

## South Lawres and Barlings Churches

### Sharing in Prayer May 2021

Eternal Father, who weaves us all into the continuing story of grace:  
grant that, as we in South Lawres and Barlings continue to place footsteps  
with faith around our community,  
we may live our lives in a way that allows your story to shine through,  
encouraging and challenging others to live their part in it:  
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

If names have been omitted or mistakes made, please forgive us and then let us  
know so that we don't make the same mistake twice

OR

If you would like to be added into the prayers, then please inform us via the  
email address below:

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***'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and  
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.'***  
***Philippians 4:6***

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Pray for the people of Indian and all parts of the world suffering with COVID
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter 5</b>	Jesus said 'I am the true vine' – reflect on that in your prayers today
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Pray for our Diocese. For Bishops Christopher, David and Nicholas; for Senior staff. There is much to navigate in the next years – pray that all will be led by the Holy Spirit as we listen to His call and direction.
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Today we get to exercise the right to vote. Pray and then vote. Pray that we will never take our democracy for granted.
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	As we embark on Annual Meetings, we pray for renewed vision and energy
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Give thanks for Jess Bellshaw and her family and pray for them as they prepare to leave St Swithins and move on to pastures new in these Benefices. Pray for their flourishing.
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Pray for our Parish Councils. That they would be cohesive and serve the common good.
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Diocesan Synod meets today to reflect and decide on plans for the future. Please pray for me, Debbie Shaw and all Synod members as we make decisions that will affect us over this next few years
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Easter 6</b>	Pray for those working in our hospitals – give thanks for them – whoever they are and whatever they do.
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Pray for our all our Village communities.
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	In today's reading we hear of the beginnings of the church in the book of Acts – who held their possessions in common. This is a challenge to our culture. Pray for open hands and open hearts.

<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Today one or two more of our Pandemic Regulations are relaxed. Pray for patience, understanding, tolerance of one another and a real sense of unity in our nation. Bernard and Barbara's 74 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Give thanks!
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day</b>	On this day, as Thy Kingdom Comes begins, pray the Lord's Prayer three times at different points in the day. Make it your prayer.
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Each day of Thy Kingdom Come we have a verse of Scripture to reflect on .... Here is today's: 'Thomas said to him: 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, how can we know the way? Jesus said to Him: 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.' John 14: 5-6
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	'Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.' Psalm 42: 11
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Easter 7</b>	'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.' Colossians 3: 15
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	'Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' Hosea 6: 3
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	'Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favour and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.' Proverbs 3: 3-6
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	'First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone.' 1 Timothy 2: 1
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	'Jesus said, "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you."' John 14: 25-26
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	'The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.' 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	'God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.' 1 John 4: 9-11
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Pentecost</b>	'Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.' Romans 5: 1-5
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Pray for staff and patients at St Barnabas Hospice, for their Day Care centre and Home Support Services. Pray for Marie Curie Nurses and MacMillan Cancer Care.
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Pray for someone you haven't seen or heard from for a while and then pick up the phone and call them
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Start your prayers today with thanksgiving and gratitude – for all that is good in your life and for your surrounding and then give thanks to God for Jesus.
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Pray for refugees. There are millions of people across the world displaced – through conflict, the impact of climate change, natural disaster.
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Pray for our teachers, children and parents as they break for half term. For a good break, quality time and a chance for fun!
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Remember the homeless in prayer. For those sofa surfing, For those who have become prisoners of addiction.
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Pray for the learning disabled – adults and children. For their Carers and Key Workers.
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	'Praise God from whom all blessings flow ..... '