

**Kirby Muxloe**

**Free Church**

**Prayer Diary**

**May 2017**



**“I have come that they may have life.**

**And have it to the full.”**

**John 10:10**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Cry out to the Lord for an end to the suffering in Syria and for wisdom amongst the international leaders as tensions escalate between many countries. Ask God to bring comfort to those bereaved by the violence in Syria.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Pray for the Egyptian Christians bereaved by explosions at two Coptic churches. Pray that they will have freedom to worship and there will be understanding and respect between different religious faiths.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Thank God for the Unity theme at Spring Harvest and other major Christian festivals this year. Pray that it will be a strong witness to many as Christians across a number of festivals declare their joint allegiance to Christ.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Pray that people will consider carefully as they vote at the local elections today. Thank God for the candidates and pray that they will be encouraged and inspired in their service to their communities. Ask God to be with the Friends and Neighbours' committee and members as they enjoy "Fun, Food and Fellowship" at their AGM.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Please pray for people who are looking for, or starting, new jobs. Please ask God to guide them and give them reassurance at difficult times. Pray also that they will know that God is with them while they go through the selection process and interviews.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Thank God for Bob Knight's preparation and commitment to our monthly prayer time and ask God to bless the prayer and coffee time in the small hall this morning. Pray that many will attend and all will know God's presence.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> *"I have come that they may have life"*. Thank Jesus that He came once for all that we may have life, spiritual life. Thank God for His abundant grace and mercy. Pray for Conrad as he leads our services today and pray for the children's worship led by the Vision team.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Pray for children doing Key Stage 2 SATS tests this week and for all students preparing for exams. Ask God to keep them free from stress, enabling them to do their best.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Pray that the Archbishop of Canterbury's trip to the Holy Land this month will increase awareness of the challenges facing Christians in the Middle East. Please pray for all Christians taking God's love to areas of suffering and violence.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Please pray for Conrad as he takes the Carey Gardens' service this afternoon. Thank God for this time of fellowship and worship. Ask God to guide the deacons as they meet this evening.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Ask God to protect vulnerable migrant groups seeking work in foreign places. Praise God for the churches helping migrants with work, shelter and training.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Pray for those gathering in Harrogate for the Baptist Assembly tomorrow. Pray particularly for Conrad, attending his first Assembly as an ordained minister. Pray that all present will be inspired to new mission and discipleship. Pray also for the Revd. Diane Tidball taking on the Presidency of the Baptist Union.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Ask God to bless the Christian Aid coffee morning at St. Bartholomew's this morning. Pray that people will give generously as the envelopes are distributed this week. Please pray for the Reality Youth Project fundraising event taking place today. Pray for the young people as they take part in a triathlon.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Thank God for all His blessings to us as we worship this morning. Thank God especially for our young people as they lead our service. Pray also for the service of worship at the Kathleen Rutland Home in the evening.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Please pray for the people of North East Nigeria where an estimated 7 million people need aid. Pray for parents struggling to find food –seeing their children go hungry. Thank God for aid agencies working in Nigeria, that they will have the resources they need.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Pray for the Association of Christian Teachers providing professional and spiritual support where needed. Ask God to inspire all those working in schools and the governors/school board members.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Praise God for all who are planning and preparing for Holiday Club and Holiday at Home. Ask God to inspire and encourage as we seek to serve our community.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Remember the Mission Prayer Group as it meets today. Thank God for all the young people who attend our youth group, Thirst. Pray that this group will have enough helpers so that we can give a Christian witness as the young people enjoy their BBQ this evening.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Please pray for the Street Pastors as they offer reassurance, safety and support through listening, caring and helping in the towns and cities tonight. Thank God for their Christian witness and ask God to keep them safe.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Ask God to bless the work done in Zambia by Tear Fund to provide clean water and sanitation to the poor communities. Pray that many villages will be reached by the project and give thanks for health benefits the water pumps are providing.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Thank God for the life of the church. Pray that we will be renewed by our worship and God's word to us this morning. Pray that during the next week, wherever we go, we will radiate God's love and take His life to all we meet. Ask God to bless the church meeting to be held after church today and pray that He will guide us in our discussions.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Heavenly Father, you created this world for us to enjoy its beauty and bountiful riches and yet we see so much spoilt by man's greed and lack of concern. Thank you for the work of the conservation organisations and schemes helping to preserve and restore the damage done by man. Help us, Lord, to protect what you have given us, to use our resources wisely and to preserve your beautiful world for future generations to enjoy.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> The Glen Parva Young Offenders Centre is to be demolished and a bigger, all-purpose prison will be built. Pray for the young men who are moving to other centres around the country. Pray also for prison officers and the chaplaincy teams as they help the "boys" cope with the changes.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Ask God to guide all involved in the preparation for the general election next month. Pray that we will all be well informed so we can vote wisely.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Today the Christian Police Association are holding their annual National Day of Prayer for the Police. Thank God for the work the police do to keep us safe and pray that they will be kept safe when they go into dangerous situations.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Pray that Christian love will fill the hearts of people in countries where religious freedom is suppressed. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide, encourage and comfort Christian believers from Muslim backgrounds, as they seek to grow in their faith.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Lift up in prayer Christian believers in Sudan and other central African countries, who face imprisonment and intimidation and are forced to live under sharia law. Pray that, in the midst of an uncertain future, they will be able to trust in the Lord who is unchanging, and continue to stand firm through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> As we worship this morning may our hearts be open to receive His Spirit and our minds be attentive to His Word, so we will be strengthened to do His will. Pray for Conrad as he leads our services today.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Please pray for those who come to our church to enjoy crafts such as crochet and knitting, playing board games and bowls but don't worship with us. Bless them, Lord, and we pray that we can show something of Your love for them. We pray, too, that others from our community will come and enjoy fellowship here in this church.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Thank God for the success of the last CAP course and please ask God to give the CAP money coaches guidance on which courses to offer and their frequency. Pray particularly for the planning of a Children's/Youth money course.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Please pray for the people of those countries that have suffered loss of life recently due to devastating deluges and mud slides, such as those in Peru and Columbia, caused by destroying the forests in these countries.