

St Catherine's Church,
Littleton



Mission Prayer Diary
January - February
2025

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.

The beginning of a new year is a chance to look forward in hope and to respond to the challenges the year ahead presents.

Whatever challenges we have before us, we can put our trust wholeheartedly in God, who loves us and will answer our prayers according to his mercy and grace.

*“O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.”
Joseph Scriven (1819 – 86)*

May God meet all your needs from his wonderful riches – and to Him be the Glory!

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

5 - 11 January

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

- Pray for Ben, Esther and family currently in UK on furlough with its required travelling and speaking. Pray they will have good family time and rest as well, before the long journey back to Arnhem Land.
- Pray for Esther's art therapy work in the shelter in Nhulunbuy for women who have been subjected to domestic violence. Pray for healing and an openness to the Gospel.
- Pray for the success of the 'Heed the Call' drive to recruit people to serve in many disciplines in MAF plus the never-ending cry for more Pilots and Engineers.

12 – 18 January

Focus on: **Open Doors**

- **Iraq** – A lack of job opportunities has left many Christian youth feeling hopeless. Pray for Open Doors partners holding youth sessions, and pray that God's Word will build strength and resilience in these young people.
- **North Cameroon** – please pray that Open Doors local partners will be given strength, wisdom and inspiration as they serve young persecuted believers.
- **Syria** – Pray for unity among leaders with reconciliation and protection of innocent civilians. Uphold Christian communities, asking for strength and courage.

19 – 25 January

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

- Give thanks for the family times spent away at an OMF holiday house over New Year. Uphold Jonjun who has now returned to Durham Uni in UK and pray for safe travel for Caleb as he returns to UK on 27th.
- Continue to pray for the local church and outreach. Please pray for wisdom concerning football and other ideas, and that Chris and Kesia can be an encouragement to their pastor and church members.

- Pray for Kesia as she undergoes school patrol duties this month at the girls' school – a time-consuming duty involving patrolling the streets before and after school with an hour's commute each way. Pray for God to redeem the time.

26 January – 1 February

Focus on: **Tearfund**

- Pray for peace and political stability across Bangladesh and for comfort for those affected by recent flash floods. Pray that churches, communities and partner organisations are prepared and work together well at times of emergency.
- Pray for freedom and healing for people in Nepal and around the world who have been trafficked and lied to. Pray that traffickers are brought to justice and for churches to be carriers of hope across Nepal.
- Pray for more churches around the world to join Tearfund's Transforming Communities programme, supporting members of their communities and helping to bring change.

2 – 8 February

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

- In northern Argentina, the church recognises that it still remains divided, reflecting the racial and social splits of wider society. Pray for those committed to building relationships with indigenous Christians, including Rev Marcos Humacata, an Argentine pastor who leads a team planting a church in the city of Salta, on the edge of the Chaco.
- Continue to pray for indigenous Bishop Crisanto Rojas, working in Northern Argentina supporting pastors, teaching and presiding over meetings.

9 – 15 February

Focus on: **Winchester City Centre Chaplaincy**

- Pray that the retail chaplains are guided by the Holy Spirit as to which shop or person to talk to. They can feel isolated and need ever present boldness to strike up conversations. Pray for good opportunities to walk alongside those with whom they build relationships.

- Pray for Alison Dolphin, the Lead Chaplain, who has been leading some chaplaincy training both for the existing chaplains and also for those interested in joining the team.
- Alison and her team are experimenting with a few new projects and so pray for inspiration from the Holy Spirit in all they plan and initiate, and then wisdom in deciding what to take forward.

16 – 22 February

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

- Give thanks for all the Karis families who 'Finished Well' in 2024, and whose achievements were celebrated at the Christmas Party in December. Ask God to continue to bless them in their new ventures.
- Pray that the wisdom shared at the recent Sexual Health Seminar will take root and bear fruit for the Karis children, to help guide them in the ways of Jesus and living with a strong vision for life.
- Pray for the Karis team, both here in UK and in Kampala, that they are kept safe and well and continue to be given great wisdom and discernment in all the decisions they need to make.

23 February – 1 March

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

- Pray for all the schools visited by the UK team in the autumn of last year, who are suffering big financial challenges due to the high rate of inflation and inability of many students to afford the fees.
- Continue to pray for peace in South Sudan, and for all refugees returning to their homes from the camps in Uganda, often to destroyed homes and communities.
- Pray for the eye clinic at the Martha Clinic in Yei, giving thanks for its renowned reputation and pray that ongoing funding will be forthcoming. There are plans to run a cataract camp again in 2025 following another successful camp in 2024.

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