

St Michael's Parish Church

Prayer Calendar for April week 5/May week 1

28th

We pray for both India and Bangladesh, both countries suffering the tragic consequences of the pandemic with so many deaths, daily rise in infection, and lack of oxygen and other supplies. We pray that the world is listening and acting.

29th

We pray for all we know who live with the effects of various illnesses quietly and without complaint. In MS (multiple sclerosis) Week, we pray for all we know who have this disease and for their support and encouragement.

30th

As we step nervously out into a world slowly opening up, we pray for courage and hope, and also that nobody is left behind or forgotten. The pandemic has shown the deficiencies of the "old normal". Let us take heed of those lessons.

May 1st

We pray for all who have worked so hard during the pandemic in the NHS, Social Care, other public services, essential shops, and who must all feel so weary. May they have time and space to recover their own health.

Sunday 2nd

"Look forward in faith, all time is in God's hand. Walk humbly with him and trust his future plan. God has wisely led his people by his power. Look forward in hope, he gives us each new hour."

3rd

Later this week, Scottish voters go to the polls, many for the first time. This is a heavy responsibility as our country and the world try to recover from the pandemic, as well as coping with climate change and so much more. We pray for each voter.

4th

Pray for the members of the new CrossReach Board (formerly the C of S Social Care Council), especially those serving CrossReach for the first time, and for the Convenor, our own Rev Thom Riddell. Pray that they may have a clear vision of serving in Christ's name.