

## March 2025 Prayer Diary

1<sup>st</sup> Give thanks for the gift of laughter and fellowship and pray for all involved in organising our church social and fund raising activities, including tonight's Pancake Supper and Quiz

2<sup>nd</sup> Pray for all attending our services today, for the Worship Band, the Tech Team, the residents of Row Dow and the work of the Hospices of Hope

3<sup>rd</sup> Pray and give thanks for our village, for our schools, our shops and all our community activities.

4<sup>th</sup> *Shrove Tuesday* Traditionally a time for feasting before fasting so pray and give thanks for all who put food on our tables – producers, retailers, delivery drivers and home cooks; Pray too for all who will go hungry today.

5<sup>th</sup> *Ash Wednesday* Pray that God will be with you on your Lenten Journey and will show you new ways to be of generous service to others.

6<sup>th</sup> *World Book Day* - Give thanks for literature and for the joy and information books give us. Pray for all who teach and instil the love of reading in others.

7<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for the *World Day of Prayer*, for the service being held at the Methodist Church and pray especially for the people of the Cook Islands who have written today's service.

8<sup>th</sup> *International Women's Day* - Pray for a world that is diverse, equitable and inclusive. Give thanks for the women in your life who have guided and supported you.

9<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for all bishops and clergy and pray for our own ministry team and for all the visiting clergy supporting us during the vacancy. Pray for the residents of Rye Lane and the work of the Church Missionary Society

10<sup>th</sup> *Commonwealth Day* Pray and give thanks for the unity and diversity of this remarkable family of nations.

11<sup>th</sup> Pray for the homeless, refugees and all who help them.

12<sup>th</sup> As they continue to take on extra responsibilities during the vacancy pray and give thanks for Clive in the office and for Janet and Joan, our church wardens

13<sup>th</sup> Pray for the Lent study group as they meet this evening

14<sup>th</sup> Pray for the NHS, for support for overstretched staff and give thanks for all they do.

15<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for the fun and fellowship of the Rugby Social this evening

16<sup>th</sup> Pray and give thanks for our choir and organist who add so much to our worship. Pray for the residents of Ryecroft Road and the work of Arocha

17<sup>th</sup> Pray and give thanks for all who provide us with refreshments, including today's soup lunch, prayer breakfasts, messy church teas and after service coffee. Give thanks and pray for our Finance Committee as it meets this evening,

18<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for the friends who support you and pray for all who feel friendless

19<sup>th</sup> *Joseph of Nazareth* - Give thanks and pray for fathers, especially step fathers and foster parents

20<sup>th</sup> As we pass the equinox give thanks for the lengthening days and the coming of Spring. Pray for all who strive to protect our beautiful environment

21<sup>st</sup> *World Poetry Day* – Pray for Peace and Inclusion, this year's theme. Give thanks for the poetry that is part of our Spiritual Lives, for psalms and hymns.

22<sup>nd</sup> Give thanks for the love shown by all carers and pray that they will be given the strength and patience needed to go on when times are hard. Pray too for those they care for.

23<sup>rd</sup> Give thanks for all who attend the prayer breakfast today faithfully bringing their hopes and concerns before God. Pray for the residents of St Michael's Drive and for the work of Christians Against Poverty

24<sup>th</sup> Give thanks and pray for everyone who makes our church beautiful - gardeners, cleaners, polishers and flower arrangers

25<sup>th</sup> Pray and give thanks for those who lead our Youth activities – First Steps, Sunday Club, Messy Church, Epic and YPF. Pray too for all our young people

26<sup>th</sup> Pray and give thanks for the our midweek communion services and for all attending.

27<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for the blessings in your own life and pray for someone who doesn't have these blessings

28<sup>th</sup> Give thanks for all who give up their time to care for our beautiful churchyard and pray for all who walk through it, that they may have a moment of peace and contemplation

29<sup>th</sup> Pray and give thanks for our bell ringers calling us to worship each Sunday and for today's visiting ringers

30<sup>th</sup> *Mothering Sunday* - Give thanks and pray for your own mother and pray for all who mother others. Pray for all the churches in Otford and the work of the Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust

31<sup>st</sup> Thank the Lord for his sacrificial love and ask God to deepen your love for one another and to help you love as he loves.