

St Catherine's Church,  
Littleton



***Mission Prayer Diary***  
***September - October***  
***2024***

# Welcome

We hope that this prayer diary may help you in focussing your prayers in support of the mission interests of St Catherine's Church family.

So, what is prayer? Essentially it is coming into the presence of God, to listen as well as to share our concerns, our hopes and fears, and our joys. Prayer makes us lift our eyes and attention beyond ourselves, to come before God when we might not have all, or any, of the answers to our concerns, knowing that He walks with us in life's journeys and will guide our way.

*'Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.'*

*Romans 12: 10-12*

Please join with us and share in bringing the concerns of our world before God, whose love and compassion know no limits.

1 – 7 September

Focus on: **MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship), with Ben and Esther, Barny and Reuben Brown, in Arnhem Land, Northern Australia**

- Ben and Esther were expecting their third child in July. We have not heard any news but please pray for the new addition to the family whom we hope to meet when the family visits St Catherine's in December (29<sup>th</sup>).
- Pray for God's protection during MAF's flights for Miyalk women's shelter – praising Him that, thanks to MAF, women and children in Arnhem Land are able to reach safety quickly.
- Give thanks that Jack Hemmings at 102 years, former Spitfire pilot and a Founder of MAF, was able to celebrate MAF's 80th year by visiting a very supportive school in Kent who had raised £1500.

8 – 14 September

Focus on: **Open Doors**

- **Afghanistan** – ask God to protect Open Doors partners and give them wisdom and direction to make the right connections in their work. Pray for words of knowledge to help them avoid danger in whatever form it comes.
- **Bolivia** – Christians living in Colomi have been pressurised by local leaders to participate in indigenous rituals. Pray they will be 'strong and courageous' (Joshua 1:9)
- **Nicaragua** – Open Doors partners run counselling workshops to equip 300 church leaders. Pray for wisdom to implement their learnings.

15 – 21 September

Focus on: **Chris and Kesia Pain (OMF Japan), Caleb, Jonathan, Carys and Megumi**

- Kesia and the girls returned to Japan ahead of the start of the new school term on 19<sup>th</sup> August. Pray for Chris as he continues to visit churches in UK and helps Jonjun to adjust to life in UK and move into Uni accommodation.
- Once Chris is back in Japan this month, he and Kesia have presentations to give following 12 months of an 18-month leadership training course. Pray for time to prepare.

- Pray for their church in Japan and wisdom for Pastor Miyoshi who leads it. Chris and Kesia ask us to pray for spiritual revival in Japan.

#### 22 – 28 September

##### Focus on: **Tearfund**

- Pray for the families, friends and colleagues of two Tearfund workers killed recently in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and for all who face danger and threats to their lives.
- Pray for the safety and security of the refugee communities in Bangladesh that Tearfund and their local churches and partners serve.
- Pray for those calling for climate justice and creation care, and for the church to be an instrumental player in a global movement for change

#### 29 September – 5 October

##### Focus on: **The work of CMS in Northern Argentina, Bishop Crisanto Rojas, CMS partner**

- Pray for indigenous Bishop Crisanto Rojas, working in Northern Argentina supporting pastors, teaching and presiding over meetings.
- Pray for the work of the new Centro de Formacion Anglicano (CEFA) in Juarez, which is offering leadership training to indigenous students.
- Pray for Argentina, undergoing an economic overhaul under the leadership of President Javier Milei (since December 2023). Pray for better governance and for leadership to serve the population and be guided by God.

#### 6 – 12 October

##### Focus on: **Winchester City Centre Chaplaincy**

- Give thanks for the successful appointment of a new Lead Chaplain, Alison Dolphin, who started in August.
- Pray for Alison and the Management Committee as they move the work of the chaplaincy forwards.
- Prayers would also be appreciated for both the Retail and Law Courts teams, both of which are growing. Pray that God will bless them with wisdom and insight as they minister to the people of our city, and that the teams will continue to grow with the right people in order to meet the demand they encounter.

13 – 19 October

Focus on: **Karis Kids (Kampala)**

- Following the Summer Camp at the end of August, pray for the children and young people who attended, that they may live out their faith in their homes, schools and communities.
- Pray for one of the Karis families in Kampala who lost a child to malaria recently, and also for the ex-minister of St Nicholas' in Kalerwe, Samuel and his wife Lovi, who celebrated the birth of quadruplets in June. Sadly, one of the babies has subsequently died.
- Pray for families seeking to successfully exit the Karis programme through 'Finishing Well'. Pray for their futures now they are able to be self-supporting.

20 – 26 October

Focus on: **The Brickworks (supporting projects in South Sudan)**

- Give thanks for the recent trip to Yei by a small team headed up by John and Poppy Spens from UK and pray that those they met will continue to be blessed by God.
- Give thanks for the opportunity for Brickworks supporters to meet together on Zoom last week to hear reports of the visit and plans for the future of Brickworks.
- Continue to pray for peace in South Sudan so that more refugees can return home and live in safety.

27 October – 2 November

Focus on: **Winchester Organisations**

- **Trinity Winchester** – Give thanks for the three new rooms created to provide further emergency accommodation this winter.
- **Winchester Beacon** – Pray for those residents who have recently moved on to their own accommodation. Pray that they will be successful in taking this first step in rebuilding their lives.
- **Winchester Street and School Pastors** – Uphold the volunteer Prayer Pastors who faithfully pray whilst the Street Pastors offer reassurance and support to those enjoying the city's nightlife.

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“Lord, help us to do whatever  
You ask of us.”