



May 1st

**Psalms:** 139 (MP), 149 (EP)

**Bishop Ruth:** We pray that we will be part of what God is doing after lockdown ends - not simply restoring former practices but developing new ways by finding new ways of building church communities. On a National level- we pray that the UK will seek the good of the planet- resourcing vaccination beyond our shores, sustaining the environment, pointing to God.

**Location/Organisation:** For local Businesses.

**Lectionary Readings:** Ephesians 1: 3—10; John 14: 1—14



Sunday May 2nd

5th Sunday of Easter

**Howard:** On a personal level- we seek God's wisdom to prioritise time away from our demanding jobs to devote to our expanding tribe of grandchildren (Briar and Robin in the Highlands and Maya locally in Weston). On a Church level- we pray that we will be part of what God is doing after lockdown ends - not simply restoring former practices but developing new ways by is finding new ways of training ministers.

**Location/Organisation:** Banwell Men's breakfast

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 8: 26—end; John 15: 1—8

May 3rd

**Psalms:** 145 (MP), 105 (EP)

**The Elms:** We continue to hold in our prayers the residents of The Elms Nursing Home and in particular the wonderful team of carers who ensure their wellbeing. We pray that since the easing of some lockdown rules and regulations they are now able to see members of their families at closer quarters than hitherto and also even able to hold hands.

**Location/Organisation:** For the Methodist local Preachers

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 16: 1—20; 1 Peter 1: 1—12

May 4th

**Psalms:** 19 (MP), 97 (EP)

**George:** Dear Lord, as we return to hybrid church I pray for all those returning to physical worship and thank You for giving me the opportunity to serve You by helping those who can not attend physical church by spreading Your word online. Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** For the doctors surgeries

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 17: 8—end; 1 Peter 1: 13—end

May 5th

**Psalms:** 30 (MP), 99 (EP)

**Kathleen Chaplin:** In this year of uncertainty we ask Lord that you can be with each and everyone of us. Yes, we have been given a little bit of freedom and so we ask that you will always be with us to guide us and keep us safe when you see us stepping out in the wrong direction. We ask this in your name. Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** For those living in Castle Hill, Chesterfield Close, Church Street

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 18: 9—end; 1 Peter 2: 1—10



May 6th

**Psalms:** 57 (MP), 104 (EP)

**Foodbank:** Praise God for the food received. Give thanks for those who have been helped through difficult times by the foodbank. Continue to pray for all who come to the foodbank and for the agencies involved in distribution. Pray for those in need because of the current situation, who may be unaware of the help they can receive, may they be helped when they need it. Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** For Church Admin

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 19; 1 Peter 2: 11—end

May 7th

**Psalms:** 138 (MP), 66 (EP)

**APCMs:** Father, we pray for the annual church meetings taking place this May. May we meet with a spirit of unity and common purpose, and be led and inspired by Your Holy Spirit to receive Your vision for our way forward as church communities within the wider communities which we serve. May we be ready and able to look beyond ourselves and our needs and be open to change, and pour out Your love into a world which so desperately needs it.

**Location/Organisation:** For the Joint PCC's

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 21: 22—22: 8; 1 Peter 3: 1—12

May 8th

**Psalms:** 146 (MP), 118 (EP)

**Mo Barber:** Thank you Lord for the tireless work of the PCC and all the volunteers who are striving constantly to keep church members in touch with each other and also enabling some participation in Sunday services. I and many others are so looking forward to being able to be in church once again to celebrate Jesus' message for all who choose to listen. I believe that this dreadful pandemic has made us more aware than ever of the joy of human contact and, hopefully, never to take it for granted in future.

**Location/Organisation:** For those living in Chestnut Close, Coronation

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 24: 5—end; 1 Peter 3: 13—end

Sunday May 9th

6th Sunday of Easter

**Local Schools:** Our schools have returned but life is nowhere near "normal" so please pray for the children, at whichever stage of schooling, as they approach yet another time of change. Exams loom - in whatever format - in the shadow of the assessment chaos of last year; rites of passage experiences are being denied; there is little opportunity for preparation for transition; teachers have had no respite trying to keep online learning going for months knowing that they cannot support the children in all the usual ways. No wonder there is anxiety, fatigue and disengagement. Lord, please surround all those in education with your loving arm; giving strength and hope to those that need it. We ask you to gift patience, understanding and forbearance in these challenging times.

**Location/Organisation:** For CAMEO group

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 10: 44—end; John 15: 9—17

May 10th

**Psalms:** 65 (MP), 121 (EP)

**A prayer from the Methodists:** Come and sit besides me whilst I pray, Lord, I need to feel as though you are Close enough to hear me. Lately, dear Lord, you have seemed distant and faraway from the bustle of my life, but now I pause, and at last I realise that you have been there all the time, through out all my distractions, you have been with me, patiently waiting for my focus to return to you. You invite me to come and sit beside you, patiently waiting for my focus to return to you, not because I am worthy, but because I am in need. Now I am still, and in the peace that enfolds me, I know that you are my God. Amen

**Location/Organisation:** For Alcoholics Anonymous

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 26; 1 Peter 4: 1—11

May 11th

**Psalms:** 126 (MP), 128 (EP)



**NHS:** Pray for all the NHS staff for their own safety, energy and peace in dealing with each and every patient. Pray for those in hospital leadership, for wisdom and for good decisions to give the best outcomes for patients.

**Location/Organisation:** For monthly Sunday lunch (Congresbury) Soup Lunch (Banwell)

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 28: 1—14; 1 Peter 4: 12—end

May 12th

**Psalms:** 132 (MP), 15 (EP)



**Thy Kingdom Come: May 13th - May 23rd 2021** Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since its start in May 2016 God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will: Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ, Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus, Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness.

**Location/Organisation:** For those living in Eastermead Lane, Emery Gate, East Street

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 28: 58—end; 1 Peter 5



May 13th

**Psalms:** 110 (MP), 8 (EP)

**Ascension Day:** Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** For the Worship leaders .

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 1: 1—11; Luke 24: 44—end

May 14th

**Psalms:** 16 (MP), 80 (EP)

**Dave Hares:** I would like to pray for the return of village community spirit. (On the decline over the years in all villages and activities ). I look forward to the month of May and hopefully the removal of face masks brings more relaxed times. When I can see the smiling faces not" mistrusting worried eyes "

**Location/Organisation:** For people trafficking to be thwarted.

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 1: 15—end; John 15: 9—17

May 15th

**Psalms:** 47 (MP), 85 (EP)

**Pastoral Care:** Lord, with so much happening around the world, so many people are desperate for your touch in their lives. We pray for our pastoral care workers who care for our community and share your love with all those in need. We pray for them, for strength and wisdom as they help those who are lost and down. Touch them Lord. In your precious name. Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** For the Church musicians.

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 30; 1 John 2: 7—17

May 16th

7th Sunday of Easter

**Paul & Kay Friend:** Lord, we pray for all those around the world who seem to have lost hope, whose situations appear hopeless. For those of us who find our hope in you, may we bring a spark of that hope to those around us. May communities show hope to others, and may governments be inspired to show the way out of poverty and homelessness. Lord, may we who have, including governments and authorities, share with those who have little. We pray now for someone or somewhere who is on our hearts.....

**Location/Organisation:** For those in debt.

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 1: 15—17, 21—end; John 17: 6—19

May 17th

**Psalms:** 93 (MP), 18 (EP)

**Church Offices:** Lord, we pray for church offices in general, and our administration staff Andrea and Lisa in particular, that You give them all they need to do their work, which has been in difficult and unusual circumstances during the past year. Please help us all to remember how important their work is, and ensure that we always help whenever and wherever we can.

**Location/Organisation:** For the groups meeting in the Methodist village

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 31: 1—13; 1 John 2: 18—end

May 18th

**Psalms:** 99 (MP), 68 (EP)

Barbara Ruffle: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for those who developed a vaccine against this pandemic. I pray for those countries who are without the means to buy the vaccine. That our country as well as others who have plenty, will give to help all nations in this world. Not storing up for ourselves but seeking to do as you would wish your children to do. Thank you, Lord Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** For the food bank scheme

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 31: 14—29; 1 John 3: 1—10

May 19th

**Psalms:** 29 (MP), 46 (EP)

**Caz:** Happy Birthday! As we are slowly starting to move forward let us pray for all those who are still struggling, for all those who have lost family or friends, families who are financially struggling and for all those who are suffering with their mental health. Pray for God's care and guidance during this time and the knowledge that He is with them always.

**Location/Organisation:** For those elected to Diocesan and General Synods

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 31: 30—32: 14; 1 John 3: 11—end

May 20th

**Psalms:** 24 (MP), 139 (EP)

**Bellringers:** We pray for all those who ring the bells in our churches and that they may be able to resume soon. Please be with all who will hear the bells. May this reminder of your presence bring comfort to those who are sad, lonely or housebound; and challenge to those who are indifferent to your love and promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** For the work of Somewhere To Go

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 32: 15—47; 1 John 4: 1—6



May 21st

**Psalms:** 28 (MP), 147 (EP)

**Flares:** as we look at starting to meet again in person pray for for all our young people and volunteers as we look at a different way of being a youth group.

**Location/Organisation:** For our Zambian link Churches

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 33; 1 John 4: 7—end



May 22nd

**Psalms:** 43 (MP), 48 (EP)

**Bishop Peter:** Father, we give You thanks for the ministry of our Bishop Peter as he retires, and ask You to bless his farewell service to be held today. We pray Your continued presence and blessing with him and his wife Jane as they move into a new phase of their lives together. May they be constantly aware of Your love and presence surrounding and holding them, and enjoy a time of peace and pleasure together in the years ahead.

**Location/Organisation:** For our Anglican Lay Readers

**Lectionary Readings:** Deuteronomy 32: 48—end of 34; 1 John 5



Sunday May 23rd

Pentecost

**Matt:** Lord, it's been a very tough year for so many. It has, in some ways, felt like the valley of dry bones of Ezekiel or the desert of Sinai for Moses. We pray for an outpouring of the living water of your Holy Spirit. Renew and refresh our capacity to love, to hope, to dream, to care, to forgive. As we emerge from the series of Lockdowns of this last year help us to seek the light and the joy of your Spirit not the shadows of pain and isolation. And in the word of our daily prayer Lord, "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people, and kindle in us the fire of Your love." Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** For the Methodist Circuit

**Lectionary Readings:** Acts 2: 1—21; John 15: 26—27, 16: 4b—15

May 24th

**Psalms:** 126 (MP), 127 (EP)

**John Chaplin:** O Lord, when we hear all the awful news on the radio and television about race relationship and how we are not treating each other equally, you have always taught us that we are all equal in your sight. Help us to put these words into practice and learn how to love our neighbours as ourselves. Lord, we ask that in your mercy you will hear our prayers. Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** For Justice for Zimbabwe

**Lectionary Readings:** Job 1; Romans 1: 1—17

May 25th

Psalms: 132 (MP), 135 (EP)

**Nick and Sarah Jarrett Kerr:** Abba Father, as we come out of lockdown we thank you for holding our prayers over this time and as it says in Revelations 5 v 8 'in golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people'. Our prayers are being stored up by God in these golden bowls and one day they will determine the course of history. For this we give you our Everlasting Thankfulness. Amen

**Location/Organisation:** For children in the traveller community to settle into local schools easily

**Lectionary Readings:** Job 2; Romans 1: 18—end

May 26th

Psalms: 119: 153—end (MP), 136 (EP)

**Zambia:** We pray for the Revd Friday Malaya and everyone in the congregations of St Francis, St Clare, and St Joseph in our link parish of Chililabombwe in Zambia. We pray that Covid-19 vaccines are made available there for all who need them. May God bless their Archbishop Albert Chama, who has responsibility for the Anglican Church in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Malawi, in his role as Chair of the international Anglican Alliance as it works to support churches throughout the world facing the challenges of the pandemic.

**Location/Organisation:** For the Methodist weekly Bible Study

**Lectionary Readings:** Job 3; Romans 2: 1—16

May 27th

Psalms: 143 (MP), 138 (EP)

**Prayer for our PCC's:** Having been duly elected as members of the PCC, may they faithfully and diligently perform the duties assigned to them, by the grace and power of God.

As members of the leadership of our Churches may they commit themselves to work together in proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and in the service of all and acknowledge their need of God's wisdom, guidance and love, and ask Him to bless their work in His service.

**Location/Organisation:** For true justice in our legal system

**Lectionary Readings:** Job 4; Romans 2: 17—end

May 28th

Psalms: 144 (MP), 145 (EP)

**Barry & Joan Hogarth:** At last the light at the end of the tunnel is definitely getting brighter. The days are getting longer and God's work is evident in the beauty of the flowers and tree blossom. We give thanks that the Covid infectious rates are reducing as the vaccine programme takes effect.

On a personal note, we pray that Boris's roadmap is not derailed as our grandson Thomas and Charlotte are due to married on 25th June.

Again we pray for and give thanks for the tireless work and care of our wonderful NHS throughout this pandemic.

**Location/Organisation:** For the Congresbury Singers

**Lectionary Readings:** Job 5; Romans 3: 1—20

May 29th

Psalms: 147 (MP), 97 (EP)

**Colin & Jenny Campbell:** Dear Lord, Thank you for seeing most of the village through the pandemic. But help us to remember things that have been neglected like charities, and other infirmities that have missed out on treatment. We are gradually coming back to normal but let it be a less selfish normal than before.

**Location/Organisation:** For Banwell Fish Scheme

**Lectionary Readings:** Job 6; Romans 3: 21—end



Sunday May 30th

Trinity Sunday

**Trinity Sunday:** Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

**Location/Organisation:** For serious efforts to slow down climate change

**Lectionary Readings:** Romans 8: 12—17; John 3: 1—17

May 31st

Psalms: 85 (MP), 122 (EP)

**University Students:** We pray that after such a tough and unpredictable year that all Undergraduate and postgrad students will be able to return to their campuses and progress their current year to its conclusion. We think especially of those in their final year preparing for assessments and submissions of dissertations and final coursework. Pray that all their hard work will be recognised and rewarded, and they can look forward with renewed hope and optimism to the next stage of their lives. Amen.

**Location/Organisation:** Safety for those using the M5

**Lectionary Readings:** Romans 12: 9—16; Luke 1: 39—49