

St. Edmunds Roundhay

Prayer Diary – August 2026



“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Sun 2nd August – Sat 8th August

Lord God, You are our creator, and when You breathed life into Your people You asked that they love, care for, and cherish one another. We pray then Lord for the work of our Parish Safeguarding Officer Carol – give her the strength to navigate challenging conversations and the vigilance to identify those who are in need of support.

Father we thank You for the summer holiday break. For Kerr Mackie Primary School we give thanks for the teachers, who have worked so hard in preparing children into achieving their goals over the year. Lord, let this be a special time of bonding and reflection, as well as a time of appreciating one another.

This week the Church remembers how You revealed Your divine glory on the mountain. Let the eyes of our hearts be opened to see You as You truly are. Remove every veil that blinds our spirit and fill us with the light of Your presence. May we not miss the moments when You choose to reveal Yourself.

Through Jesus Christ our loving and revealed Lord. Amen.

Sun 9th August – Sat 15th August

Gracious Father, we know that “when two or three are gathered together in Your name, You are there in their midst” – so Lord, we ask for Your blessing on our Parochial Church Council. Enable them to listen to and learn from each other and give them unity of heart and mind to consider the tasks and challenges before them.

Father God – Jesus was born of a woman, born under the law, and Christ has redeemed us from the curse of sin: this week the Church remembers the Virgin Mary – allow us to embody the virtue, honesty and the love that she did for Your son. Just as Mary knew You looked with favour on her humility as Your handmaid, give us a humble heart so that like her, we will attribute our successes to You Lord.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who teaches us to share his generous love. Amen.

Sun 16th August – Sat 22nd August

Loving Father, we lift before You the Treasurer and members of our Finance & Stewardship Team. Grant them wisdom, integrity, and clarity as they care for the resources entrusted to Your Church. May their decisions be guided by a desire to serve You faithfully and to support the flourishing of Your people.

Lord, we bring before You all those involved in the IRONMAN event this weekend. We thank You for the opportunity for witness and welcome through Iron Prayer and the opening of the church. Be close to competitors, chaplains, volunteers, and spectators alike

On World Humanitarian Day, we remember those who serve in places of need across the world. Strengthen and protect aid workers, and stir in us a deeper compassion for those who suffer. Help us to respond with generosity and love.

Sun 23rd August – Sat 29th August

Gracious God, we pray for our Churchwarden Anne, and all who serve faithfully in the life of our parish. Give them patience, discernment, and a servant heart, that in all they do they may reflect Your love and care for Your Church.

We thank You for the joy of community seen in events around us this week - from the Test Match at Headingley to gatherings that bring people together in shared experience. Thank you for the joy of sports, for the challenge of becoming stronger and fitter. Please help us to embrace these events, and we pray that the athletes will have the chance to release all the training, commitment and skills you have blessed them with.

As the Church remembers Bartholomew the Apostle, give us courage to follow Your call as he did. Strengthen us to witness boldly to our faith, even when the path is uncertain, trusting always in Your guiding hand.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sun 30th August – Sat 5th September

Heavenly Father, we pray for our Mission Partnership Group and all who seek to share Your love beyond our immediate community. Inspire and guide their work, that through partnership and faithfulness many may come to know the hope found in Jesus.

We thank You for the richness of culture and community seen in the Black Music Festival and the wider celebrations in our city. Bless all who gather, and may these moments of joy reflect the diversity and beauty of Your creation. Help us to be people who celebrate and honour one another.

Lord, we lift before You Andy and Kati Walsh, our mission partners. We pray for the people they serve in Florianópolis, and especially those in favelas which are controlled by drugs and gangs. We pray too for all those working in challenging contexts across the world facing inequality and hardship. Strengthen those who serve among the marginalised, and bring hope where there is despair. May Your Church be present among the hidden and unheard.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our hope and salvation. Amen.