

**St Luke's
Willerby**



St Andrew's Kirk Ella

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Prayer Diary – May 2024

Wednesday 1 May	Praise God for the many years of the St Luke's Toddler group meeting on Wednesday mornings. Pray that many who have attended will reconnect with church wherever it is they now live.
Thursday 2 May	Give thanks for the St Andrew's bellringers who are practicing this evening. Pray that when the bells sound people from Kirk Ella would hear the call to church and come.
Friday 3 May	Pray that as Rockets start Bible times in Mark's Gospel this term that members would get to know Jesus better or perhaps for the first time.
Saturday 4 May	John begins his sabbatical today. Pray that he would have a fruitful time during the next three months.
Sunday 5 May	This morning is an all-age service. Give thanks that the gospel is for people of every age.
Monday 6 May	Today is a bank holiday. Give thanks that it means an extra day of rest for some. Pray that we would all find our ultimate rest in Jesus.
Tuesday 7 May	We meet to pray tonight. Pray that our churches would become ever more intentionally dependent on God in prayer.
Wednesday 8 May	There is an evening with the Christian Institute at St Andrew's today. Pray for the Institute's work upholding the Christian faith in the public sphere.
Thursday 9 May	Pray that this week you would have one conversation about Jesus with one non-Christian in the coming week.

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Friday 10 May	Pray that God would raise up female leaders from among our congregations for Rockets and Impact.
Saturday 11 May	Pray that those in our church families who can't get to church regularly are looked after well by church family, and find effective ways to feed on God's word.
Sunday 12 May	We meet today around God's word. Pray that everyone in both our churches would clearly hear God's voice. Give thanks for Steve Wilcox, Vicar of Anlaby, who is preaching at the evening service. Give thanks for the partnership in the gospel that we share with the Anlaby Churches.
Monday 13 May	Pray that St Luke's APCM is an encouraging and envisioning time for all who attend this evening.
Tuesday 14 May	Growth Groups meet today, tomorrow and Thursday. Give thanks for them and pray that God would raise up the two new Growth Group leaders we need.
Wednesday 15 May	Praise God for more than 360 years of witness to the gospel through the Book of Common Prayer. Pray that our BCP communion service this morning would continue that witness.
Thursday 16 May	Give thanks that new vicars have started in our local area: Vicky Earll (St Thomas's and The Ascension) and Kevin Barnard (Swanland). Pray that as they settle into their new churches, they would both be encouraged by ministry opportunities in their parishes.
Friday 17 May	Pray that the newest members of LaunchPad would continue to grow in their early understanding of Jesus.
Saturday 18 May	Pray for members of our churches who are about to take exams at school, college or university. Pray that they would all trust God for their futures and rest in him at this potentially stressful time.
Sunday 19 May	This morning we meet around the Lord's Table. Pray that God would use this time for each of us to find assurance in the gospel.

	This evening Dave Griffith-Jones, Vicar of St Columba's Holderness Road, is preaching. Pray that God would give that church many opportunities to share the good news of Jesus in their locality.
Monday 20 May	Pray that St Andrew's APCM is an encouraging and envisioning time for all who attend this evening.
Tuesday 21 May	Praise God for the very many children and their grown ups who attend Little Stars. Pray that many would want to find out more about Jesus and the Christians who attend would be bold in sharing their faith as opportunity arises.
Wednesday 22 May	Pray that God would continue to give the leaders and helpers at St Luke's Toddler Group the energy they need to run this ministry.
Thursday 23 May	The Open the Book team are in Carr Lane School today. Pray for God to help the children understand the gospel.
Friday 24 May	Give thanks for Impact. Pray that the new children who began at the beginning of this term would quickly settle in.
Saturday 25 May	Half Term begins today. Pray that children, teachers and other school staff in our churches would all have a good rest.
Sunday 26 May	This morning we gather to hear from God. Pray that you would expect to hear his voice as his word, the Bible, is read and preached. This evening Jonny Guy is preaching. He is the curate in the Drypool Team, east Hull, and is a former Parish Assistant at St Andrew's. Pray for him as he begins to think about his next step in ministry after his curacy.
Monday 27 May	Pray that God would add one family, couple or individual to each of our churches in June.
Tuesday 28 May	Give thanks for those who work behind the scenes in our churches, whether in administrative, organisational, or practical work, paid or voluntary. Praise God for his

	generosity in providing all the people we need to do the good works he's planned for us to do.
Wednesday 29 May	Look back over the last month. Give thanks to God for one thing he's taught you through the Bible. Pray about one thing you would like to understand better.
Thursday 30 May	Give thanks to God for his word, the Bible. Pray that everyone in both of our churches would be convinced that God speaks authoritatively through it, and ask him to help us all that he says in it, and that we would want to live according to what he tells us in it.
Friday 31 May	Pray for Adam Young, our Mission Partner in Japan, particularly for ongoing progress in his language learning.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)

Our Benefice Vision Statement

We are one people with all kinds of pasts and backgrounds, graciously forgiven at the cross and called together by God encouraging one another to be faithful to our risen Saviour Jesus in the power of the Spirit by living our whole lives according to his word, and by making Him known throughout Willerby and Kirk Ella, and beyond.