

St. Edmunds Roundhay

Prayer Diary – July 2026



“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” – Mark 11:24

Sun 5th July – Sat 11th July

Lord God, you filled the world with beauty, and so we give thanks for the St Ed's Watercolour Group. As they gather with brushes, colours, and quiet companionship, let their creativity become a window into the splendour of your world. May each person find rest in the slow, attentive work of painting, and may their fellowship reflect the beauty of your Spirit, who delights when he sees us at work in creative expression.

We pray for our new curate Jo, that her time with us will illuminate new paths for us all, and that there will be time for her to know the strength, direction, and the boundless possibilities of fulfilling Your purpose with us.

We pray for our city as we look back on Roundhay Festival, which filled the park with music and crowds. Bless the performers, the volunteers, and the many local businesses involved. Let us be reminded that you are the God who rejoices over his people with singing.

As the Church remembers St Thomas, strengthen us in seasons of doubt. Like Thomas, help us to seek truth honestly and to recognise Christ when he meets us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sun 12th July – Sat 18th July

Gracious Father, we thank you for our Walking Groups - for the breath of fresh air, for steady and contemplative steps, and conversations that unfold as friendships are strengthened. May they walk not just routes and trails and tracks, but also closely with you. The God who accompanies us on every road. Let these groups be places of welcome, wellbeing, and true fellowship.

We pray for the Sinfonia of Leeds concert at St Edmund's. Bless the musicians, soloists, and conductors as they offer their gifts. May the music lift weary spirits and remind us of the harmony you desire for all creation.

We remember, too, Malala Day, giving thanks for Malala Yousafzai and all who advocate for girls' education. Strengthen those who work for justice in places where learning is restricted or dangerous.

Through Jesus Christ, who teaches us the way of peace. Amen.

Sun 19th July – Sat 25th July

Loving God, we adore you and sing your name in praise, and so we give thanks for our Choir and for Mike, our organist. Bless their rehearsals, their ministry of music, and the joy they bring to our worship. As they lead us in song, may our hearts be tuned to your grace, just as the psalmist sang of praising you with harp and voice. Let their work continue to deepen our shared life of worship.

We pray for Moor Allerton Hall Primary School; for pupils, teachers, support staff, and families. In a world full of pressures, grant them patience, imagination, and resilience. Let classrooms be places where children grow not only in knowledge but in kindness.

As the Church remembers Mary Magdalene, we honour her courage, her faithfulness, and her witness to the risen Christ. She remained with Christ during His agony on the Cross - so teach us to recognise you even in the unexpected and unhappy moments, and to share hope with the same boldness she showed on that first Easter morning.

Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Sun 26th July – Sat 1st August

Faithful God, we pray for our Fabric Team and for all who care for the spaces entrusted to us. Whether repairing, maintaining, planning, or stewarding resources, may their work help our church remain a place of welcome, safety, and hospitality. Bless them with wisdom, teamwork, and the quiet satisfaction of serving behind the scenes. Help us value the unseen labour that sustains our shared community life.

We remember the International Day of Friendship. In a world often marked by division, teach us to build bridges rather than walls. Strengthen friendships across cultures, generations, and backgrounds. Make our church a place where strangers become neighbours and neighbours become friends.

As July draws to a close, renew our hope. Remind us that your faithfulness stretches beyond seasons, calendars, and circumstances.

Through Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners and companion of the lonely. Amen.