

ST. MARGARET'S  
COLEVIEW,  
SOUTH MARSTON  
&  
STANTON FITZWARREN

SEPTEMBER  
PRAYER DIARY



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*The Epistle of James – Chapter 5 Verse 7*

*7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.*

**To my fellow Christians...**

Owing to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, many church and local events have been put on hold or cancelled altogether. As a result, until such time as the events recommence, the prayer diary will be scaled down to weekly prayers, much like the prayer diaries that are distributed over Christmas and the summer months.

I will still attempt to make the prayer diary as varied as possible, but for that to succeed I will continue to require your help and support, so please feel free to jot down your own thoughts for prayer below.

God Bless,  
Adam Jenkins

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### **Prayer topics...**

**1st - 5th** With schools returning this week, we pray this week for all those starting the new academic year in new surroundings. Consider all teaching staff starting into new roles and for pupils starting new schools, colleges, or universities. We pray that, despite the distancing that will be in place, that they will settle in quickly and feel happy in their new schools.

### **Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**Collect:** Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

While we continue to worry about the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, many countries around the world are having to cope with this on top of everything that was going on in their lives prior to it. Keep in mind this week the children that Compassion support to save them from a life of poverty and struggle and bring them into the light through the amazing power of God's love for all humanity.

Pray also this week for the work that Traidcraft does in developing countries to fight poverty through trade and seek justice for those who grow and produce our food. Do not forget - this week or any week - all those who are suffering who don't always get reported.

### **Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**Collect:** Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This week in your prayers, pray for our local church family. We pray for our Ministry Team - Elveen, Mark, Lisa, Alison and Dan - who have been working tirelessly throughout this pandemic to find ways to bring God's word to us in spite of the restrictions. Pray also for those working behind the scenes in our churches to make them safe for us to resume worship and enjoy each other's company. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated group of people.

Pray also this week for Elveen and her family as they continue to settle into a new way of life here in Stratton, and that her enthusiasm and confidence may be a shining light to us as we return to our churches.

### **Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September**

**Collect:** Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Monday this week is International Day of Peace. In your prayers this week, remember all those who are working to take world peace from a dream to a reality. There are thousands of innocent victims of ongoing wars all over the world; pray that God will show mercy and protect all those who are in the line of fire

When we see images of war and hostilities on various media platforms, we can often feel either vulnerable or thankful that we are not in their position. Pray that they can find God through their helpless situation, and ask Him to comfort the grieving throughout their misery.

### **Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Collect:** Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As autumn descends upon us, we start to reflect upon the year that has gone. Pray this week for all those who have lost loved ones, or gained a new family member, and they all may feel God's loving embrace. Pray that those who have gained may look back on this year as a good year, despite everything that's happened. Pray that those who have lost may find comfort and strength in those around them, despite not being able to get physically close to them.

Also, pray this week for all those who are entering the autumn of their lives. Pray for them quietly in your hearts and remember the experience that they have still to teach, particularly with everything that's happening. Remember the beauty that this time of year can bring and the vibrant colours that can bring a tinge of brightness to what can be a very dark world at times.

