

Prayer Diary January 2022



O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever!
Psalm 118:1

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

SATURDAY 1 The work of Mothers' Union in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

MONDAY 3 Appleton with Besselsleigh: Phil Parker, Tom Mawdesley. Give thanks for the past 18 months, as the church family has cared for and encouraged each other, growing in love for Jesus and welcoming a number of newcomers, including children. Pray that our newly defined mission would be established and embed both newcomers and new staff into the church family. Appleton CE Primary School.

TUESDAY 4 Dry Sandford: Stephen Coe. Give thanks that, after a number of months of needing to meet in the open air, we have recently been able to use part of the church building to meet. For trust in God as we look to him for the way ahead with finances – both for the Parish Share and the money needed for restoration to re-open the church.

WEDNESDAY 5 Fyfield with Tubney and Kingston Bagpuize: David Pickering, Ian Bensted. For the Christianity Explored course (on Zoom) at Kingston. For the launch of fundraising for Fyfield's church re-ordering scheme.

THURSDAY 6 Wootton: Stephen Coe, Shirley Northover. For our monthly all-age service. For making contact with more families and children. Wootton St Peter's CE Primary School.

FRIDAY 7 Amersham Deanery: Peggy Ludlow, Lawrence Tebboth, Dorothy Potter, Julie Dziegiel. For new ministers joining the deanery and those preparing to leave their present posts. For the process of appointments and wisdom in selecting new incumbents for a number of vacancies. For the new Mission and Pastoral Committee and its members to work together prayerfully for the life of the local churches. For a focus on what we can do together to be builders of the kingdom of God.

SATURDAY 8 Chenies and Little Chalfont, Latimer and Flaunden: David Whale, Brian Ludlow, Peggy Ludlow, Pat Ansell, Ruth Boughton. For the launch of our prayer course, that we would learn more on how to pray. For strength for the ministry team following the busyness of the Christmas season. St George's CE Infant School.

MONDAY 10 Denham: Christoph Lindner, Ian Jennings, Nnamdi Maduka. Our church's motto is 'We pray, welcome and share like Jesus'. During the pandemic we've had a sense that we should add 'dare like Jesus'. Pray with us that we would develop Christ-shaped courage this year. Also for the Alpha course in February, that people would respond positively to being invited, and for open hearts and changed lives.

TUESDAY 11 Amersham with Coleshill: Tim Barnard, Susan Gill, Sheila Shield. For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the shortlisting of applicants seeking to be our new rector. For the growth of our lay ministry teams. St Mary's CE School, Coleshill CE Infant School.

WEDNESDAY 12 Amersham on the Hill: Debbie Oades, Peter Binns. For God's blessings on our new mission outreach activities: our parent and baby support group, Nappy Days, and our community gathering, Crafty Cuppa. Give thanks and praise for Rolande and Ian, who have volunteered to serve refreshments at these activities to the glory of God.

THURSDAY 13 Gerrards Cross and Fulmer: Matt Beeby, Ben Clarke, James Forward, Ross Mungavin, Daf Meirion-Jones, Jill Roth, Meyrick Beebee, Anna Barrett. Pray that as a church family we'd be bold and prayerful as we seek to engage our communities with the good news of Jesus in 2022 and, in particular, that we'd be able to build on the contacts made during our Christmas outreach events. That we would remain united and outward-looking as a church, amidst the demands and pressures of life in a Covid world, especially during the winter months. Gerrards Cross CE School.

FRIDAY 14 Beaconsfield: Michael Johnson, Sharon Roberts, Margot Suter, Hazel Chow, Michelle Fotherby. That the right person will be found to fill the post of Team Rector. For our newly constructed Dove Cafe at St Thomas' Church, that it will be a place of welcome for the community. For our mission in all three churches to take the gospel out into the community. St Mary and All Saints CE Primary School.

SATURDAY 15 Chalfont St Giles, Seer Green and Jordans: Paul Henderson, Jennifer Tebboth, Linda West, Janna Holder, Peter Miles, Garry Walton. Give thanks for the appointment of Dan Beesley as rector of the benefice and pray for the whole team as we begin working together from the end of January. For the appointment of a House for Duty priest in Seer Green and Jordans and our work with schools and families. Seer Green CE School.

MONDAY 17 Chesham Bois: Laurie Clow, Christopher Clare, Peter Flory, Jackie Lambert, Owen Melville-Thomas. For our building project, redeveloping the Parish Centre site, now at the appeal stage where we are combating a number of lies about the project. Pray that the truth is seen and decisions are made for the right reasons, enabling us to rebuild relationships with the wider community affected at present by deliberate misrepresentations of the project. For our outreach, pastoral care and worship as a community as we seek to be obedient to the voice of the Lord and witness to the saving grace and love of Jesus. Chesham Bois CE School.

TUESDAY 18 Great Chesham: Edward Bowes-Smith, Timothy Yates, Jeremy Moodey, Geoff Houston, Jean Corfield, Katherine Hyde, Philip Nightingale, Hannah Martin, John Spence, Lynette Price. For the Team Vicar vacancy and interviews to take place next month. For David Hyndman, the new minister of Hope Church, and for his role there. The Chiltern Hills Academy.

WEDNESDAY 19 Penn and Tylers Green: Mike Bisset, Graham Summers, Mary Lee, David Carter. For a new treasurer to be appointed. For the parishes as they prepare for the Revd Mike Bisset's retirement in June after 18 years in post.

THURSDAY 20 Penn Street: Ruth Atkinson. That God will meet our on-going financial needs. That ministry to families will grow. Curzon CE Combined School.

FRIDAY 21 Aston and Cuddesdon Deanery: Nigel Hawkes, Nick Carter, Sue Tibbles, Michael Powell. For the Revd Derek Witchell as he takes up the role of Area Dean. For Nick Carter, Lay Chair, and all members of Deanery Synod.

SATURDAY 22 Albury with Tiddington, Holton, Waterperry, Waterstock and Wheatley: Nigel Hawkes, Michael Dormandy, David Bendor-Samuel, Alexandra Hewitt. For the challenges of recruiting volunteers to support the work of these small rural parishes. For progress towards completing significant building works in more than one church building. Wheatley CE Primary School.

MONDAY 24 Benson with Ewelme: Patrick Gilday, Stephen Cousins. For a sense of renewal and rest for all those involved in our five churches' lives after a very taxing two years. That we may remember to trust in God fully, and in him alone. For the pupils and staff teams at Benson CE Primary School (due a SIAMS inspection) and Ewelme CE Primary School as they face significant pressures at this stage of the pandemic.

TUESDAY 25 Garsington, Cuddesdon and Horspath: Karen Charman, Mark Chapman, Sarah Brush, Humphrey Southern. Give thanks for all those in the benefice who worked so hard throughout 2021, particularly during Advent and over Christmas, so that worship, mission and outreach, ministry and fundraising could continue, despite the ongoing challenges of COVID-19. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide, inspire, equip, encourage and challenge us throughout 2022, as we seek to be a more Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world, and as we seek to share the good news with those who live, work or attend schools in the villages of Garsington, Cuddesdon and Horspath.

WEDNESDAY 26 Dorchester and Warborough: Sue Booy, Caroline King, Teresa Stewart-Sykes, Paul Wignall, Catherine Schneider, Sorrel Shamel-Wood, Rachel Carnegie, Jennifer Morton, Edna Strange, Myles Godfrey, Emma Firth. For Sorrel, going on maternity leave. For Sue as she retires this month. For the clergy and parish as they prepare to go into vacancy. Clifton Hampden CE Primary School, St Birinus CE Primary School, Long Wittenham CE Primary School, Marsh Baldon CE Primary School.

THURSDAY 27 Thame: Michael Reading, Graham Waterson, Graham Choldcroft, Claire Britton, Sian Stratton. Give thanks for the joint services that are taking place between St Mary's, Barley Hill and St Catherine's, Towersey; for discernment for the appointment of an ordained minister to the Thame team; for the growth and witness of Sparklers (playgroup and worship); for Ann Midwinter and her new role as Anna Chaplain; and for the work with young people within the town. Lewknor CE Primary School.

FRIDAY 28 Chinnor, Sydenham, Aston Rowant and Crowell: Jacky Barr, Margaret Poole, Brian Griffiths, Des Foote and Joan De Val. For the health and wellbeing of everyone in the united parish, across all our villages (including Henton and Kingston Blount). Pray that our work in the local schools will be of value to the children and staff and plant the seeds of a deep faith. Aston Rowant CE Primary School, St Andrew's CE Primary School.

SATURDAY 29 Beckley, Forest Hill, Horton cum Studley and Stanton St John: Anthea Beresford, Betty Dye. For safe keeping for all in our communities during these difficult times. For strength for our ministry team and all who look after the four churches in our benefice. Beckley CE Primary School.

MONDAY 31 Great Milton with Little Milton and Great Haseley: Simon Cronk, Toby Garfitt, Tony Jefferis. For our vision to serve the living Lord and actively support our community, reaching out to them rather than waiting for them to come to us. Great Milton CE Primary School, Little Milton CE Primary School.

Prayer on Sundays

SUNDAY 2 For Bishop Olivia, and for her work on environmental issues.

SUNDAY 9 For Bishop Alan and his work in the Buckingham archdeaconry.

SUNDAY 16 For Bishop Gavin, confirming in Didcot. For the global week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

SUNDAY 23 For Bishop Humphrey Southern, confirming at Wellington College.

SUNDAY 30 For our Human Resources team, and for God's guidance in their work.