

Sun 29th	This is the fifth Sunday of the month so there will be one united service at Stratton St Mary. Pray that people from all eight churches will be able to come together to worship God. May we all find ways to show our appreciation of the ministry team and musicians.
Mon 30th	Pray for our bishops: Graham, Alan and Jane and for all who are working on getting us a new rector
Tues 31st	Pray for Let's Chat and the Tuesday house group today

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## PRAYER CALENDAR May 2022

### **This Month's Theme Christian Aid**

#### **Praying for peace in Ukraine and reversal of climate change both of which also contribute to hunger in the world**

Every year in May the United churches raise money to support the Christian Aid appeal. By doing this regularly we can ensure there is money available when different crises crop up.

Here is part of the Christian Aid prayer for hope:

*God of resurrection, we turn from the cross of death towards the tree of life and dare to imagine another possible world where violent conflict becomes peaceful reconciliation; where hunger and thirst are filled and quenched; where barriers of exclusion become bridges of opportunity; where pain and tears are healed and tenderly wiped away; where world weary hearts are strengthened and reenergised; where the leaves of the tree heal all the nations, In a time of inequality and division we are united by hope, anticipating the flourishing of creation and fullness of life for everyone to the glory and praise of your almighty name. Amen*

At the time of writing this prayer calendar Rev John Madinda is still unable to return from Tanzania so there is a lot of uncertainty in the programme of services. We just need to pray for John and his family every day and remember the ministry team, Elisabeth, Margaret, Angie and the rural dean Lynn.

Please send prayer requests with specific dates in June to [louisewri@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:louisewri@yahoo.co.uk) by May 23rd. Ideas for themes, short prayers or general topics can be sent any time. They may not be used immediately but will be kept for future use. Thank you..

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**May 15th to 22nd**

This year's focus from Christian Aid is the plight of women in Zimbabwe where the climate crisis is causing aching hunger for families

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up  
Galatians 6.9

**Each Sunday we will pray for John, not sure, at the time of printing whether he will be back taking the planned services. Pray for Rev Lynn Chapman, rural dean, trying to find replacements until he returns. Pray for Marleen Madinda.**

Sun 1st	Pray for Steve Dugdale taking the service at Stratton St Mary; Elisabeth at Wacton and Margaret at Great Moulton (for John). Rev Charles Read at Carleton Rode (for John.)
Mon 2nd	We continue to pray for all the members of Stratton St Mary: <i>David Tyler</i>
Tues 3rd	Pray for the friends and families of all who have died recently including Chris Barnes, Michael Bartram, Fred Soulsbury, Janet Webster and Chris Wiltshire.
Wed 4th	Thank God for the £650 raised by the Lent appeal. Pray that the training of Kimbilio young mothers may be able to start soon.
Thurs 5th	<i>Janet and Robert Roberts thanking God for all they do in the church</i>
Fri 6th	Pray for Linday and Lewis Towers on the fourth anniversary of their baptism at Stratton St Mary
Sat 7th	Pray for Phoebe Cutting on the fifth anniversary of her baptism

Here are some lines from a hymn we sang on Easter day

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
 When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,  
 Thy touch can call us back to life again;  
 Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been,  
 Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.  
*John Maclead Campbell Crum*

Sun 8th	Pray for Lynn taking the service at Stratton St Mary for John who is also due to take the service at Aslacton; Margaret at Bunwell and Angie at Stratton St Michael's.
Mon 9th	<i>Joan Stevenson, Valerie Swyers</i>
Tues 10th	Thank God for Let's Chat every Tuesday. Pray for all who attend.
Wed 11th	Pray for the Wednesday house group.
Thurs 12th	Pray for Marianne, the team administrator, especially in John's absence.
Fri 13th	Pray for the Food Bank distribution every Friday at Stratton St Mary.
Sat 14th	Coffee morning at Wacton church and buffet and live music event this evening. Pray that both these events will raise money for Wacton church

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Sun 15th	Pray for Angie taking the service at Stratton St Mary and Village Praise in Wacton this evening. John due to be at Carleton Rode and Great Moulton
Mon 16th	A group from the High School plans to visit Stratton St Mary today
Tues 17th	Pray for a good response to the Christian Aid coffee morning
Wed 18th	Deanery Synod this evening at Hemphall. Pray for our rural dean Rev Lynn Chapman as the deanery faces more vacancies.
Thurs 19th	<i>Valerie Whatnall who hosts the Wednesday house group</i>
Fri 20th	Pray for the Christian Aid collection in the Co-op today and tomorrow
Sat 21st	<b>Walking in New Testament shoes</b> . Pray for Rev Dr Sue Woan as she leads us in a unique experience of walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

This collect, which we heard on the last Sunday of April, links our Easter joy in the Resurrection to our commitment to seek the good of others, both our immediate family and neighbours and the whole world.

**Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
 open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of  
 others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the  
 praise of God the Father. Amen**

Sun 22nd	Pray for Elisabeth taking services at both the Long Stratton churches, Angie at Aslacton and John due at Bunwell. Pray for Angie leading a Rogation service around Wacton this afternoon.
Mon 23rd	<i>Margaret Venning</i>
Tues 24th	<i>Megan and Scott Wiseman</i>
Wed 25th	<i>Diana Woodham, thanking God for her flower arranging</i>
Thurs 26th ascension day	Girls' Night out today Pray for Elisabeth taking the ascension day communion at Stratton St Mary and John due at Bunwell Thank God for the ascension and the hope of the coming Spirit
Fri 27th	<i>Louise Wright</i>
Sat 28th	Messy church this morning

