

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

NOVEMBER  
PRAYER DIARY



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*The Gospel of John – Chapter 15 Verse 13*

*<sup>13</sup> "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

**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...*

### **Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Collect:** God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As America prepares to go to the polls this week to decide who they want to lead them over the next four years, pray for all those who are in a position of power; pray that God will be with them when they are forced to make tough but necessary decisions. May they make policies that will impact positively on our wellbeing, particularly during these uncertain times.

### **Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**Collect:** God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

During this week of Remembrance, we remember all those who have given their lives in wars across the centuries. Pray this week not only for those who have passed, but also those who survived and retained the horrific images of conflict for the rest of their lives. Pray for those who did not get the support that they deserved at the time, and that we may recognise people who need our help.

Pray also this week for those caught up in ongoing conflicts today, particularly those involved in the Syrian conflict, the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict between Azerbaijan and Armenia and now also Nigeria. Pray that military and national leaders may come together to create and promote peace, both locally and nationally.

### **Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**Collect:** Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

With most children now back at school, pray this week for the values that underpin each school as a community. Pray that all teaching staff and pupils are valued and respected, regardless of any differences in race, gender or faith. Pray for those who shape and define these values.

Pray also this week for all children and young people who are in care, or who are being fostered or adopted. Pray that God will guide the parents and help them through any challenges they may face, and watch over the children as they learn to adapt to a new way of life.

### **Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Collect:** God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

As we celebrate the Festival of Christ the King this Sunday, pray this week for all those who are thinking of becoming Christians. Pray that God will prepare their hearts for the message; to remove stumbling blocks and grow in them a spiritual hunger. Thank God that His message has the power to save all who truly believe in it.

We also pray this week for all those who have been the victim of abuse in whatever form, be it physical, sexual or domestic. Pray that they will reach out to God for help, and that He will help to free them from their torment.

### **Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> November**

**Collect:** Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

With the season of Advent beginning this week, pray that God will give hope to the hopeless and love to the loveless. Pray that gifts will be given to those who are hungry for the things that most of us take for granted. Also, as we commemorate World AIDS Day on Tuesday, remember all those suffering with sexually transmitted diseases, and pray that God will bring their suffering to an end.

Also, pray this week for our Ministry Team: Elveen, Mark, Lisa, Alison and Dan. Their jobs have been made much harder owing to the ongoing pandemic, yet they have risen above the issues and successfully allowed us to continue worshipping on Sundays, albeit in a new way. Not only our Ministry Team, but remember in your prayers as well all those working behind the scenes to make sure that we have been able to return to church and worship together again.