

St Luke's
Willerby



St Andrew's Kirk Ella

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Prayer Diary – May 2023

Monday 1st May	Praise God that many children heard the gospel and found out more about Jesus at the Secret Agent's Academy holiday club at St Andrew's before Easter. Pray that many would grow up knowing and loving him.
Tuesday 2nd May	We meet to pray tonight (7:45 for 8pm start) at the Memorial Hall. Give thanks for the privilege of praying together as a Benefice family.
Wednesday 3rd May	Give thanks for St Luke's Toddler Group's long ministry among the Willerby community. Pray that God would bring people from it into church on Sunday.
Thursday 4th May	The Christianity Explored group meets at St Andrew's tonight. Pray that all those who attend would grow in their knowledge and understanding of the gospel.
Friday 5th May	Pray for Faith on Friday that meets over lunch at St Andrew's today, that the ladies who attend would encounter Jesus and grow in their friendship with one another. Give thanks that more children have joined Rockets over the past few months. Pray that those who are not yet Christians would put their trust in Jesus.
Saturday 6th May	Today King Charles is crowned . Pray that he would remember whose minister he is and that he would seek after God's glory.
Sunday 7th May	Pray that a good time would be had by all at the Coronation Hog Roast at St Luke's.
Monday 8th May	Pray for Jonathan Hill and the team at St Martin's as they run the Hub on Tuesdays providing a community shop, food parcels, prayer, Bibles and counsel to those in need. Pray for a project manager to oversee some necessary building works.

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Tuesday 9th May	Growth Groups meet this week. Pray that God would teach us from 1 Corinthians as we are reminded who we are in Christ and therefore how to live as his people as we wait for the New Creation.
Wednesday 10th May	Pray for the BCP Communion Service at St Andrew's today. Give thanks that God has brought new people to us through it.
Thursday 11th May	The Open the Book team is in Carr Lane School today. Give thanks that the children engage well with the Bible stories and pray they do so again today.
Friday 12th May	Pray for LaunchPad, Rockets and Impact that all meet this evening. Pray for new leaders to be raised up as the children's work grows.
Saturday 13th May	Praise God for how he has brought a good number of new people to both St Andrew's and St Luke's over the past few months.
Sunday 14th May	Pray that we would have the eyes of our hearts enlightened by the Holy Spirit as we meet around God's word today.
Monday 15th May	The Open the Book team are in St Andrew's school this morning and John is taking assembly at Springhead school . Give thanks for the doors into schools that God has opened for us. This evening is St Luke's APCM . Give thanks for all God has done at St Luke's over the last year. Give thanks for our musicians at both churches. Pray that they would continue to worship God more and more as they use the gifts he has given them.
Tuesday 16th May	Give thanks for the many new families with young babies who have joined Little Stars over the past few weeks. Pray that they would settle in well and become regulars.
Wednesday 17th May	Give thanks for the leaders and helpers at St Luke's Toddler Group . Pray that they would find much encouragement today in their ministry.
Thursday 18th May	Give thanks for the GAFCON movement of global Anglicans, representing over 75% of Anglicans. Pray that they would

	provide renewed leadership of the worldwide Anglican communion as they hold firm to biblical teaching.
Friday 19th May	Pray that the new members of Impact would all come to know and love Jesus in the weeks and months ahead.
Saturday 20th May	Pray that this month you would have one conversation about Jesus with one person, and that you would have one opportunity to invite one person to church. Pray for those church family members who are housebound . Pray that they would find encouragement and fellowship through visitors.
Sunday 21st May	We share the Lord's supper this morning. Pray that God would feed us spiritually as we share the bread and wine. This morning we begin a new series in 2 Corinthians . Pray that we would hear God clearly through his Word as he speaks to us through it. This afternoon we will be clearing the kitchen at St Andrew's ready for the building work to begin tomorrow. Pray that this would go smoothly as things go into storage. Pray that there are no breakages. Pray that we would truly sing God's praises at Songs of Praise this evening.
Monday 22nd May	Give thanks for our staff team – those who work 'behind the scenes' and those who work 'up front'. Pray that God would give them wisdom as they go on an away day today. The Children's Work Room building project begins at St Andrew's today. Pray that it runs smoothly and to time. Tonight is the St Andrew's APCM . Pray that God would give wisdom to the new PCC as they steer the church through choppy Church of England waters.
Tuesday 23rd May	Give thanks for Liz Telford who is working as the Administrator in the St Andrew's office. Pray that she would have learned the job thoroughly enough to be able to hand it on to a new permanent member of staff in due course.
Wednesday 24th May	Pray for Josh Tomalin studying at Oak Hill as he takes his end of first year exams this month.

	Pray that those who have recently lost a loved one would know God's compassion and comfort in their sadness.
Thursday 25th May	Give thanks for the seven new members of St Andrew's bell ringers . Pray that they'd learn the techniques, enjoy ringing, and so call people to church each week.
Friday 26th May	Leon Panayi and Alice Turner are being married at St Andrew's today. Pray for them as they begin their married life together. Friendship Group is at St Luke's this afternoon. Pray for real friendships to flourish.
Saturday 27th May	Half term starts today. Pray that pupils, teachers and others who work in schools would have a god break.
Sunday 28th May	Ask God to bring one new individual, couple or family to each of St Andrew's and St Luke's today .
Monday 29th May	Pray for peace in Ukraine and Sudan and that war would not break out anywhere else.
Tuesday 30th May	Pray that friendships would continue to be built at Friendly Community Spaces at St Luke's today.
Wednesday 31st May	Pray for yourself, that you would live more and more for Jesus at home, work, as a parent, grandparent, friend, neighbour and church family member, as these apply to you.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

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.

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