

St. Edmunds Roundhay

Prayer Diary – April 2026



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 to 'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you'.

Sun 5th April – Sat 11th April

Almighty God, who meets us in silence and draws us into the depths of your peace, we give thanks for the gift of contemplative prayer and for all who gather in the Julian Prayer Group. As they meet this week, still our restless hearts and teach us to listen for your whisper. May their quiet witness remind our whole church that prayer is not wasted time but the place where love is rekindled and courage restored.

As we approach the dawn of Easter, bless the ecumenical sunrise service and all who gather to proclaim the hope of the resurrection. Unite your people across traditions, and kindle in us a renewed joy in Christ's victory over darkness. May the light of that morning strengthen us to walk faithfully in the days ahead, carrying the warmth of resurrection hope into our homes, workplaces, and community.

We remember before you all families, children, and staff beginning the Easter school holidays. Grant rest where there has been strain, companionship where there is loneliness, and safety in all activities and travel. May these days be a time of refreshment, deeper connection, and simple delight. Help parents and carers who juggle work and childcare, and bless those for whom school holidays bring financial or emotional pressure.

Through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Sun 12th April – Sat 18th April

Gracious Father, whose compassion never fails and whose generosity overflows, we pray for the ministry of Foodshare. Strengthen volunteers, bless those who receive support, and help us to recognise Christ in every neighbour who comes through the door. May this ministry continue to be a place of dignity, welcome, and practical love.

We lift before you Allerton Grange School-its pupils, parents, teachers, and staff. In exam pressures, family struggles, and daily routines, sow seeds of resilience and hope. May our parish be a faithful partner in prayer, supporting young people as they grow in wisdom and confidence.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sun 19th April – Sat 25th April

God of all comfort, who tenderly cares for the vulnerable and upholds the weary, bless the work of TeaCosy+ as they support those living with dementia and their carers. Give patience, gentleness, and joy to the team; grant moments of clarity, connection, and peace to those who attend; and surround every family with your sustaining love.

Bless also the ongoing work at St Edmund's as we seek to serve our community with faithfulness and imagination. Uphold the team working to bring our Diocese nearer to its Net Zero Carbon commitments, and guide all who are discerning how our buildings, habits, and shared life can better reflect your call to stewardship. Inspire our whole congregation to play its part with hope rather than anxiety. Strengthen our Environment Officer in their ministry; give them encouragement, and partners in the work, that their efforts may bear fruit in the life of our parish.

As our nation marks Saint George's Day, inspire us to seek courage not in conquest but in compassion. And as the world observes Earth Day, renew in us a reverence for creation. Teach us to tread lightly, to cherish beauty, and to act justly for the sake of future generations. May our care for the earth be rooted not in fear but in gratitude, and may our parish become a place where creation is honoured and protected.

Through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all creation. Amen.

Sun 26th April – Sat 2nd May

Heavenly Father, who delights in the laughter and energy of children, we thank you for the Little Sparks Toddler Group. Bless the leaders with creativity and patience, and surround the families who attend with friendship and support. May this ministry be a doorway into community for those who feel isolated and a place where your love is made visible in simple acts of welcome.

We remember with gratitude the poet Christina Rossetti, whose words continue to draw hearts toward your truth and beauty. Inspire us, as she was inspired, to use our gifts (spoken or unspoken) for your glory. Shape our imaginations so that our lives may become poems of grace in the world.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

