

1st–7th May

TUE 1ST THE PARENTING COURSE

Give thanks for good numbers and enthusiastic leaders. Please pray for a good, relaxed, open atmosphere where people can be honest and grow as parents.

WED 2ND CCM (Our mission partners in Poland)

(One of our mission partners) CCM is a Polish ministry aiming to spread the Gospel through various forms of media. Please pray for new countries to get into Internet evangelism, especially Niger and Ukraine.

THU 3RD SUNDAY SERVICES

Please pray for John and Tim as they prepare to preach, and for all who will be leading on Sunday. Pray that we will have a longing to encounter more of Christ in our lives.

FRI 4TH KEITH MASON

(Our Church Warden) Pray that Keith will be encouraged in his walk with Christ through small group meetings. Pray that preparations for the Family Fun day on 24th June will go well, and that children who attend Explorers will engage well.

SAT 5TH BUILDING DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Please pray for the PCC as they meet today to pray about the building project. Pray for clarity as they seek to determine God's will moving forward and what the next step may be!

SUN 6TH CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNICATINS

Pray for Dave (our Associate Minister) as he seeks to develop the Christ Church website and generate an effect online presence for the church.

MON 7TH OURSELVES

This week, may we be reminded of the truth Jesus taught: 'I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing' (John 15:5).



8th–14th May

TUE 8TH THURSDAY WOMEN

At the start of a new term please pray for all those involved with Thursday Women. In particular, please pray for those on the leadership team, that they may know God's leading and guidance throughout the term.

WED 9TH DARREN MOORE

(One of our mission partners) Darren has recently taken up the post of Minister of Chelmsford Presbyterian Church in Essex. Please pray for St Catherine's Church as they look for a new Vicar and for Darren as he moves house.

THU 10TH SUNDAY SERVICES

Please pray for John Birchall and Chris Webster as they prepare to preach, and for all who will be leading on Sunday. Pray that God will help us to grow in our faith and relationship with Him.

FRI 11TH GRAHAM FAIRBAIRN

(Our curate) Graham is in his final term of Diocesan training; please pray for him as he completes this and writes his final essay. Also pray for Liz and him in their relationships and work in the church.

SAT 12TH MALAWI

Pray for those in Malawi suffering from the pain, isolation and discrimination that HIV brings. Pray that the local church will bring renewed hope and vigour throughout the country in Jesus' name.

SUN 13TH CYFA

Please pray for CYFA members as exams loom: that they would know God's peace during this stressful term. Pray that there will be more applications for Soul Survivor; and for excitement amongst the group!

MON 14TH OURSELVES

Pray that we may love each other in the way that Jesus loves us: 'There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends' (John 15:13).



15th–21st May

TUE 15TH JOINT PCC MEETING (ON 21ST MAY)

Pray for the members of the PCC from Christ Church and Emmanuel, that there would be clear unity between the Churches, a clear resolve to stand firm in the truth and a determination to be loving and gracious in all our relationships.

WED 16TH OURSELVES

(One of our mission partners) Please pray for Tearfund in its life-changing work, often carried out through local churches, to bring relief in emergency and to bring people across the world out of chronic poverty through their development projects.

THU 17TH SUNDAY SERVICES

Please pray for Graham and Keith as they prepare to preach, and for all who will be leading on Sunday. May we all live focussed on 'the heavenly prize for which God... is calling us' (Phil 3:14).

FRI 18TH RACHEL BARRACLOUGH

(Our associate minister) Please pray for growth in her relationship with God, and for the ability to prioritise and rest well. Pray to for wisdom as she balances a number of different areas and looks for volunteers.

SAT 19TH EAST AFRICA

The worst drought in 60 years has caused a devastating food crisis that has left over 10 million people desperately short of food. Pray for plentiful rains to arrive, bringing new hope to a land that has seen so much suffering.

SUN 20TH CHRIST CHURCH TRUST

Please pray for wisdom for the Trustees in managing the finances of the Trust, and in selecting a new Trustee to join them.

MON 21ST OURSELVES



In the challenges we face may we remember that "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." (Deut 31:8)

22nd–28th May

TUE 22ND OPEN DOOR

Open Door is an important meeting point for older people who have fewer personal contacts and friends. Please pray for the fortnightly meeting on Thursday afternoons giving the opportunity for conversation and fellowship.

WED 23RD STREET PASTORS

(One of our mission partners) Give thanks for Paul Jacobs and the team at Kingston Street Pastors who befriend and care for young people who come to Kingston each weekend for a night out, often becoming drunk or finding themselves in trouble.

THU 24TH SUNDAY SERVICES

Please pray for John and Tim as they prepare to preach, and for all who will be leading on Sunday. Pray that God will bless the team with wisdom as they prepare.

FRI 25TH JOHN BIRCHALL

(Our Vicar) Pray that John would know the ongoing power of God changing him and making him more Christ-like. Pray for good times of prayer, reading and study to enrich his leadership.

SAT 26TH MALI

After the recent coup, around two-thirds of Mali is occupied by rebel groups. Pray for those fleeing south who are living in confusion and difficulty – pray that God will meet their needs and comfort them.

SUN 27TH DAVE DAVIS

(Our Associate Minister with responsibility for Worship & Communications) Please pray for Dave as he seeks to balance both aspects of his job role. Pray that he may also find good time for spiritual rest and refreshment.

MON 28TH OURSELVES

Pray that we may be more sensitive to the Holy Spirit guiding us, and entrust our lives to God in all that we do: 'Since You are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of Your name lead and guide me' (Psalm 31:3).



29th–31st May

TUE 29TH GROWING LEADERS

Pray for the 17 participants on the Growing Leaders course, that they will understand how to cope with the challenges of leadership and that they can keep depending on God as they lead.

WED 30TH BERYL BA

(Our mission partner in Senegal) Pray for Beryl as she leads the church service on 3rd June and preaches on 24th June. Give thanks for visitors the Lord sent to Berakah this year up until the end of April.

THU 31ST SUNDAY SERVICES

Please pray for John and Graham as they prepare to preach, and for all who will be leading on Sunday. Pray that we will be filled anew with the joy that knowing Christ brings.

Throughout the month, please pray for those within our church family who are unwell, housebound, etc: Lorraine Mould; Vanessa Rayner; Maurice Storey, Betty Wood, David Simms and June Bowers.

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Prayer Diary May

