

St. Mark's Prayer Calendar for May 2026

As God has called you, live up to your calling, as God has claimed you, live your life in him; as God has freed you, preserve your freedom, and come before him full of love and praise.

Fri 1
Give thanks for all who turn up on a Friday morning at church for coffee and cleaning.



Sat 2
Pray for our services tomorrow, at both 8am and 10.30am. May we all contribute in our own way the best we can.

SUN 3 *Easter 5*
Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life.

Post communion prayer

Mon 4
We pray for all, who live in **OXFORD ROAD**. Pray for all at Our Lady Help of Christians.

Tue 5
Give thanks for all who contribute in many different ways to church life.

Wed 6
Pray for RE teachers, may they themselves have faith in Jesus, so they can enthuse children with the stories from the bible.

Thu 7
Give thanks for all who help with the children's work in our church. May the children themselves grow up to do the same.

Fri 8
Pray for our church school and give thanks for the head teacher and all the teachers. May they know they have our support and backing.

Sat 9
Pray for those you love. May we be faithful in our prayers for them every day that they will stay close to God in all things.

SUN 10 *Easter 6*
God has delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his Son: grant that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy.

Collect

Mon 11
This week we pray for all, who live in **YETMINSTER ROAD**. Give thanks for the people you have known, but see no more, who have helped you along in your christian life.

Tue 12
Pray for the children who attend the school in Reading Road, opposite the church and along a bit.

Wed 13
Pray for those who work in prisons, that they and the inmates may be kept safe and there be a brighter future for those who aspire to that.

Thu 14 *Ascension Day*
May we be steadfast in our belief that we shall also ascend in heart and mind with our Lord Jesus Christ and be with him always.

Fri 15
We remember those we have lost and see no more. Heal the scars and help us see where there is need of your love.

Sat 16 *Matthias, Apostle (14th May)*
Matthias was chosen to be one of the twelve after Judas' demise. Preserve the Church from false apostles so that we may be kept in your truth, oh Lord.

SUN 17 *Sunday after Ascension*
Confirm us in the mission that Jesus left with us: to preach the Good News to all the world.

Mon 18
This week we pray for all, who live in **WINDSOR ROAD**. Give thanks for all at the Methodist church.

Tue 19
As we look forward to celebrating Pentecost, let us take the chance to remember all at our cathedral (dedicated to the Holy Spirit) and its congregation in this sad year for us all at the loss of our bishop, Andrew.

Wed 20
Pray for Colin and Carole Lagor and give thanks for all they do for our congregation.

Thu 21
Give thanks for the wonderful weather we had in April, which may be a long distant memory by now, but let's hope not!

Fri 22
As God has called you, live up to your calling, as God has claimed you, live your life in him.

Sat 23
Pray for the catering team that they may have enough help, so that it does not all get terribly hard work.

SUN 24 **PENTECOST**
May we all be touched by the Spirit, God's Holy Spirit, so we become doers of the Word and share the Good News with all.

Mon 25
Pray this week for everyone living in **CANTERBURY ROAD**. Pray for all at the Baptist Church.

Tue 26
Pray for those who live at Knellwood, for the extraordinary and exemplary way the place is run. Pray for all who work there that it will continue to be a 'happy' place.

Wed 27
Pray for all affected by the war in Iran, for all the suffering which always follows wars. May the war come to an end with agreement from both sides.

Thu 28
Pray for the family of Barry James, whose funeral is taking place today. Some will remember Ivy, his wife, who was a keen member of St. Mark's for many years

Fri 29
Pray for all who work at the Council Offices and for those who sit on Rushmoor Borough Council, their work is never done. May they be given stamina to keep going.

Sat 30
Give thanks for Diane Bedford, who served for many years on the council. May her colleagues carry on the good work.

SUN 31 *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.

Post Communion Prayer