

PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

“May your soul rejoice in God’s mercy, and may you never be ashamed to praise Him.” (Ecclesiasticus 51 v 29)

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### Prayers of thanks

- \* God’s love which is constant and never changes.
- \* The glory of God’s creation especially the magnificent blossoms this spring.
- \* Our sisters and brothers in Christ, who continue to support us and pray for us.
- \* Tony, as he continues to bless us with his ‘keeping in touch’
- \* The team enabling us to meet with on-line services and zoom coffee time.
- \* Robert keeping us informed and Maureen regularly sending out cards.
- \* Eric and team as they help prepare the church for re-opening next month.
- \* Vicki and her volunteers continuing the work of the ‘hub’.
- \* The uptake of the vaccine, making everyone safer as restrictions are relaxed.

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Prayers of concern

- * The tragic loss of life due to the pandemic in India, with health workers overstretched.
- * The increase in crime with more stabbings and murders, including the police woman.
- * The stress of many people with an increase in dog thefts, often an only companion.
- * The lack of rain & frequent frosts affecting farmers crops and animal feed.
- * All suffering abuse and financial worries as the pandemic continues.

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### Those known in our own hearts, including:

Terry, as he waits to start treatment; Eric Jenner, after his stay in hospital, & Mary; Dennis, Mike’s nephew; Paul, Sheila’s son-in law; David, Gemma Day’s father; Georgina, Mitchell’s friend; Kathy, Marian’s sister; Sharon; Ruth, Sarah’s sister; Dorothy; Helen; Harriet, Fran’s sister; Anne & Vic & their son Chris; Jean; Mike & Pauline; Bob; Mitchell & family; Melva & family; Val & Fred; Vi & Arthur; Alan & Pauline; Rosalind; Neil Fisher, from St. Georges; Jo, a friend;

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“Jesus said, ‘I am the good shepherd , I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I lay down my life for my sheep.’” John 10 v 14 15