



**ST JOHN'S & ST MARTIN'S**  
WONERSH BLACKHEATH  
**PARISH CHURCHES**

***PRAYER TOPICS***  
***May 2025***

**When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.**

Suggestions to start off your prayers for some issues the Lord cares about...

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Pray for the situation in Palestine, where the hatred between Israel and Hamas thrives, along with the utter indifference of both to the suffering of the Palestinian people, adults and children alike. Ask God to intervene. Pray for Christians involved.
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Pray for our villages, in particular for all clubs and pubs as they serve the community. Pray for those running them, for good sense and kindness, and protection from all evil.
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Pray for tomorrow's services, that God will give us an encounter with Him, and strengthen our faith. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 am All age (Clare)</li> <li>• 10 am Blackheath Holy Communion (Colin)</li> </ul>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Pray for Ukraine, for military success in both attack and defence, with all needed support from the west. Pray for revival and unity in the churches. Pray for a peace plan that Russia accepts.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Pray for our mission partner Great Lakes Outreach, working in Burundi through 25 partner organisations, providing prayer support, finance, training in integrity and professionalism, and encouragement. Pray for GLO partner <i>Evangelism Explosion</i> . It provides Christians with a systematic and coherent presentation of the gospel, and the confidence to reach out to neighbours, via a 13-week course. Each week has an hour of classroom time and then two hours of visiting the neighbourhood. Pray for its leader Audrey Masabo and other staff.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	 Pray for David our vicar. Ask God to encourage him with many answers to prayer, and to give him strength and stamina to cope with his heavy workload, along with all the help and support he needs.

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Pray for Chatterbox Mums/Dads/Carers and Toddlers group in Lawnsmead tomorrow and each Thursday during term. 9.30-11 am. For some this is their only link with church. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak into their hearts to convince them of their need for Jesus and of God's love for them.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Give thanks for the generally high standard of healthcare we receive in this area. Pray for all who work directly with patients, and all who organise services, at local and national level.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Pray for the government and people of Canada following the recent election and President Trump's aggression towards them. Pray for the wisest choice of minority party to allow Mark Carney to form a government. Pray for people to turn to God through Jesus as they face many uncertainties. Ask for blessing.
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Pray for tomorrow's services, for the preparations, and for God to increase our faith and joy in Him, and our fruitfulness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 am BCP Communion (David)</li> <li>• 10 am Morning Worship (David)</li> </ul>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Pray for the UK government as it faces so many difficult challenges. Our nation does not deserve God's blessing but He loves each person in it. Ask God to overrule in all decisions for His glory. Ask Him to show them how to provide for the poor.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Pray for the outreach of the gospel in our parish. As we seek God's glory in our community we must start and go on with prayer and dependence on God, and seek His grace to act.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Pray for Footsteps (provides a hot meal for the homeless each Sunday) and the Guildford Food Banks, mainly the North Guildford Food Bank and the Salvation Army. Ask God to reveal Himself in the gifts to needy families, and to prosper the work.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Pray for our Seniors' ministry, including tomorrow's and each Thursday's 10.30 am service. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill all involved, and to give faith and courage in their walk with God.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Pray for the USA as it faces deliberately created turmoil, lying and attacks on the constitution by the present administration. Large numbers of Christians support this... The whole world is affected. Seek God for guidance as you pray.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Pray for the Israel/Palestine situation. Pray for the thousands of wounded as they cope with often horrific injuries. Pray for those working for peace. Pray for an end to Israel's cruelty and international law breaking. And for an end to Hamas's hatred.

<p>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May</p>	<p>Pray for tomorrow's services, asking the Holy Spirit to give gifts among us all that will increase our fruitfulness, especially love.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 am Holy Communion (David leading, Paddy preaching)</li> <li>• 6 pm Blackheath Evensong (David)</li> </ul>
<p>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May</p>	<p>Pray for Ukraine and its leaders as they have to focus on their war of self-defence against Russia, and retaining western support. Pray that Russia's war effort will fail. Pray for God to overrule so that America's contribution will be truly helpful. Pray for many on both sides to seek God wholeheartedly and find Him.</p>
<p>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May</p>	<p>Pray for our local mission partner the YMCA Downslink Group as it works to strengthen young people who need support, so that they grow to be able to stand on their own feet in society.</p>
<p>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</p>	<p>Pray for our children's groups, for Clare who leads this work, and for all who help her. Ask God to make Himself real to them all, and to the children's families also.</p> 
<p>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</p>	<p> Pray for Paddy and Ann Beresford's work for <i>Jews for Jesus</i>. From tomorrow 22<sup>nd</sup> until-25<sup>th</sup> May Paddy will share in a European Board Meeting in Krakow, Poland, possibly preaching on Sunday. Then from 1-9 June he will lead a retreat in Sydney, Australia. Pray for protection and wisdom for all involved. </p>
<p>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</p>	<p>Pray for improved relations with the EU following Brexit, especially in the new situation of the Trump presidency in the USA. Trade and support for Ukraine are among the important issues.</p>
<p>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</p>	<p> Pray for our mission partner Mim Friday, no longer working for Viva, but continuing to work with CRANE as a self-supporting missionary, living in the same house in Uganda. Pray for growth in Mim's trust in the Lord, for her personal needs to be met, and for success in the work.</p>
<p>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May</p>	<p>Pray for tomorrow's services and the APCM after the 10 am service. This reports on the last year and elects people to vital roles in our fellowship for the future. Ask God to guide &amp; bless.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 am CW Communion (Colin)</li> <li>• 10 am Morning Worship (David leading, Jan preaching)</li> <li>• 6 pm <i>Be Still with God</i> @ St Martin's (Charlotte Richards)</li> </ul>
<p>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May</p>	<p> Pray for Bishop Sospeter of Kibondo diocese in NW Tanzania, and for God's great blessing on all the work of the diocese in making disciples. As Sospeter retires this</p>

	autumn he loses all church income. Pray that God will meet all his family's needs and give him a new ministry.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Mental health seems to be an ever-increasing issue, for young people in particular. Perhaps loss of Christian faith is a factor. State provision is far too little. Pray for a solution, and for God to reach out to all those with mental health problems
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Although it provides brilliant treatment every day for millions of people, ever-increasing demands mean the NHS is constantly in crisis. The government is making major changes – pray that they will be beneficial. Pray for the NHS in general, the people, the systems for doing things efficiently, and the research into new treatments.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Pray for all involved in up-front ministry in our services, including our assistant clergy, Colin Matthews, Liz Tilley, Paddy Beresford and Patsy Kettle, and regular preachers Caroline Stearman and Jan Durrant. Ask God to keep them close to Him each day, and to reveal the glory of Christ in their public ministry. Also pray for Lori C, our designated curate, currently finishing her time at theological college and preparing for her ordination, joining us in July.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Pray about climate change. Greenhouse gas emissions are not decreasing and are in fact at their highest level ever. International action to curb this is wavering. Commit all this to God, and pray for the millions of people suffering as a result.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Pray for Christians in our parish who go out to work with others. Ask God to fill them with the Holy Spirit for the work itself and for their Christian witness to their colleagues. Pray that many will find Christ through them.
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Pray for tomorrow's services, for the Holy Spirit to reveal God to every person according to their need of Him. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 am All Age (Clare and Jan)</li> <li>• 10 am Blackheath Holy Communion (Colin)</li> </ul>



**Items for June 2025 to Keith Bateson**  
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