

St. Edmunds Roundhay

Prayer Diary – May 2026



Mark 10:14 "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Sun 3rd May – Sat 9th May

Almighty God, who calls us to minister in the world, we give thanks for the ministry at St Edmund's Playgroup. Bless the children and families who attend, and inspire the leaders with creativity and compassion. May this playgroup be a space where young hearts are nurtured, friendships are formed, and your love is made known to all who gather.

We lift before you Roundhay School - its students, teachers, and staff. In all the busyness of school life, grant wisdom, patience, and strength to those who work there. May they feel your presence in the classroom and know the joy of learning together.

As we celebrate May Day this week, we pray for the many ways this day calls us to reflect on the brilliance of traditions which draw us near to one another. May we be renewed in our commitment to our neighbour, and to creating on this earth places and moments which speak to the love you feel for us. Help us live with a spirit of gratitude and stewardship in all our actions.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sun 10th May – Sat 16th May

Gracious Father, we thank you for the ministry of Junior Church, where children are introduced to the wonder of your love and the richness of your Word. Bless the leaders with wisdom and joy as they share the stories of the Bible, and may each child grow in faith, hope, and love.

We lift before you all those who are celebrating Ascension Day this week. As we remember Christ's ascension to the Father, may we be strengthened in our faith, knowing that He is with us always, even as we wait for His return. Help us to be witnesses of His love and truth to the world around us.

We also pray for the North Leeds Food Festival, which takes place down the road from the church. May this local event be more than just a celebration of food; may it become a space for community connection, sharing, and mutual care. May it be an opportunity for our church family to engage with our neighbours, build friendships, and demonstrate Christ's love.

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

Sun 17th May – Sat 23rd May

God of power and love, we thank you for the ministry of Youth Lounge. Bless the young people who attend, that they may experience your presence in fellowship, creativity, and play. Strengthen the leaders with vision and energy, and guide the youth in leaning into their faith as they walk with you.

We think too on World Bee Day and the International Day for Biological Diversity. Allow us to appreciate these fully during our outdoor ecumenical worship at St Edmund's as we partake in Picnic and Praise during the afternoon of 17th May – let it be a time where the streams of your love for your Creation and Your people meet.

We pray Lord too for the work of Christian Aid – for over 80 years they have served in a faithful ministry to those most in need of humanitarian relief, those in poverty, and those facing injustice. Grant them strength in their mission to stand up for dignity, equality and justice.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sun 24th May – Sat 30th May

Loving Father, we thank you for the ministry of Youth Bible Study Group. Bless the young people as they explore your Word, and may they grow in knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of your truth. Help them to apply the lessons of the Bible in their daily lives, living out their faith with courage and conviction.

We lift before you the celebration of Pentecost this week, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the early church was empowered to carry out the mission of Christ. Just as the apostles were united in heart and mind, we pray for unity within our church and in our community, that we may all be vessels of your Spirit. As we focus on Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative, grant us the courage to reach out to those who do not yet know you, and the wisdom to act as your witnesses in all that we do.

We also remember all those who will be enjoying May Half Term. May this time of rest be a time of renewal and refreshment for families, and may it be a time of reconnection and joy. Grant safety in travels and peace in our hearts during this time of rest.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.