Today we remember how Jesus left His disciples to return to God's right hand, (Acts 1. 1-13), His own work completed. As He left behind a group of followers to witness to Him all over the world, enable us, dear Lord, to be faithful in carrying out this commission.

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>** We are fortunate to enjoy the fellowship of our church family who will support us when we are in need. We seek your blessing, Lord, on all people who find themselves isolated - no matter where they are or what their faith may be. Give them the strength to go forward - with joy !

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup>** Pray for those attending church tomorrow as we celebrate Rogation Sunday, that they will be blessed and challenged by the ministry of God's word.

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup>** Commit this day to the LORD. Pray that our praise and worship be pleasing to him. Pray that we will hear what God is saying to us as a church and as individuals.

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>** Bring our new PCC to God in prayer today, that he will bless its work in the church.

**Tue 19<sup>th</sup>** Bring before God our bible study groups, that they will be beneficial for spiritual growth and increasing of our faith.

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** God is the giver of all good gifts. Pray for wisdom, courage and discernment as we continue in our daily tasks.

**Thu 21<sup>st</sup>** Lord, I am sorry for those times when I have moaned about someone, an action, or a situation. Teach me to always ask "why?" before complaining, and to look at my own behaviour first!

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** Remember parents whose grown-up children continue to give cause for concern, whether the problems are medical, relational, or rooted elsewhere. Lord Jesus, You lived on earth; You know and understand. Comfort and enable these dear folk!

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>** Pray for everyone who is hungry today, whether they live thousands of miles away or in our local community.

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup>** We pray for Rev Michael Cooke, our preacher and celebrant today. Please pray for Philip, too, as he preaches at St James Palace this morning.