



# PRAYER DIARY

## MAY 2017

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We thank God for Kymmene and pray that she is settling into our team well. In all the busyness of African Adventure, we ask that she will find time to build relationships with our team.

### 2nd

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In what is always a busy term, we pray for passion and enthusiasm to flow out of us in all of our work with children and young people. May they see a glimpse of Jesus in us!

### 3rd

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We pray for opportunities for conversations with staff, parents and helpers that come to African Adventure.

### 4th

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SATS week is coming up.....- please pray that children will be able to find rest and peace in the middle of this stressful period.

### 5th

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Preparations for May Sizewell are ongoing- please pray that all preparations, resources and planning come together on time and that the team are in tune with how God wants us to serve Him on this weekend.

### 6th

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Pray that everyone helping with African Adventure gets sufficient rest to be able to cope with the demands of the week.

### 7th

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Today we pray for the students who over this month are completing assignments on the Old Testament; may it be time of learning and minimal stress.

### 8th

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We think of all the Year 6 children going through SATs this week. We pray that they will be able to give their best and also pray for their teachers too!

### 9th

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Remember in your prayers staff and students in Chantry Academy and Suffolk One and all the pressures that exams bring for the school and college communities. Pray for peace for those feeling anxious and for Ant to be available as a calming presence and to be on hand to offer encouragement and reassurance.

### 10th

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Pray for the mentoring that takes place at St Albans, as we try to build relationships with students and support those who struggle in school or have challenging situations in their lives.

### 11th

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We pray for Primary School lunch clubs today - we are trying some different things this term including outdoor activities/games, hoping more children will join in. Please pray for enthusiasm, fun and good conversations.

### 12th

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Please pray for an increased number of volunteers and cooks as we continue to plan the season's rota for African Adventure.

### 13th

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Today we pray for the "Collectives" that happen during each week. We also pray and thank God for the volunteers who give up their time to support the "Collectives".

### 14th

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We thank God for new opportunities and openings in Primary Schools in Ipswich. We ask for wisdom and guidance in how we support these places.

### 15th

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We thank God for all of the amazing volunteers who make our work possible. We particularly thank God for the volunteers helping at May Sizewell this coming weekend.

## 16th

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Please pray for Ipswich High School girls as they share their experiences of African Adventure back at home.

## 17th

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Give thanks for the encouraging response at Easter Soulspace at Chantry. 200 students chose to share painful 'thorns' in their lives, reflect on forgiving others and add a leaf of Thankfulness to the Praise Tree! Pray for that glorious Hope and Joy for each of them in their circumstances. Pray too for future ideas for reflection and uplifting one another through Chaplaincy at "One" and Chantry.

## 18th

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Pray for unity and support for one another in the team while we are at the Sizewell Weekend.

## 19th

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We are starting an "after school club" at St Matthew's for Y5/6-please pray for good attendance, good relationships, real sharing of Jesus and the planting of seeds (of personal faith).

## 20th

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Give thanks for the CYM team and volunteers involved in May Sizewell that God will work through them to reach the children that attend.

## 21st

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Pray that the message of "Light" at May Sizewell this weekend has a positive and memorable impact on the children as they return to their homes.

## 22nd

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We thank God for Heather, Becca and Nikki - they have put so much time and energy into May Sizewell; we pray that they now find rest!

## 23rd

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Pray for safety and protection for all the children and adults at the African Adventure site and for safe journeys to and from Sizewell.

## 24th

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Praise God that Easter Elevate went well and that all the children in various schools really engaged and participated.

## 25th

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Today we pray for the young people Ben Marshall has started mentoring. We pray as they meet with each other that the time they have is a valuable time of listening and support.

## 26th

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As many are aware, for 15-18 year olds May and June are GCSE and A-Level Exam periods. This is an incredibly stressful time for both students and staff. Therefore please pray for a calm atmosphere to surround the whole school particularly during these months.

## 27th

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Please pray for each member of the CYM team, we pray that they feel encouraged and empowered in this busy time.

## 28th

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We are thankful that the staff gifts, which were given out at St Alban's at the start of the summer term, were such a success. We pray that through these small tokens of appreciation staff will feel encouraged and cared for.

## 29th

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Thank God for the opportunity we have to go in to Primary Schools and share God's message of love and forgiveness with the children and teachers.

## 30th

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Please pray for all those taking exams. Especially those who are anxious, stressed, have mental health conditions or feel intense pressure to succeed. Please be praying that they can emotionally and mentally cope during this time, and that they get enough sleep and rest during this busy time.

## 31st

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Pray for the staff and teachers coming to African Adventure that they have an enjoyable experience along with the children.