

St Catherine's Church,  
Littleton



***Mission Prayer Diary***  
***July - August 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.

A statement often attributed to Martin Luther is: "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." It is our responsibility and honour to stand with those in the world who have answered God's call to serve overseas or in a missional role within our own country, perhaps as volunteers with the City Centre Chaplaincy or as Street Pastors for example. May praying for each other always be a natural part of our Christian life and ministry.

*'Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.'*

*Galatians 6:2*

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

7 – 13 July

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

- Ben and Esther are expecting their third child this month. Pray for good health and a safe delivery.
- Praise God for the Cessna aircraft that was delivered to Arnhem Land last year, allowing the team to make more trips, especially enabling children to get to school.
- Domestic violence is a problem in Arnhem Land. Pray for the work of the Miyalk Domestic and Family Violence Shelter which provides refuge and counselling. Pray to for the MAF flights that help women reach the shelter.

14 - 20 July

Focus on: **Open Doors**

- **Myanmar** – more than three years since the military takeover, many believers are struggling to see answers to their fervent prayers. Pray for perseverance, encouragement and breakthrough.
- **India** – Over 2,200 Indian churches were destroyed or shut down last year. Pray that the Indian government will protect the church's constitutional right to peaceful assembly so that Christians have a place to worship freely.
- **Iraq** – It's ten years since so-called Islamic State extremists took control of the Ninevah Plains, displacing over 100,000 Christians from their villages. Many remain in displacement. Pray for peace and stability so that more Christians can return home.

21 - 27 July

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

- The family are currently back in the UK, visiting family and friends and also visiting supporting churches. Pray for good times of rest and refreshment.
- Pray for those who are stepping up to the various roles undertaken by Chris and Kesia whilst they are away over the summer,

especially Edwin as he serves as Deputy Field Director. Pray for the whole Field Leadership Team.

- Pray for Jonjun (Jonathan) as he awaits A level results which will determine where he ends up at university. May he have a deep sense of peace, that God is in control and will continue to lead him. Pray that all arrangements for accommodation will be easily navigated and that he will then settle quickly into his new surroundings

#### 28 July – 3 August

Focus on: **Tearfund**

- Pray for better outcomes for people in poverty and a firm commitment to end the use of fossil fuels at the next climate change conference.
- There is an ongoing food crisis in Ethiopia and across East Africa. Pray that Tearfund's agricultural training can help families overcome drought.
- Please continue to pray for the more than 3 million Internally Displaced Persons in Myanmar. Ask God for protection over the local churches and partners and their peacebuilding efforts. Lift up all those who have been displaced and pray for access to shelter, food and protection.

#### 4 – 10 August

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.
- CMS has been particularly helping the diocese of Argentina with preparing its safeguarding policy, helping to ensure the church is a safe place for all. Please pray as the policy is being shared at synod and for its implementation to help protect and support everyone, particularly the most vulnerable.
- Pray for Jesus to be known across all communities in Northern Argentina, particularly among the emerging generations, and that locals will be raised up to take positions of leadership in the churches.

### 11 – 17 August

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

- Give thanks for the successful appointment of a new Lead Chaplain, who is due to start work this month.
- Pray for her 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.

### 18 – 24 August

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

- During the recent rainy season, so many of the slums in Kampala have been badly hit by flooding. Pray for protection from further rains and disease.
- Uphold the nine families from Okuvu who are supported by the Downs Benefice.
- Pray for preparations for Summer camp, taking place next week - for the UK team including Carol and Michael Coleman, and for the Ugandan team who have put so many preparations in place. Pray that every child who attends learns more about Jesus and returns home with a deepened personal faith.

### 25 – 31 August

#### Focus on: **The Brickworks**

- Pray for the team of five who are visiting Yei at the end of September, including John and Poppy Spens. For two of the group it will be their first visit to Africa – pray for them and all that they will be doing in Yei.
- Pray for the clinical staff at the Martha Eye Clinic who have been very busy following an outbreak of ‘red eye disease’. Clinical officer Abui Costa has been visiting schools to educate children so they can tell their parents
- Pray for peace in South Sudan so that more refugees can return home.

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