

### MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup>

Lord our Provider, help us to realise that You call us all to learn the ways of peace and justice and to share our abundance. May our welcome and our compassion be unceasing. May our love for those seeking refuge be steadfast.

### TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup>

Dear Lord, we thank You for all who are working to help asylum seekers. Give them energy and patience and help us all to work for a world where human lives are valued.

### WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>

Loving Father, no one is a stranger to You. Watch over migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, especially those who are separated from their loved ones. Bring them safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show Your kindness to strangers.

### THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>

Saviour God, our journey through life is long and hard and we cannot do it without Your help. Send us Your Holy Spirit to be with us and help us to see Your Spirit in those You send to journey with us. Teach us to welcome strangers and help us to appreciate the gifts they bring.

### FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup>

Merciful Father, You call us to welcome asylum seekers who have come to our land but we are filled with fear, doubt and suspicion. Help us by Your grace to welcome them with joy and generosity, responding to their needs.

## HOLY SPIRIT

*'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.'* Acts 2:4

### SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup>

Holy Spirit of Life, enflame us with passion for the Good News. Let our voices ring with the hope and promise of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup>

Holy Spirit of Love, bring us compassion and kindness. May our words bring comfort to those in need of consolation and assurance.

### MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup>

Holy Spirit of Grace, enlighten our hearts and minds. Fill our speech with expressions of peace and understanding.

### TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup>

Almighty God, when we meet together and celebrate that first Pentecost, may it be for us as it was for the disciples; a moment of empowerment and an awareness of Your Glory in this dark world.

### WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup>

Dear Lord, as we light a candle to show that Jesus is always with us, empower us to carry Your flame in our hearts always so that we may be the light of Your love in our community, to our family and to our friends.

### THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup>

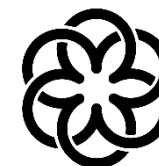
Come Holy Spirit and renew hearts that have grown cold, transform the lives of those who live in fear, grant us all wisdom, understanding and peace.

### FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup>

Father, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon world leaders. May they make decisions that are just and use their power wisely. May they avoid the sin of indifference, love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

Loving God,

As we journey together through this period of vacancy in our parish, we thank you for your everlasting faithfulness to us. At this time of uncertainty and change we ask that you send us your Holy Spirit, to fill us with your vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer. Amen.



The Parish of Ewhurst  
with Okewood & Forest Green

# MAY Prayer Diary



*'The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer: my God is my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield and my horn of salvation, my stronghold.'* Psalm 18:2

*'This is what the Lord Almighty said: "Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another."'* Zechariah 7:9

### WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup>

Almighty God, we are living through a time where there are so many hurting people that it can become overwhelming. Help us to remember that Jesus demonstrated a life that overflowed with deep compassion and tender mercy towards all who were sick, troubled or hurt. Help us to stretch out a willing arm of comfort and extend a godly mercy that comes from You.

### THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>

Gracious Lord, make us aware of the needs of the people around us. Help us to be grateful for what we have and help those with so much less. We ask this in Jesus' name.

### **FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Loving Father, we praise and thank You because Your mercies are unending and they are new every morning. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and enable us to reflect Your virtues of love and compassion for our fellow-beings.

## **HEALING**

*“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40*

### **SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup>**

Dear God, we pray for all who are sick in hospital. By Your grace, may they be healed and, while they are separated from their families, may they find peace from their fears through the loving care and attention of doctors and nurses.

### **SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

God of Wisdom, You reveal knowledge to scientists and doctors. We thank You for recent medical breakthroughs. We thank You for the expertise of practitioners working to eradicate diseases throughout the world.

### **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup>**

Lord Jesus who healed the sick, be with doctors and all medical staff as they act as agents of Your healing touch. Keep them strong and loving and, at the end of each day, bring them peace in their weariness.

### **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup>**

Merciful Father, we pray for healthcare workers who have to make difficult decisions about resources and treatments. May they do so with care, compassion and integrity.

### **WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

God of Love, we thank all those who work hard to bring us health. Bless our Health Service to thrive, to prosper and to heal. We lift up to You all the wards and departments in our hospitals. We pray that there will be beds for all who need them.

### **THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup>**

God of Power, give Your wisdom to our government in matters of the health service of our nation. We pray for a service that does not discriminate. We pray for reforms that consider the welfare of all staff.

### **FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup>**

God of Hope, be by the side of those who await operations. Send Your Spirit into the hands of those who care for them. Let us not forget to give thanks when we are recovering from ill health or from an operation and may Your healing continue in our lives.

## **CARING FOR THE ELDERLY**

### **SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup>**

Loving Father, we lift up to You all who are living in Care Homes. Be with them and bless them. May they know that they are loved, and still precious in Your sight. May they feel Your comforting presence bringing them peace.

### **SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup>**

Lord, we pray for wisdom and compassion for the Government making reforms to the care system. May they find creative and sustainable ways to provide extra funds so that everyone can get the care that they need.

### **MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup>**

Precious Lord, we ask You to bless all who have grown old and who are unable to look after themselves. Send them loving carers who appreciate their wisdom and the richness of their experience.

### **TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup>**

Father God, bless the families of the elderly with insight and good judgement. Send Your Holy Spirit to help them make wise decisions and grant them the patience to care for those who once cared for them.

### **WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Lord, we thank You for the loving care and attention of staff working in the care system. Grant them patience in their work and the joy and rewards that come from caring for others.

### **THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup>**

Compassionate God, for all who live in fear of what they might become and those already walking down this lonely road where minds and bodies don't work as well as they used to, grant them peace. May each moment of their lives be filled with joy not sorrow, and Your love be seen through those who care for these fragile people.

### **FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup>**

Loving Father, we pray for carers in this world, young and old, whose love, time and freedom is given for one who is in need. May they know Your blessing, through good days and bad and receive as they have been given, love in good measure, flowing into their hearts and lives.

## **MIGRANTS, REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS**

*‘Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.’ Psalm 16:1*

### **SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Lord, there are still desperate people who leave their homeland to escape oppression, persecution, violence and war. Watch over them and comfort them on their fearful journey. They are particularly vulnerable so protect them we pray, especially the elderly and the sick.

### **SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup>**

Come Holy Spirit and make us Pentecost people. Let Your wisdom and right judgement guide our decisions, our temper and our impulses. Let knowledge and understanding increase our capacity for sympathy and compassion. Let reverence and awe fill us with gratitude and respect for all creation. Give us courage to witness boldly to our faith in word and deed.