

# Prayer Diary October 2021



"Jesus answered them, 'Have faith in God.'" Mark 11:22

*Pray to the Father through the Son in the power of the Spirit for:*

**FRIDAY 1** For the work of the Mother's Union in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, with which we have a diocesan link.

**SATURDAY 2** Hawridge with Cholesbury and St Leonards: Chris Haywood. For establishing a sustainable and settled pattern of Principle Parishes across the benefices. For collaboration and unity between the parishes.

**MONDAY 4** Brize Norton and Carterton: Drew Tweedy, Ian Howard, Billie Tweedy, Lyndsay Baker, Gary Long. For guidance, unity and clarity as we seek to refine our vision for the benefice. For organisers and participants in the Christianity Explored course running in October and November. St John the Evangelist CE Primary School.

**TUESDAY 5** Prestwood and Great Hampden: Deiniol Kearley-Heywood, Kevin Lovell, Nigel Spoor, Fran McLean. Great Hampden: for the implementation of our 2020 project vision as it proceeds, post-pandemic restrictions. Prestwood: that the impact of our social justice work in food poverty, insecure housing and social alienation will resource us as a Christ-like community.

**WEDNESDAY 6** Little Missenden: John Simpson, Marian Dickinson, Gary Beynon. For the ministry team and the Parochial Church Council, in particular our churchwardens Gloria Haynes and Helen Tolmie-Thomson. Little Missenden CE Infant School.

**THURSDAY 7** The Lee: Chris Haywood. For establishing a sustainable and settled pattern of principle services across the benefices. For collaboration and unity between the parishes. Lee Common CE School.

**FRIDAY 8** Great Missenden with Ballinger and Little Hampden: Patricia Neale. For our parishes in interregnum. Great Missenden CE Combined School.

**SATURDAY 9** Witney Deanery: Tess Kuin Lawton, Margaret Dixon, Simon Kirby, Kirsty Morgan, David Eaton. For our new schools. For our new youthworker.

**MONDAY 11** Shill Valley and Broadshire: Harry MacInnes, Margot Hodson. For our Rector, Harry MacInnes, who is on sick leave, and for the wardens and our Associate Vicar, Margot Hodson, as they lead the benefice in his absence. Give thanks for the deanery clergy who are supporting us. For the large number of families having baptisms and for Great and Small, a new outdoor parent and toddler group that has just started in Alvescot. St Peter's CE Primary School, St Christopher's CE Primary School.

**TUESDAY 12** Witney: Toby Wright, Hugh White, Ness Brunner-Ellis, Mark Thomas, Sally Wright, Joanna Collicutt, Richard Young, Jacky Bone, Laverne Williams, Julia Bee and James Elward. For our Greenhouse mission to the new Windrush Estate. For our outreach to schools and young people, and for Laverne as she leads the team. Hailey CE Primary School, St Kenelm's CE Primary School, St Mary's CE Infant School, The Batt CE Primary School.

**WEDNESDAY 13** Bampton with Clanfield: Janice Collier, Miles Welborn. For the Revd Tess Kuin-Lawton as she moves to Winchester Cathedral. For more ministerial capacity within the benefice. Aston and Cote CE Primary School, Bampton CE Primary School, Clanfield CE Primary School.

**THURSDAY 14** Cogges and South Leigh: Simon Kirby, Andy McCulloch, David Spence, Ian Smith, Sam Tippetts, Ben Osman, Ruth Cadywould, Rachel Hodson, Roger Howell, John Hughes, Liz Johnson. For the new 10.30am services taking place in Wood Green School. For the second Sunday missional community activities. For the monthly community lunch at South Leigh. The Blake CE Primary School.

**FRIDAY 15** Burford with Fulbrook and Taynton, Asthall with Swinbrook and Widford: Tom Putt, Roy Tarbox, Alex Ross, Andrew Wingfield Digby, Cedric Reavley, Dick Farr, Peter Hopkins, Tom Wilding. For guidance as we seek to appoint a caretaker to help with the running of Warwick Hall. For the implementation of our vision to equip people to live and speak for Christ in every area of their life. Bishop Gavin confirming for Tudor Hall School at Bloxham.

**SATURDAY 16** Ducklington with Hardwick: David Adams, Johan Schoeman. For our church, which has been amazingly resilient during the pandemic but, just as restrictions were lifted, our Rector retired, and we now have a vacancy. For a house-for-duty priest to support our ministry in this semi-rural community, as we seek to provide a welcome to everyone in the village and surroundings. For our strong lay-led pastoral ministry in the community. For new members to join the team as older members step down. Ducklington CE Primary School.

**MONDAY 18** Ellesborough, The Kimbles and Stoke Mandeville: Janet Wales, Estelle Fourie, Madeleine Ratcliffe-Holmes. For the Revds Tim and Rosie Harper, who have moved to The Kimbles. Give thanks for the successful completion of our building project and pray that the new facilities will enable the church to host more community events. For the outreach work connected with the new Coffee Stop venture at St Mary's, Stoke Mandeville. Great Kimble CE School.

**TUESDAY 19** Lower Windrush: Jo Hurst. Give thanks for all that God is doing in our benefice, and for all those who dedicate themselves to loving both our church and wider community. Pray that as we move into a new pattern of services, God would be at work bringing new folk to the variety of services and events we will hold. Standlake CE Primary School, Stanton Harcourt CE Primary School.

**WEDNESDAY 20** North Leigh: Margaret Dixon, Elizabeth Mason, John Brown, Nick Pike. For North Leigh CE Primary School and the continuing development of the work with the whole school community, including developing links with parents and the wider community, as we begin as a church to discern where and how God is calling us to be serving in and with the local community.

**THURSDAY 21** Black Bourton: Tess Kuin Lawton. For all those recently baptised. For the interregnum.

**FRIDAY 22** Sonning Deanery: Richard Lamey, John Sutton, Catherine Vaughan. For the approval of the new Deanery Plan, with its focus on relationships and rebuilding. For all those who have been carrying heavy burdens over the last 20 months, who still hold responsibility in the life of the Church even though they feel exhausted and overwhelmed, that God will bless, inspire and uphold them.

**SATURDAY 23** Wokingham: David Hodgson, John Boylan, Chrispen Gumbs, Hannah Higginson, Colin James, Becky Medicott. Give thanks for the progress made with plans and fundraising for spaceforall, our project to reorder the church and create a flexible accessible community space; for guidance in finding the right contractor to undertake the work. All Saints CE Primary School and Nursery.

**MONDAY 25** Sonning: Jamie Taylor, Katie Wakeman-Toogood, Bob Peters, Chris West. For the launch of our choral foundation, led by new Director of Music Hannah Towndrow. For Messy Church and STAY (St Andrew's Youth) community youth club and pensioners' lunch Rendezvous club as they all re-launch after Covid restrictions. Sonning CE Primary School.

**TUESDAY 26** Wargrave with Knowl Hill: John Cook, Steve Turville, Richard Eves, Andy Ferguson. For the review of Sunday services at Wargrave to make our provision better for the whole church, with our strategic priority of reaching young families and children for Christ. For the relaunch, after pandemic restrictions, of our Tuesday evening youth group, led by our Curate, Richard Eves. Knowl Hill CE Academy, Crazies Hill CE Primary School, Robert Piggott CE Infant and Junior Schools, The Piggott CE Academy.

## Prayer on Sundays

**SUNDAY 3** For all our UKME church members; that they would be blessed in our churches and honoured for who they are.

**SUNDAY 10** For all with particular responsibility for safeguarding in our churches; that our churches would be safe places.

**SUNDAY 17** For all our parish clergy as 'Thank your vicar' week begins.

**WEDNESDAY 27** Wokingham St Paul: Richard Lamey, Cara Smart, Judi Hattaway, Jane Kraft, Soba Sinnathamby. For wisdom to hold together those worshipping in person and those worshipping through the livestream, that we feel like one community walking as pilgrims together. For our choir and Sunday School to have a safe and enjoyable term, which is an encouragement to the wider congregation. St Paul's CE Junior School.

**THURSDAY 28** Finchampstead and California: Leonard Onugha, Tonia Elliott, Julian Mcallen, Samantha Khan, Kate Meads, John Edwards. Give thanks for the opportunity to return to worshipping at Gorse Ride School. For United @ 5 at St Eligius, Café Church at St James and Mind the Gap and The Lounge youth projects at Bohunt School. Finchampstead CE Primary School.

**FRIDAY 29** Ruscombe and Twyford with Hurst: Anna Harwood, Helen Charlton, Graham Theobald, Ele Buckley, Connor Heath. For our new vision and moving forward together. For the new weekly Toddler Group meeting at Twyford United Reformed Church. St Nicholas CE Primary School, Polehampton CE Infant and Junior School.

**SATURDAY 30** Arborfield with Barkham: Piers Bickersteth, Julian Bidgood, Andy Kearns. Arborfield: give thanks for God's safe-keeping of the church family over the summer, and the opportunity this autumn to consider once again the wonder of Jesus as we look at Matthew's gospel together. Barkham: give thanks for the number of new babies born to the church family over the past year. Pray that we would be able to re-establish a safe and welcoming crèche that not only serves new parents, but also encourages other young families to join us. The Coombes CE Primary School.

**SUNDAY 24** For all those in our church communities who are struggling financially.

**SUNDAY 31** For Bishop Gavin, confirming at St Helen's, Abingdon.