

St Martin's Church WALSALL



June Prayer Diary



For those who can make it, Morning Prayer takes place throughout the week at various times (see weekly newsletter) and on a Saturday morning at 9.00am. For those who cannot make Morning Prayer, be encouraged to pray using this Morning Prayer outline on your own, remembering that sometime between 7.00am-9.30am you will not be praying alone but at the same time as other people at St Martin's. Therefore, in this way as a Church, we will be praying together. However, this Morning Prayer outline is only a guide, remember:

Pray as you can — not as you can't

Outline for Daily Prayer

A MOMENT'S QUIET	Remember, God is our Father, Jesus is Lord. The Holy Spirit is with us.
PRAISE & THANKSGIVING	Give thanks to God for Jesus and for those things we can so easily take for granted.
CONFESSION	Say sorry to God for those things that you've thought, said and done which are wrong.
BIBLE READING	Read the Bible slowly and prayerfully.
QUIET REFLECTION	Silence
PERSONAL PRAYER	Including the Prayer for today in the St Martin's Prayer Diary.
CLOSING PRAYER	Be present in all we do today, in each breath that we take, each word that we speak, each hour that we work, each hour that we rest. Lord be in all. In our dreams, hopes, successes, our disappointments, failures and fears be Lord of all. Amen.

God of Mission

**Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Friday 1st June

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21: 2-4.

Today, from our church family, we pray for Gary Mayo.

Collect for The visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
Mighty God,

*by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary
and greeted her as the mother of the Lord:
look with favour on your lowly servants
that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name
and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Street Ministry Team on duty tonight will be helping to serve the meal provided by the Muslim community as part of their charitable giving during Ramadan. We give thanks for the generosity shown to the homeless by the provision of this meal and for the opportunity it provides for people of different faiths to work harmoniously together.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Saturday 2nd June

So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. Hebrews 9:28.

Today, from our church family, we pray for Debra Mayo.

In our Saturday prayers for Walsall we pray for all those who work in our shops, banks and offices and for manufacturers and service providers in Walsall and the surrounding area. We pray that the coming months will bring regeneration to our High Street and that new businesses will come to fill the void left by British Home Stores

and other empty premises. We pray for good management and work conditions and support for employers from the banks, the government and local authorities to solve any financial difficulties without having to close down businesses or lose jobs. For those who are settled in regular employment, we thank you, Lord, and for those who are looking for work, we ask for your guidance and inspiration. We pray for all those who are so disheartened by rejections that they now find it difficult to motivate themselves to find work. Please help all those suffering from depression and disappointment.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sunday 3rd June

*A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
Proverbs 15:1.*

Today, from our church family, we pray for Jenny Mayo-Lythall.

Collect for The First Sunday after Trinity

*O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

We come to church hungry, Lord!

We are hungry for comfort,

hungry for love,

hungry for a new way of living,

hungry for your word.

Thank you for giving us this place

and this time to worship,

and we are eager to taste your goodness

in community, with our brothers and sisters.

Bless us as we feast on the Bread of Life today.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Monday 4th June

Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. 1 Chronicles 29:11.

Today, from our church family, we pray for Andrew Lythall.

Our Charity for the month of June is 'Open Doors' and our representative at St. Martin's is Carl Petrucco. 'Open Doors' works tirelessly to bring support and freedom to the most persecuted Christians in our world. Their mission statement says, "*Open Doors exists to strengthen the church to be the church in the most hostile places. In over 50 countries, Open Doors is supplying Bibles, training church leaders, delivering Bible-based literacy programmes and supporting Christians who suffer for their faith. In the UK and Ireland Open Doors works to raise awareness of global persecution, mobilising prayer, support and action among Christians.*" We pray that our prayers and the money we donate to this charity may help in some small way to achieve these aims.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Tuesday 5th June

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

Today, from our church family, we pray for Edward Mayo-Lythall.

In society today and in our own church family, Dementia is becoming an increasingly difficult problem for many families. Here at St. Martin's, we have already introduced some initiatives in our hope of becoming a Dementia Friendly Church. Many other organisations like supermarkets, pubs, cafes etc. are also seeking ways to help those living with Dementia. We pray today for the Admiral Nurses who provide the specialist dementia support that families need. Their mission statement reads: "*When things get challenging or difficult, our nurses work alongside people with dementia, and their families: giving them one-to-one support, expert guidance and practical solutions. The unique dementia expertise and experience an Admiral Nurse brings is a lifeline—it helps families to live more positively with dementia in the present, and to face the challenges of tomorrow with more confidence and less fear.*" Lord, we pray for all the Admiral nurses and give thanks for the amazing work they do and the

difference they can make to family life. We pray that more money will be made available to train more nurses as the need for their specialist skills grows.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Wednesday 6th June

So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19.

Today, from our church family, we pray for Rosemary Mayo-Lythall.

Powerful and compassionate God, we bring before you the situation involving North Korea and the United States. Initially the talks of a summit seemed to be going well, but now there is uncertainty about how things are progressing. Whatever the outcome, we give you thanks, Lord, for the release from prison in North Korea of Tony Kim, Kim Hak-song and Kim Dong-Chui. They are all safely home in the United States. We pray for all the other prisoners and persecuted people still held in North Korea. Give them courage and strength to sustain themselves in the awful circumstances in which they are forced to live. We pray for a final outcome of peace and reconciliation in this troubled part of the world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Thursday 7th June

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Psalm 90:2.

Today, from our church family, we pray for Dot McCloskey.

Lord, we thank you for the work of our local food banks. They are helping so many families to survive when life is very difficult and there is insufficient money for food. From our own church family we give thanks for volunteers like Diane Sainsbury and for the generosity of the St. Martin's folk who respond so well when asked for donations. Help us to appreciate how fortunate we are so that we will give willingly and generously to those who have less than us.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Friday 8th June

The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights. Habakkuk 3:19.

Today, from our church family, we pray for Dee McDowell.

As this diary is being prepared there has been escalating violence between Israel and the Palestinian people trapped in Gaza as a consequence of the American Embassy's move to Jerusalem.

"God of mercy, even as we long to understand that which is often beyond our comprehension, we lay before you the hearts, minds and bodies of all those suffering from conflict in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel, and from the ongoing occupation. Shower upon all the people of this holy land the spirit of justice and reconciliation.

*Pray not for Arab or Jew,
for Palestinian or Israeli,
but pray rather for ourselves,
that we might not
divide them in our prayers
but keep them both together
in our hearts.*

When races fight,

peace be amongst us.

When neighbours argue

peace be amongst us.

When nations disagree

peace be amongst us.

Where people struggle for justice

let justice prevail.

Where Christ's disciples follow

let peace be our way. Amen." (Christian Aid)

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Saturday 9th June

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." Matthew 7:13-14.

Today, from our church family, we pray for Andy McDowell.

In our Saturday prayers for our town of Walsall, we give thanks today for all the many faith groups and charities which do such good work in our community. We are blessed with many churches of different denominations who all seek to do God's will for the citizens of Walsall. There are also many charities and other faith organisations who work tirelessly to help the poor, distressed or needy of our town. At our own church, we think particularly of the work done by the Macmillan Group, under the direction of Gill Beasley; those who support St. Giles and The Acorns Hospices and the representatives of our nominated charities. Loving Lord, we ask you to bless all the initiatives taking place at this time whose purpose is to give support and succour to those in greatest need. Help them all to work co-operatively and harmoniously so that the greatest good may be achieved for the largest number of people.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sunday 10th June

*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
Colossians 3:13.*

Today, from our church family, we pray for Anne McGowan.

Collect for The Second Sunday after Trinity

*Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

God of grace, we come with all we have;
bodies, souls, minds, all here to worship you.
We have come for a glimpse
of your kingdom of kindness—
a world where love rules over all,
a world where enemies embrace,

distinctions between friend and foe
evaporating in the light of your love.
We dedicate this hour of worship to you
and to your kingdom come. Amen.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Monday 11th June

*“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10*

Today, from our church family, we pray for Dennis Moore

Collect for Barnabus the Apostle

*Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your
servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others: help us,
by his example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in
our service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
for ever.*

Today we pause and remember our all-powerful and ever loving
God. We pause in adoration of our God and in gratitude for his
creation and desire to have a relationship with us, who he has called
his children.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Tuesday 12th June

*God's Glory in Creation and the Law. To the leader. A Psalm of
David. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the
firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge. Psalm 19:1-2*

Today, from our church family, we pray for Brenda Moore

We remember the words of the Psalmist, and ask that we mirror the
heavens in the telling of the glory of God. That we too may grow in
knowledge and ability to discern God's call and or vocation to work
on the firmament to build God's Kingdom. We ask for your guidance
on Christian fellowship, in particular St Martin's Home Groups, as
they focus on the Word and applying Christian teaching in our lives
and across our community. May those who worship at St Martin's,
and all who share the faith, recognise that they are part of the

fellowship of the Christian family. May this be developed with shared discussion after worship, supportive understanding in social outreach groups and our knowledge of and meeting with our neighbours.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Wednesday 13th June

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11:13

Today, from our church family, we pray for Helen Murray

We pray for all in positions of leadership, for the blessing of your wisdom on those who make decisions which impact on our daily lives and the future of our community. For family elders; grandparent, parents and carers who provide stability, guidance and encouragement. For all elected officials of our council, and any who volunteer to serve the local community. We lift before you the issues which impact on our lives, and ask for compassionate integrity in the work of the welfare state, systems of justice and social and political figure-heads. We pray for your strength for those who have the ability, skills and vision, but struggle to find the confidence to take a position of leadership, we ask that the most suitable people are in the positions of leadership for our community.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Thursday 14th June

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:20

Today, from our church family, we pray for Ray Murray

Loving Father, exactly one year on from the dreadful Grenfell Tower fire, we pay tribute to the 72 people who lost their lives and pray for their loved ones as they mourn, and also for those who managed to escape but suffer from the trauma of that night. We bring before you Lord, all those who still await a permanent home and pray that this situation will soon be rectified. We pray that the ongoing enquiry which started last month will serve its purpose to show truth, justice and accountability and ensure that those who live in high rise buildings will be better protected in future.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Friday 15th June

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who begets a wise son will be glad in him. Proverbs 23:24

Today, from our church family, we pray for James Owen

We ask for your blessing on the work of those involved with mass or social media, for those supplying cultural and social services. In remembering this work we ask God for wisdom and knowledge and to help them to reflect godly values in their work; being responsible with their far reaching influence. We ask that all in this group strive to be accurate and fair in their presentation of truth, placing a high value on truth and decency. May those who follow the work of any involved in mass media, also have discernment on the acceptance of truth and opinion.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Saturday 16th June

As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. Psalm 103:13

Today, from our church family, we pray for Anne Paddock

Today, we remember the work of health care practitioners, as they care for those in need and all who are vulnerable in their suffering. We ask for your gifts of wisdom, patience and compassion as they work to protect the welfare of others. We ask for your blessing on the work of GPs, dentists, community midwives and nurses, and thank you for the role they play in care through life and death situations. For all medical practitioners working in our community, in our lives and the lives our loved ones, we ask for their work and the lives of their patients to be blessed with a relationship with you. As modelled by the following prayer from St Richard, Bishop of Chichester, who is commemorated in our Church calendar today.

“Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ. For all the benefits Thou hast given me. For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer, friend and Brother. May I know Thee more clearly, Love thee more dearly, Follow thee more nearly. Amen”

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sunday 17th June

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds- his name is the LORD - be exultant before him. Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. Psalm 68:4-5

Today, from our church family, we pray for Jo Patel

Collect for 3rd Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin, and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts, whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As the children of God we gather together to worship him today, in the reality of our relationship with God our father, earned through the sacrifice his son and strengthened by the gift of his Spirit. We gather together to worship him today in thanks.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Monday 18th June

And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4

Today, from our church family, we pray for Jenny Paxton

We ask for your protection on all who are wrongly imprisoned or persecuted. We ask for protection for all who endure hardships, that they find joy in the midst of their trials and seek to encourage others in hardship. May those who suffer find comfort in their faith. May justice exercise the wrath of God, may we work to fulfil his righteousness and compassion. Today we lift before God our own knowledge or experience of persecution and discrimination and offer our own unique prayer.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Tuesday 19th June

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, Ephesians 5:25-26

Today, from our church family, we pray for David Paxton

Thank you for the amazing power of love in your work in our lives, for your goodness and for your blessings over all of us. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest times, strengthening us to support each other and to be guided in your purposes. Thank you for your mercy and grace, and for comfort in the knowledge that these gifts will never leave us. Please renew our spirits and fill us with your peace and love. We give you praise and thanks in Jesus' name.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Wednesday 20th June

For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Mark 8:36

Today, from our church family, we pray for Tom Paxton

Today we can reflect on our priorities and how they influence our thoughts and actions. We can think about the times we spend with our worries and weaknesses instead of handing them to God and relying on his strength. We can share these concerns and perceived limitations with God today. We say sorry for the times where our focus has been on security and status instead of waiting and working with God and building his Kingdom. We thank God for the gift of eternal life and ask for his guidance in prioritising and strengthening a relationship with him, above proving ourselves in this world. Today we can ask God to share his vision for our spiritual gain and our ongoing life with him.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Thursday 21st June

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91:1

Today, from our church family, we pray for Emily Paxton

We are in the middle of Refugee Week (18-24 June) and this year is its 20th anniversary. Sadly the plight of refugees fleeing from war, violence and oppression never ceases and refugee camps continue to grow.

*Heavenly Father,
you are the source of all goodness, generosity and love.
We thank you for opening the hearts of many
to those who are fleeing for their lives.
Help us now to open our arms in welcome,
and reach out our hands in support.
That the desperate may find new hope,
and lives torn apart be restored.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,
who fled persecution at His birth
and at His last triumphed over death. (Church of England)*
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Friday 22nd June

*The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and
going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:7-8*

Today, from our church family, we pray for Carl Petrucco

Our prayers for our town of Walsall focus today on Education. We pray for the work of all schools and colleges throughout the borough, for their students, teachers and lecturers and for governors and those on our council responsible for educational policy. For those organising and taking part in outings, sports days and other activities that add to the enjoyment of these last weeks of the Summer term and for those already beginning to plan and make decisions in preparation for the new school year in September. Lord, be alongside all the young people in Walsall who have taken SATS, GCSE, A level, and examinations in further education as they await their results, and guide them as they begin the next step in their lives.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Saturday 23rd June

*but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31*

Today, from our church family, we pray for Karen Petrucco

Tomorrow is Refugee Sunday. Compassionate Father, we pray for all those who face today as refugees or as internally displaced people. We pray for the countries and regions who give them refuge and pray that there will be sufficient aid to support them adequately, so that people are sheltered, fed, receive medical treatment and are protected from harm. We implore you Father God, to help us find ways to end persecution, oppression, conflict and violence and to prevent the exploitation and dangers facing those trying to escape.

Almighty and merciful God,

*whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger,
homeless and hungry.*

Bless those who work to bring them relief;

inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;

*and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will
rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;*

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Church of England)

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Sunday 24th June

*But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you
from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3*

Today, from our church family, we pray for Suzanne Platt

Collect for 4th Sunday after Trinity

*O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is
strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things
temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this,
heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.*

Collect for The Birth of John the Baptist

*Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist
was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our
Saviour by the preaching of repentance:
lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example,
constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice,*

and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

St. Martin's is hosting the Cluster Confirmation Service today. Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who are being confirmed, especially holding in our prayers those from our own church family; Jackie, Reg, Emily, Rosie, Tia and Theo. May they feel your love for them on this special day and your guidance as they take the next steps on their journey of faith. Help us to support them as they mature in their Christian faith and seek to fulfil your will for their future.

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Monday 25th June

Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the Lord. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" Jeremiah 23:24

Today, from our church family, we pray for Vickie Powell

Today is the Day of the Seafarer when people worldwide show their appreciation for the 1.5 million men and women who spend long periods at sea to maintain 90% of international trade and the world economy as they serve on merchant ships delivering goods all over the world, fishing our seas and also serving on cruise ships. Loving Father we pray for the work of the Mission to Seafarers which offers practical, emotional and spiritual help to seafarers through ship visits, drop-in centres and a range of welfare and emergency support services. Up to two years away at sea at a time, piracy, shipwreck, abandonment and separation from loved ones are some of the problems merchant seafarers face. We pray for their safety and welfare.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Tuesday 26th June

*“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.
Leviticus 19:18*

Today, from our church family, we pray for Enid Price

The summer months see most weddings take place, so today we pray for those about to be or recently married. We give thanks for the love that is shared by those who embark on marriage and pray that over the years it will develop and mature. We pray for kindness, tolerance and understanding in every marriage. Compassionate Father, we bring before you those whose marriages are in difficulty and pray for your guidance and support as they endeavour to heal them and finally we pray for those whose marriages have become irretrievably broken, that they may feel your love for them as they rebuild their lives.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Wednesday 27th June

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. Matthew 16:25

Today, from our church family, we pray for Christine Proctor

Merciful Father, we pray for all those in our church family and among our family and friends who are suffering in body, mind and spirit. When life becomes hard for them may they feel your presence to comfort and support. We pray for good medical care to alleviate and control health problems and that we can be aware of the times that our help is needed.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Thursday 28th June

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

Today, from our church family, we pray for John Proctor

Dear Father, we pray for our town of Walsall and for the people who live there. Today we ask for your blessing on its Christian churches and their congregations including our own Walsall Deanery and local cluster of churches -St Matthews, St Paul's, St Luke's, St John's and our own St Martin's. May the close links between these churches help their ministry in our town. Guide all Christians in their endeavours and help us to work together to spread the Good News of our shared faith and grow your kingdom here.

*"Come like fire and kindle love in our hearts
Come like wind and breathe life into our frames
Come like water and flow through our souls
Come like the earth: sustain and nourish our being" (Ray Simpson-Holy Island Prayers)*

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Friday 29th June

*The Lord will vindicate me;
your love, Lord, endures forever—
do not abandon the works of your hands. Psalm 138:8*

Today, from our church family, we pray for Andrew Proctor

St Peter and St Paul - Collect

*Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Lord Jesus, as we think about the most famous founders of your church who began the spread of your gospel, so that ultimately the Good News reached across the world and who willingly died for their faith, guide us in ways to further the work of your church on earth in our town and community by our prayers and outreach.

We pray for those throughout your world who have to worship you in fear and suffer persecution for their faith and for those who have not heard the message of your love and sacrifice for us.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Saturday 30th June

The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name. Zechariah 14:9

Today, from our church family, we pray for Joanne Proctor

Today is Armed forces Day.

“Almighty God,

in you alone we find safety and peace.

We commend to your gracious keeping

all the men and women who serve in the Navy, the Army, or the Air Force, who face danger and put their lives at risk so that others might live in safety.

Defend them day by day by your heavenly power;

and help them to know that they can never pass beyond the reach of your care.

Keep alive in them and in us your vision of that peace

which alone we must seek and serve;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” (Church of Scotland)

We pray for all in our military; those who serve and have served in our army, navy and RAF. That the battles into which they enter are righteous and in the pursuit of justice and the protection of the marginalised or vulnerable. For the families of those who serve, who wait for information and the return of their loved one, asking that your spirit of strength reinforce their ongoing patience.

Loving Lord, we bring before you all those who have served us in the armed forces but are struggling now because of family, financial, physical or mental health problems and ask for your gentle ongoing healing for those who live with the effects of their past work.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

June Services

Sunday	3rd June	Trinity 1
10.00am	Holy Communion	Jenny Mayo-Lythall
6.30pm	Prayer and Praise	Liz Askey
Thursday	7th June	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Chris Rowe
Sunday	10th June	Trinity 2
10.30am	Holy Communion	Liz Askey
3.30pm	BCP Holy Communion	Jenny Mayo-Lythall
4:00pm	Messy Church	
Thursday	14th June	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Penny Wheble
Sunday	17th June	Trinity 3 (Father's Day)
10.00am	All age service	Jenny Mayo-Lythall
		Margaret Carter
Thursday	21st June	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Jenny Mayo-Lythall
Sunday	24th June	Trinity 4
10:00am	Holy Communion	Jenny Mayo-Lythall
6:30pm	Cluster Confirmation at St. Martin's	
Thursday	28th June	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Jenny Mayo-Lythall