

Ross and Archenfield Deanery

Praying Together

Prayer Diary

Monday 1st April to

Sunday 5th May 2024



Revd Mark writes:

Celebrating the joy of the Resurrection in times of uncertainty and worry is not something new. Those who have trodden this path before us, through many centuries, have also wrestled with the confidence that comes from proclaiming Christ is Risen—He is risen indeed and the complexities of a world that is still engulfed by sin.

Our calling, in this present age, is one of steadfastness and fidelity to the God who made us and redeemed us. Yes, the world is a fallen place that needs to hear the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ but is also a place that needs to be redeemed by small acts of kindness and generosity. If we can do both, then we are following the calling of Jesus Christ to bring in the Kingdom of God.

*Revd Mark*

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Please continue to pray for Ukraine and Gaza/Israel and the ongoing conflict: for the rapidly changing situation.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for all people across the world. Amen.

## Monday 1st

Scripture: Psalm 78 verses 67—68

<sup>67</sup> He rejected the tent of Joseph,  
he did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;  
<sup>68</sup> but he chose the tribe of Judah,  
Mount Zion, which he loves.

For our Prayers: As we celebrate our liberation for sin and death in this Easter week, so we ask to be included in the people of God, the tent of Joseph and to dwell on Mount Zion.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Kings Cuple and for those who live in the village. For Kings Cuple Primary School and the staff and pupils.

## Tuesday 2nd

Scripture: Psalm 78 verses 69—70

<sup>69</sup> He built his sanctuary like the high heavens,  
like the earth, which he has founded for ever.  
<sup>70</sup> He chose his servant David,  
and took him from the sheepfolds;

For our Prayers: As God's chosen people, may we rejoice in our freedom to worship and the new covenant with God bought for us by the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary, Linton, and those who live and work in the village.

## Wednesday 3rd

Scripture: Psalm 70 verses 70—72

<sup>70</sup> He chose his servant David,  
and took him from the sheepfolds;  
<sup>71</sup> from tending the nursing ewes he brought him

to be the shepherd of his people Jacob,  
of Israel, his inheritance.

<sup>72</sup>With upright heart he tended them,  
and guided them with skilful hand.

For our Prayers: May we be the true sheep of the God who had lead us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary, Little Birch and for those who live in the village. For the Village Hall and all working to improve it.

### Thursday 4th

Scripture: Psalm 79 verses 1– 2

<sup>1</sup> O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;  
they have defiled your holy temple;  
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

<sup>2</sup> They have given the bodies of your servants  
to the birds of the air for food,  
the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.

For our Prayers: Giving thanks for the new temple, not built with human hands, that Jesus' death and resurrection proclaims, that after three days he rose again and showed us the path of life and peace.

Across our Deanery: South Wye Rural Benefice of St. David Little Dewchurch with St Dubricius Ballingham (closed), St John of Jerusalem (closed) Bolstone, Aconbury, St Andrew Dinedor and St. Cuthbert Holme Lacy (in the care of the Council for the Care of Churches Trust).

## Friday 5th

Scripture: Psalm 79 verses 3—4

<sup>3</sup>They have poured out their blood like water  
all around Jerusalem,  
and there was no one to bury them.

<sup>4</sup>We have become a taunt to our neighbours,  
mocked and derided by those around us.

For our Prayers: Giving thanks for the blood of Jesus shed on the cross, that by his passion and death we have been restored and our sins washed away.

Across our Deanery: St. Junabius, Llandinabo and all who work in the area, especially in the orchards and soft fruit businesses.

## Saturday 6th

Scripture: Psalm 79 verses 5—7

<sup>5</sup>How long, O LORD? Will you be angry for ever?  
Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?

<sup>6</sup>Pour out your anger on the nations  
that do not know you,  
and on the kingdoms  
that do not call on your name.

<sup>7</sup>For they have devoured Jacob  
and laid waste his habitation.

For our Prayers: That God's anger towards his people has abated and we rest now in the palm of his hand, protected and sheltered.

Across our Deanery: St. Deinst, Llangarron and for all who live in the village.

## Sunday 7th Second Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 20 verses 19—20

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord

Collect: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: Give thanks for the miraculous appearance of the risen Jesus and for all who have met him in moments of the mystical and the mysterious.

Across our Deanery: Christ Church, Llangrove, the Llangrove Academy School and the village with its hall and pub.

## Monday 8th The Annunciation

Scripture: Luke 1 verses 30—31

<sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.’

Collect: We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be

brought to the glory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with  
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

For our Prayers: Give thanks for the “Yes” of Mary to receive from  
God the gift of Jesus. We pray for all who are pregnant and all who  
will be giving birth today.

Across our Deanery: Christ Church, Llanwarne and St. John the Bap-  
tist (ruin), Llanwarne, for its future as a Festival Church and for  
those working to restore the old church.

### Tuesday 9th Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor and Martyr, 1945

Scripture: Matthew 13 51-52

And Jesus said to them, <sup>51</sup>“Therefore every scribe who has been  
trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household  
<sup>52</sup>who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Collect: Embolden our lives, O Lord, and inspire our faiths, that we,  
following the example of your servant Dietrich Bonhoeffer, might  
embrace your call with undivided hearts; through Jesus Christ our  
Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: All political prisoners and those who hold them in  
prison, for those who are held a hostages for political gain, for the  
release of those who are falsely imprisoned.

Across our Deanery: St. Matthew, Marstow and for those who live in  
the village.

Wednesday 10th William Law, Priest and Spiritual Writer, 1761

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2 verses 12—13

<sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Collect: Almighty God, who called your servant William Law to a devout and holy life:

grant that by your spirit of love and through faithfulness in prayer we may find the way to divine knowledge and so come to see the hidden things of God;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

For our Prayers: All who are called by God to write about the spiritual life, and who encourage us in our daily pilgrimage.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary and St. Thomas a Becket, Much Birch, for all who live in the village, Much Birch Primary School and those who work at the surgery.

Thursday 11th

Scripture: Psalm 5 verses 7—8

<sup>7</sup>But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,  
will enter your house,  
I will bow down towards your holy temple  
in awe of you.

<sup>8</sup>Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness  
because of my enemies;  
make your way straight before me.



For our Prayers: All who gather with us, Sunday by Sunday, to worship and praise our God. May we be built into a loving community of Christ's followers.

Across our Deanery: St. David, Much Dewchurch and for those who live in the village. For Charnwood Nursing Home and the residents and staff, for the Steiner Academy and the staff and pupils.

### Friday 12th

Scripture: Psalm 79 verses 8—9

<sup>8</sup> Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;  
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,  
for we are brought very low.

<sup>9</sup> Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of your name;  
deliver us, and forgive our sins,  
for your name's sake.

For our Prayers: All who are finding life difficult at this moment, especially those who battle with depression and those who support them.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Orcop and all who live in the village. For the village hall and the events that take place there.

### Saturday 13th

Scripture: Psalm 79 verses 10—11

<sup>10</sup> Why should the nations say,  
'Where is their God?'

Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of your servants  
be known among the nations before our eyes.

<sup>11</sup> Let the groans of the prisoners come before you;  
according to your great power preserve those doomed to die.

For our Prayers: All who are in prison this day and for those who look after them. We pray for the role of prison chaplains and the work they do with those in their care.

Across our Deanery: St. Denys, Pencoyd, St. Mary, Tretire and St. Michael and All Angels, Michaelchurch (under the care of CCT). For all who live and farm in the area.

### Sunday 14th Third Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Luke 24 verses 36b– 37

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

Collect: Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

For our Prayers: As we rejoice in the new life offered through Jesus’ death and resurrection, so we remember all those who we love who have gone before us into God’s light and peace.

Across our Deanery: St. Peter, Peterstow, for those who rely on the local shop and those who live in the village, for the church and its role as a village hub.

## Monday 15th

Scripture: Psalm 79 verses 12—13

<sup>12</sup> Return sevenfold into the bosom of our neighbours  
the taunts with which they taunted you, O Lord!

<sup>13</sup> Then we your people, the flock of your pasture,  
will give thanks to you for ever;  
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

For our Prayers: Those who are telling the Gospel story to the next generation, all who work in schools and with Messy Church across our Deanery.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary, Ross-on-Wye, for all who live in the town and those moving into the new housing. For the work of the Messy Church. For those putting together the job specification for the new Rector.

## Tuesday 16th

Scripture: Psalm 80 verses 1– 2

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

<sup>2</sup> before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might,  
and come to save us!

For our Prayers: Those who have lost their faith in God and now have path to follow, that Jesus the Good Shepherd may lead them back to the Father.

Across our Deanery: For the Life-Link Chaplain's appointment and links with John Kyrle Academy and community organisations across the Ross.

## Wednesday 17th

Scripture: Psalm 80 3—4

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

<sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

For our Prayers: All who feel their prayers remain unanswered. For the power of persistence in prayer even when they do not seem to have any effect.

Across our Deanery: St. Tysilio, Sellack and for all who live in the village and farm the local area.

## Thursday 18th

Scripture: Psalm 80 verses 5—6

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears,

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

<sup>6</sup> You make us the scorn of our neighbours;

our enemies laugh among themselves.

For our Prayers: Those who are oppressed and at the bottom of the social pyramid, all who feel that the world is against them today.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael, Sollers Hope and for those who live and work in the area.

## Friday 19th Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012

Scripture: Hebrews 5 verses 1—3

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he

must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.

Collect: Merciful God, who raised up your servant Alphege to be a pastor of your people and gave him grace to suffer for justice and true religion:

grant that we who celebrate his martyrdom may know the power of the risen Christ in our hearts and share his peace in lives offered to your service;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

For our Prayers: Justin, our current Archbishop, and all who are leading the church at this time, especially with the challenges we face in telling God's story afresh.

Across our Deanery: St. Weonards, St. Weonards church, the village hall, the new housing being built in the village, the local shop, and St. Weonards Primary School.

### Saturday 20th

Scripture: Psalm 80 verses 7—8

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

<sup>8</sup>You brought a vine out of Egypt;

you drove out the nations and planted it.

For our Prayers: Our local congregation, that we might feel as though we are branches of the same vine, rooted in Christ,

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, The Lea and all who live and work in the village, The Lea C of E Primary school and all who teach and study there.

## Sunday 21st Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 10 verses 14—15

Jesus said <sup>14</sup>'I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.'

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:

raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: All who in leadership of the church are called to be pastors and shepherds, that they may lead with equity and wisdom.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Upton Bishop, for those who live in the village, for the local pub and the village hall.

## Monday 22nd

Scripture: Psalm 80 verses 9—10

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it;  
it took deep root and filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches;

For our Prayers: All who work the land, especially after the damp winter, those who are replanting the fields and looking towards the harvest later this year.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Walford and for all who live in the village, for the local shops and pubs and the local school.

Tuesday 23rd George, Patron Saint of England, Martyr, c. 302

Scripture: John 15 verses 18—19

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>18</sup>If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup>If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world – therefore the world hates you.

Collect: God of hosts, who so kindled the flame of love in the heart of your servant George that he bore witness to the risen Lord by his life and by his death:

give us the same faith and power of love that we who rejoice in his triumphs may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

For our Prayers: England and all who live in this country, for a patriotism that supports our country but does not exclude or demean.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary the Virgin, Welsh Newton and St. John the Baptist, Llanrothal and for all who live and work in the villages.

Wednesday 24th

Scripture: Psalm 80 verses 10b—13

<sup>10b</sup> the mighty cedars with its branches;

<sup>11</sup> it sent out its branches to the sea,  
and its shoots to the River.

<sup>12</sup> Why then have you broken down its walls,  
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

<sup>13</sup> The boar from the forest ravages it,  
and all that move in the field feed on it.

For our Prayers: Those whose countries have been exploited and the wealth extracted to other places, those who find their land deserted and decimated.

Across our Deanery: St. Lawrence, Weston –under- Penyard and all who live and work in the village.

### Thursday 25th Mark the Evangelist

Scripture: Mark 13 verse 11

Jesus said to his disciples <sup>11</sup>‘When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.’

Collect: Almighty God, who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: Churches dedicated to St. Mark. The Bible Society and those who work to help us tell the story of Jesus.

Across our Deanery: St. Dubricius, Whitchurch and for those who live and work in the village, for Whitchurch House Care Home and the local C of E Primary school.



## Friday 26th

Scripture: Psalm 80 verses 14—15

<sup>14</sup> Turn again, O God of hosts;  
look down from heaven, and see;  
have regard for this vine,  
<sup>15</sup> the stock that your right hand planted

For our Prayers: The churches in our villages and market town, that they may be rooted in their communities and flourish, bringing forth good fruit.

Across our Deanery: St. James, Wyesham and for those who live in the village.

## Saturday 27th Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894

Scripture: Psalm 84 verses 2—3

<sup>2</sup> The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

<sup>3</sup> Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
they will always be praising you.

Collect: O God, whom heaven cannot hold, you inspired Christina Rossetti to express the mystery of the Incarnation through her poems: Help us to follow her example in giving our hearts to Christ, who is love; and who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

For our Prayers: All who have an artistic talent, especially those who write and perform poetry, that they may use it to proclaim the goodness of God.

Across our Deanery: John Kyrle High School, Ross on Wye, for the Head, Julian Morgan staff and pupils. For the LifeLink Chaplain project and a Christian presence in the school.

Sunday 28th Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 15 verses 4—5

Jesus said to the disciples <sup>4</sup>'Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.'

Collect: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;

through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

For our Prayers: All who abide in Christ, may we be fed by the Holy Spirit, by sharing bread and wine and by our joint worship and prayers.

Across our Deanery: Ross Community Hospital, the staff and patients, those who visit on behalf of the local churches.

Monday 29th Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380

Scripture: John 17 verses 16—19

Jesus prayed <sup>16</sup>'They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

Collect: God of compassion, who gave your servant Catherine of Siena a wondrous love of the passion of Christ:  
grant that your people may be united to him in his majesty and rejoice for ever in the revelation of his glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: Those who teach on the WEMTEC course at Ludlow, Gloucester and Cuddesdon, for all who are training to be Readers or ordained.

Across our Deanery: The Deanery Leadership Team, the Rural Dean, Revd Sheila Anthony, the Deanery Lay co-chair, (TBA) the new Deanery Secretary (Helen Foy) and Paul Baker (Deanery Treasurer).

## Tuesday 30th

Scripture: Psalm 80 verses 16 - 17

- <sup>16</sup> They have burned the vine with fire, they have cut it down;  
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.  
<sup>17</sup> But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

For our Prayers: All who seek the protection of God from all that is happening around them. Especially we remember the situation in Ukraine.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Aston Ingham and for their Church Officers and congregation and all who live in the village.

## Wednesday 1st May Philip and James, Apostles

Scripture: John 14 verses 8—10a

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’ <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

Collect: Almighty Father, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life;

that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: Revd Mark Melliush and all who are called to lead mission in the Diocese as we seek to grow our churches.

Across our Deanery: All Saints, Bishopswood as it becomes a festival church, the community centre and the monthly parish breakfast event.

## Thursday 2nd May Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373

Scripture: Matthew 10 verses 24—25

Jesus summoned the twelve and said <sup>24</sup>‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!’

Collect: Ever-living God, whose servant Athanasius testified to the mystery of the Word made flesh for our salvation: help us, with all your saints, to contend for the truth and to grow into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: Theologians who help us to understand the mysteries of God and so to live out a faithful life in Christ.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Brampton Abbots. For the people in the village of Brampton Abbots, the C of E Primary School and that the church of St. Michael becomes a vital part of village life.

### Friday 3rd May

Scripture: Psalm 80 verses 18—19

<sup>18</sup> Then we will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call on your name.

<sup>19</sup> Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

For our Prayers: Giving thanks for the faithfulness of our God who watches over us and shields us with his wing.

Across our Deanery: St. Bridget, Bridstow. For the village, Bridstow C of E Primary School and the village.

### Saturday 4th May English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

Scripture: John 12 verses 24—25

Jesus said <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.'

Collect: Merciful God, who, when your Church on earth was torn apart by the ravages of sin, raised up men and women in this land who witnessed to their faith with courage and constancy: give to your Church that peace which is your will, and grant that those who have been divided on earth may be reconciled in heaven, and share together in the vision of your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: That the churches across our land may work together to proclaim Christ as Lord and cooperate so that we are not divided.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Dewsall and St. Mary Callow (closed). For those in the village of Callow and for those getting married at Dewsall Court and Dewsall Church.

### Sunday 5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: John 15 verse 12-13

Jesus said <sup>12</sup>‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.’

Collect: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your 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; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

For our Prayers: Remembering all who have shown us friendship over the years and have demonstrated the love in God in a loving deed and kind word.

Across our Deanery: St. Peter, Dixton. For the PCC and all working to restore the church.

Our Deanery Prayer:

Living God, who breathed into your disciples the power of  
the Holy Spirit,  
and so equipped them for the work of mission  
through love and service;  
Renew in our churches a vision of your kingdom  
where all things are made new, and justice and peace will  
reign;  
and grant us grace and strength to proclaim this good  
news,  
won for us through the love of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

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