

## **Prayer Diary – May 2017– Trinity Churches**

*Mon 1* Pray today for new members of PCC and DCCs, elected at yesterday's APCM, giving thanks for their willingness to serve in this way. Read again through 'God's Amazing Family' and pick one item to pray into. Praise God for all that has been celebrated over this last year. As she nears her first year in our midst, pray for Charlotte Gompertz and her family, Adam, Molly and Noah, as they prepare for her priesting in a few weeks time. Pray particularly for safe travelling on our roads this Bank Holiday and for the joy of families getting together.

*Tue 2* Pray for stories shared at the Coffee morning and Trinity Table today. For the 'Marthas' who will be serving. Please pray for Ana Lawrence as she prepares for her ordination on 1st July. For her family in all the changes that Ana's new curacy in Albrighton, impending house move and Sarah's marriage bring. Pray for the unknown clients being helped through financial difficulties, by TMAC.

*Wed 3* Pray Jesus would be made known through conversations at Knit & Natter and Radbrook Community Tea, today. May the 9am CLT know God's wisdom and guiding in its deliberations and planning today. Pray for the Trinity Centre, that God's continued love and presence would be known to centre users. For Welcome Assistants and office staff to be purveyors of God's fragrance, and for all who pass thro' to know His love in a personal way. On this World Press Freedom Day, pray that those working in the media would use this freedom wisely.

*Thu 4* Pray for those standing in today's local elections. For parents who will struggle with childcare, because schools are closed. Pray that we can be an incarnational presence through those at Bacon Buddies, at Thursday Fellowship, at First Steps on Radbrook and at Messy Church at the Trinity Centre, as well as Rachel Woods and the Windfall group, meeting today. Give thanks for the rich tapestry of worship and music that we enjoy across the church, as members meet for Worship Central. May Matt and members of Running Church be strengthened both physically and spiritually.

*Fri 5* Pray for ordinands, Fi and Hannah on residential this weekend. Pray that, as the "Living Stones" 2017 appeal continues to gain momentum, it would gather and engage with membership across our church fellowship. Pray for wisdom in achieving good communication, and that the response to this shared vision would be widespread. Pray for those appointed as wardens at the APCM - for Judith Drury, Erica Staples and Mike Haddaway.

*Sat 6* Give thanks for the strength and depth of church male membership, as the Men's Breakfast gathers this morning, and pray for speaker Adam Gompertz, and the topic of 'Fuelled up and ready to go'. Pray protection, health and encouragement for H&M in their work in Africa. Give thanks for all that Matt and Jenny Guildler do for us and pray for their children, Ben and Abigail.

*Sun 7* Pray for a powerful presence of God's Spirit at the Meet Place today, as members of CMP gather for their monthly service. That many on the fringe of our church may be welcomed to and enjoy today's Big Lunch. Pray for Jack Smith and his family as Jack is baptised this afternoon. Sunday theme: Thy Kingdom Come -Sowing and Reaping. Pray for the many opportunities through our church life to be sowers of God's word into our communities, that His Kingdom would be made known.

*Mon 8* Pray for Valerie Pitt and Carol Booles in their leadership of the Bereavement journey course, and for those who attend. Pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' in Trinity Tots, MBrace Community Choir and Dementia Cafe, among those gathering. Pray today along with members of CTK, as they meet to intercede for Radbrook Green. For members of the 10.45 leadership team meeting tonight. Lord, may many be inspired to start praying for their local schools, especially during the next fortnight. Please encourage those already doing this and lead them by Your Spirit as they pray for Your blessing to rest upon staff and pupils.

*Tue 9* Pray for those who take Communion into our nursing homes, particularly remembering residents of the Ferns today. Pray for Judith Clarkson and her team, meeting to plan the school's Pentecost Experience, later this month. In this Foster Care Fortnight, we

pray: Heavenly Father, we are so grateful that Christ, who will become the Bridegroom of the Church, came to rescue us from sin and death. Fill us with Your love and send us out to others who need to be forgiven and become part of Your Family.

*Wed 10* Pray for Phil as he meets today with our churchwardens. That they would be enabled to support each other in the wise leadership of our church. Pray for those attending the Transforming Work course, as it comes to its end. That lessons will have been learnt to enrich daily work and the growth of the Kingdom. Pray for Valerie Pitt, giving thanks for her faithful service at Trinity Churches and more widely across the deanery.

*Thu 11* Pray for plans across the Christian church in the UK and across the world, in response to 'THY KINGDOM COME', the invitation by the Archbishop of Canterbury to pray between Ascension Day and Pentecost, for people to know Jesus Christ. ([thykingdom.co.uk](http://thykingdom.co.uk)). Pray for a united effort to pray for our world and our communities. Pray for Neville Willerton, his family and his work with Church Army. Pray for those clients who are supported by the work of the Shrewsbury Ark.

*Fri 12* Lord, be a special presence with Little Buds and their parents today, as Judith leads them in Toddler church. Pray that God's word would be revealed to all attending today's Bible and Bingo at the Meet Place. On this International Nurses Day, pray for all who work in our health services, locally and nationally as the service struggles under the strain of providing increasing care with limited resources.

*Sat 13* Pray for those offering to intercede for others at Cafe Connect 'Prayer for Healing', today. Give thanks for all the work our church does with children and young people, as the 'Kids Count' conference takes place today. For Judith and the leaders who are facilitating this event. Remember all those who are anxious about upcoming GCSEs and A-Level exams. For pupils and families. Pray for our churches work with Pathfinders, 'B' and Anon. As SYFC holds its monthly prayer breakfast today, pray for Hannah Moore, Andy and the team as they minister in our local secondary schools.

*Sun 14* Pray for clergy across the Diocese, particularly remembering Bishop Michael as he comes to speak at our services today. May he be blessed with wisdom in his direction of the wider church. Pray for Judith and the team, and all the children attending Messy Church at Radbrook this afternoon. Give thanks for all that Gordon and Jane Lamb contribute to the life of our church, both openly and behind the scenes. That God would bless their endeavours.

*Mon 15* Pray for the work done by the leadership team of the Causeway group, this evening. On this International Day of Families, remember Christian organisations and churches, along with other charities and agencies that support families that have been driven from their homes, are living in poverty and in fear for their lives. Pray that they will be able to bring them food, shelter, education, medical care and hope.

*Tue 16* Pray for each of our regional MPs as they prepare for the General Election next month. For all those who are part of the infrastructure and organisation behind the scenes. Pray for Charles Ruxton, as he balances his 'day job', service to Trinity Churches, family and wider Diocesan responsibilities. Pray for Elise and Jon Fletcher in Bangkok, with children, Elliot and Sammy, as they continue to help their neighbours rebuild after the recent devastating fire.

*Wed 17* Pray for all the ongoing plans being made for Soul Purpose at the end of this month. For the Small Team leader training. That the right people may come forward to help and that the organisers would be directed to the right recipients and projects. Pray for today's performance of 'The Bundle' – an Asylum Seeker's story performed by Journeymen Theatre. It is being held at Meeting Point House, Telford and is sponsored by local Quakers, in aid of Refugee Action and Halesowen Welcome Group.

*Thu 18* Think and pray about all those you know who worship at other churches across Shrewsbury, both Anglican and other denominations, as Churches Together in Shrewsbury meets at the Baptist Church, Crowmoor Branch. Pray for all the work that Judith Clarkson and Carol Booles do with our children and pre-school projects.

*Fri 19* Continue to give thanks for those who undertake visiting and provision of communion at local nursing homes as this happens at Radbrook NH. Pray for Fi and Hannah as they finish their ordination training in the parish and at St Mellitus, and prepare to be ordained in a few weeks time. Pray for their affirmation and for their families as they prepare for the adjustments that will inevitably take place.

*Sat 20* Give thanks when we see a former young member of our church grow up through the church and then come back to be married. Pray today for the wedding of Sarah Lawrence and John Sutton. That God would lay down foundations, for their futures together, with each other and with Him. Pray for today's Diocesan Vision Day, as Bishop Michael launches the "Come Follow Christ in the Footsteps of Chad" initiative.

*Sun 21* As we consider our Sunday theme: Thy Kingdom Come - Kingdom battles, we pray today for all who find that faith is a battle. For those who are the only Christian in their family and long for other members to know Christ. May they particularly know the Saviour who promises to share those burdens. Pray for all who work in the church office, our frontline with the local community. For Helen, William, Ellie and Jenny. Pray for the discussions and process, seeking to find a replacement for Isabel.

*Mon 22* As we continue to think about and pray for the lead up to the General Election, pray for Jane Green and her increased workload. Pray for Lay Readers, Steve Jones, Martin Hall, Shirley Stevens, Gareth Evans. Give thanks also for Shirley's faithful work as our Verger.

*Tue 23* Please pray for Fi Iddon's work at Prestfelde School, in particular as she continues to seek to engage the children in the Eucharist service. Pray for the work and outreach of Cafe Connect. For Dave and Lissie in their managerial roles and for the volunteers. May each feel valued and encouraged as they reach out to those passing through the Cafe. Pray that the level of volunteers would match the need of the service.

*Wed 24* Pray for Thy Kingdom to come in our work with men in the church. May they be affirmed in their roles and workplaces as they meet for Trinity Men's early prayer breakfast. Pray for all who work in the Mental Health sector. That we would continue to work together for the removal of the stigma of Mental Health. Pray for the staff, volunteers and residents at the Severn Hospice.

*Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, inviting Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost, for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started with Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 and the CofE, has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.*

*Thu 25* Ascension Day. Pray for all the children taking part in the Pentecost experience in church, today and tomorrow. Pray Thy Kingdom Come in all the events in the Trinity Centre today: Windfall, Pam's sewing class, Shropshire Dance and Fitness and German Class. Pray for the Bell Ringing team as they meet to practice today and for the opportunities to reach out to non-church members. Pray for today's Ascension Day walk up the Wrekin, as we embark on 10 days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost.

*Fri 26* **Love: Love is the greatest. If love is the start, it's also the end. If the end, also the means. In the Kingdom we don't love in order to achieve other things; we do all things for love. Love costs everything (no more, so you can afford it).** Pray for all events seeking to raise awareness of 'Thy Kingdom Come'. For today's TC activities: Women and the Word, Arty Party, Italian Class. Pray for those planning Prayer Trails and Treasure Hunt in Market Drayton.

*Sat 27* **Joy: The ear-to-ear joy of surprise – 'somebody loves you'. The quiet joy of knowing that, all shall be well; The noisy joy of the street party. Neighbours becoming friends.** Pray for enjoyment and real community engagement at today's Bring and Buy Plant Sale. Pray Thy Kingdom Come into events across the parish today, both church and secular: NulaHula workshop, German workshop, Cafe Connect Prayer for Healing. Pray for the start of Soul Purpose, that there will be lots of fun and enjoyment, seasoned with good weather. Pray for today's Wrekin Picnic and Prayer with Bishop Mark.

*Sun 28* **Peace: Caricatures resolve, into human beings. 'They' become 'we'. Dividing lines dissolve. The true enemy is named and the battle for peace begins in me.** Pray for

all our services across the parish today. For those preaching and all those serving in so many different roles to make this happen. Above all that God would be worshipped and glorified in all things. Continue to pray blessing into Soul Purpose today. Remember all that the Cansdale family contribute to the life of our churches. Pray for Phil and Tracey and their children, Lottie, Hamish and Barney.

**Mon 29 Patience: The Kingdom, you say, is now and not yet. That makes us impatient: 'Thy Kingdom come', and patient; we know enough to know it is certainly coming. We see the signs, take heart; trust your timing. But oh!....** Pray again for Soul Purpose as, on its final session it brings Kingdom values into the lives and communities it serves this weekend. May the seeds sown be fruitful. Pray for rest and recuperation for children and teachers during this half term. Pray for the Caer Caradoc Walk with Bishop Alistair, today.

**Tue 30 Kindness: A thing of the moment, offered naturally. At the right time, ready fruit. The flower is there but needs the Spirit's fertility.** May the fragrance of Jesus be sensed through the use today in the Trinity Centre and in church, by members of Jigsaw choir and Fitsteps. Ask God to raise up thousands of Christians to intercede for the advance of God's kingdom throughout the land at this time, and pray for those who serve in our local communities. Remember especially our police and other emergency services today.

**Wed 31 Goodness: You know it by its smell, its cheeky confidence. Readiness to celebrate. Like perfume poured out. Like a friend's invitation. A stranger's hospitality. Unnecessary, more than sufficient.** Pray for the folk at today's 'Knit and Natter' to find Kingdom seeds woven into their conversations. Pray for those planning and preparing for the church's summer celebration on Sunday 11th June. Almighty God, we pray that our legal system will not become divorced from the biblical principles and values of justice and mercy on which it was founded, but will continue to uphold the needs of the most vulnerable, and promote truth and integrity in our society.

**Thu 1 Faithfulness: The terrier that won't let go. The teacher, believing the best in her worst pupil. Marriage vows fulfilled. The steel in the Man who laid his life down for his friends (for the joy that was set before him). This church in its community?** Pray for Adam Gompertz and the team as they prepare for "Trinity Classic Car Show" on 17th June. That this would be an opportunity for engaging with whole families.

**Fri 2 Gentleness: Mary held the baby's head. The gardener sheltered the seedlings. And so what could have been, became.** Pray today for the Persecuted church. For organisations such as Open Doors, Barnabas Fund and Christian Solidarity, as they encourage and support Christians across the world and equip them to introduce the Kingdom, under challenging circumstances. Pray for the outreach led by Mike and Julie Kim, among muslim communities. For CTK in seeking to support this mission partner.

**Sat 3 Self control: The stinging swarm of my desires is settled. I have met my monsters, and they do my bidding. I have come to my right mind. This is the work of a Master, whom I choose to follow now.** Pray for the families and friends of Andrew Paradise and Charlotte Bates, as they celebrate their wedding today. Please pray for the Prayer Picnic at Lyth Hill today, in connection with 'Thy Kingdom Come'. 'When did you see me in trouble and minister to me?' Pray for the Street Pastors as they seek to bring in The Kingdom on our streets this weekend, by being the hands and feet of Jesus in our town.

**Sun 4 'When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place'. Father, we ask that you would visit your church in power, in all services taking place today. As we come to the end of 11 days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost, may it represent the 'end of the beginning', inspiring us to continue a closer walk with you. Our Sunday theme: Thy Kingdom Come - Giving it your all. Holy Spirit, we thank You for sending down Your power, love and wisdom to change our lives as we trust in Christ. We long to witness a greater outpouring of Your grace upon the Church that brings blessing to all people and extends Your Kingdom.**

*Thanks to Charles Ruxton for the 'fruits of the day' thoughts, between Ascension and Pentecost prayers.  
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