

Saturday 22nd Yesterday was Carers' Rights Day; may we now recognise and pray about the huge contribution carers make to our society, and how well they should be protected and rewarded.

Sunday 23rd Today is Christ our King. Lord you reign not from a throne of power, but with compassion, justice and truth. On this Christ the King Sunday, we pray you reign in our hearts and in our homes. Where there is division, bring peace; where there is pride, bring humility; where there is need, bring your care. Teach us to serve as you served, to love as you loved and to seek your kingdom above all.

Monday 24th Yesterday was International Survivors of Suicide Day. Let us pray for everyone affected by a suicide. Are you aware of the Support After Suicide Partnership? More than 6,800 people died by suicide in Britain in 2023. And research suggests that up to 135 people are affected by every single suicide. Pray not just for parents, but for every single relative and friend to get the best compassionate care.

Tuesday 25th Today is International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Recently we have heard of increased violence on trains against women. Pray that men particularly will show their commitment to ending violence against women and girls. Pray that police and transport police will be even more determined in their pursuit and prosecution of men committing these offences.

Wednesday 26th "God is creating you now at this moment, and He wants you to know that He is interested in you and all that you are and all that you do. This is His part of the intimate conversation we call "prayer." (Brother Thomas More, Franciscan) Are we aware that God is still creating us?...even in our later years? Are we aware that we are not a finished product, that we still are being shaped by our latest experiences? Yes, even the toughest ones.

Thursday 27th A prayer which comes to us from Gaza. "Oh, Lord, we ask you to comfort the hearts of every one who has lost someone near to them. Lord, let your peace prevail in Israel and across Palestine; may there be no sounds of death or destruction or evil from now on, oh Lord; for you are King of Peace.

Let your Peace prevail, and please strengthen our church family, because you are our refuge at all times. Thank you for answering our prayers, Lord. Thank you for everything."

Friday 28th "It is true that God leads us through some very tough situations for our own sakes, but the core of some of our difficulties is that He leads us through worlds we did not choose. (Viv Thomas) Pray for anyone you know who is going through the toughest of situations to have a deep awareness of God's never-ending love, and that the Holy Spirit will come alongside them to impart that strong belief in the Father's unbreakable promise of everlasting peace in the Eternal city.

Saturday 29th On the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, praise God for all the families re-united, for all the prisoners never charged or tried, who have now been freed. Pray for those families weeping tears of joy but also tears of pain as they make their way back to what they once called home, now just rubble and ruin (80% of buildings destroyed or damaged beyond repair). Again, tough times lie ahead for families returning without husbands, wives and children. And also for some families who will never return. Pray fervently that the ceasefire of the first phase will hold as negotiations for next phases struggle to get agreement.

Sunday 30th Today is our first Sunday of Advent. We will light the candle of hope and open our hearts to your coming. In a world of waiting and worry, help us to watch for your light here in Fairmilehead, to listen for your promise and to prepare room for Christ in our lives. Awaken our joy, strengthen our faith



Prayer Diary for November 2025

Fairmilehead Parish Church

Saturday 1st Halloween, or All Hallows' Eve, takes its name from the Feast of All Saints. All Hallows' Eve was literally the eve before the holy day. Protestant Christians generally commemorate all Christians, living and dead; so let us do so with joy!

Sunday 2nd On All Souls Day, we commemorate and celebrate all who have died believing in Jesus. Pray for a special blessing on those we have known and loved who have died, recognising that their lives have not terminated, but that they continue in a new Resurrected life.

Monday 3rd: Yesterday was the day when we pray for endangered journalists: Reporters are now facing serious threats to their lives, often due to their investigative work, notably increased harassment, and imprisonment in countries with declining press freedom. Pray for true personal and press freedom of speech in our Western democracies.

Tuesday 4th Psalm 90 says "Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in Wisdom" "Time is God's Gift to you", but what you do with your Time is your Gift to God.' Lord, we pray that we may show wisdom in how we use our time.

Wednesday 5th God of light and promise, on this Bonfire Night as we gather around flickering flames, help us to remember that true light is more than sparks in

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the sky. As Advent draws near, kindle in us a hope that does not burn out, a warmth that welcomes others, and a courage that shines in the darkness. May every fire we see point us to the Light of Christ coming into the world.

Thursday 6th Why is it that beautiful places like Lulworth Cove in Dorset and the Pentland Hills get chosen for military firing ranges? Pray for the protection of such places from future military exploitation on this, the International Day for Preventing Exploitation of Environment in Armed Conflict

Friday 7th Tonight our Scouts, and Cubs, Guides and Brownies gather in our church for their Remembrance Service. Help them to understand the cost of war and to honour those who gave their lives for others. Teach them to choose peace, to stand up for what is right and to build a kinder world. May they always know your love beside them, today and in every adventure ahead.

Saturday 8th World Town Planning Day now seems most relevant. With so much building on greenfield sites, pray that the planning groups who grant permission will insist on each new-build estate having a community hub or heart, with services like surgeries, schools, shops, community hall and with appropriate space for a local church.

Sunday 9th God of peace and mercy, on this Remembrance Sunday we gather in our church at the Crossroads to pause to honour those who gave their lives in war and conflict. We remember with gratitude their courage and sacrifice and we pray for all who still carry the wounds of war. Turn our hearts from hatred to healing, from fear to hope and make us instruments of your peace, until your kingdom comes on earth.

Monday 10th World Kindness Day shines a light on the many "random acts of kindness", as well as more pur-

poseful regular commitment acts of kindness. This is also Anti-Bullying week. Pray for God's prompting to take every opportunity to help someone else and take a stand against bullying wherever we see it happening.

Tuesday 11th The two words of THANK YOU have the power to transform our health, happiness and success. When you are grateful, you flood your body with ...endorphins that uplift and energise you." (Jon Gordon) Pray that we may all become more grateful people, giving thanks for every blessing.

Wednesday 12th Today, World Anti-Biotic Awareness Week starts, an annual global campaign to raise understanding of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The biggest worry is that new strains of bacteria may emerge that cannot be treated by any existing antibiotics. Ask God to bless this most complicated of research.

Thursday 13th We pray for Edinburgh Street pastors who look after those they meet. On the streets in the middle of the night, often somewhat worse for the quantity of alcohol they have consumed, and unable to get home, who need befriending and caring for.

Friday 14th On World Diabetes Day, we pray for all who live with diabetes - for daily strength, good care, and moments of rest. We give thanks for doctors, nurses, carers and researchers and for the wisdom that guides treatment and hope.

Saturday 15th Remember all victims of Internet "scams", and ask Our Lord to take care of people's fears and worries, mostly unfounded. Thank God for the internet "police" who know all about the "industry", much of it centred on Nigeria, which uses innocent people's stolen identities.

Sunday 16th A prayer for the Holy Spirit: Come Holy Spirit, fill us with your everlasting life. Help us today to give our-

selves to you, open and ready to live with the life you give us and allow you to work in us for the good of all whom we meet.

Monday 17th On International Students Day, let us recognise the hugely positive contributions our top-grade universities make to the national economy. Pray for the restrictions on family members accompanying overseas students to be reconsidered and humane decisions made in these matters.

Tuesday 18th When marriages break down, we know the pain does not stay in one place. It ripples through children, families and friends, bringing confusion, grief and change. Hold all who are hurting in your gentle care. Give patience, understanding and healing where trust is broken. Help us to speak with kindness, to listen with compassion and to offer steady love rather than judgment. May your grace mend what feels beyond repair and may your peace calm every troubled heart. Amen.

Wednesday 19th On World Toilet Day, let us pray for the powerful effect of the twinning of our church toilets to be considered again, concerning whether we can continue this excellent project.

Thursday 20th A year ago yesterday, November 20th 2024, marked the 10th anniversary of the Knesset law marking the departure and expulsion of Jews from Arab countries and Iran. A community of 100,000 has dwindled to some 8,000 as a result of antisemitism, persecution and discrimination following the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Pray now for the incredibly difficult process of ending all anti-Semitism both in Iran and the rest of the Islamic World, after the IDF's bombing of Gaza.

Friday 21st Yesterday was Universal Children's Day; let us thank God for the wonderful welcome children and families receive here in our church. Give thanks for the ministry here which attracts so many families with young people.