

St Catherine's Church,  
Littleton



***Mission Prayer Diary***  
***September - October***  
***2023***

# 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 Bible tells us that God is love (1 John 4: 8). God longs for His love to be the foundation of all we think, do and feel. As we pray through this Mission Prayer Diary over the next two months, let us be open to His Holy Spirit as He directs our thoughts and actions. Let us ask Him how we can be His hands and feet where we are here and now. As Ignatius Loyola said, 'Those who carry God in their hearts, bear heaven with them wherever they go'.

*'God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.'*

*1 John 4: 16*

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

### 3 – 9 September

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

- Uphold MAF's partnership with the Miyalk Domestic and Family Violence Shelter in Arnhem Land, where many Yolnu women have found refuge from the darkness of domestic abuse.
- Ben and Esther ask for wisdom, as they work to come alongside the Yolngu and understand their language, culture and way of life.
- Praise God for MAF's role in enabling the delivery of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, enabling medical safaris, educational opportunities and humanitarian responses to disaster areas of the world.

### 10 – 16 September

Focus on: **Open Doors**

- **Malaysia** – Local Open Doors partners are seeking to strengthen young people by visiting schools to help young people to understand their relationship with God. Pray that they will be able to deepen the faith of these teenagers, and for God's protection.
- **Saudi Arabia** – Christians here are often restricted in the way they can meet and worship. Ask the Lord to provide ways for believers to experience true fellowship.
- **North Korea** – Pray for believers secretly listening to Christian radio broadcasts from abroad who want to know more about the Bible and how to covertly explain the gospel to their children.

### 17 – 23 September

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

- Pray for Carys and Megumi at their international school in Tokyo, Megumi having started at secondary school this term, Jonathan back at Hebron school in India and Caleb starting his second year at Uni in UK.
- Uphold Chris as he returns to leading the OMF Japan team after a trip back to spend time with family in UK.

- Give thanks for good times of rest and refreshment spent together as a family over the summer, including a family holiday away.

#### 24 – 30 September

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

- Afghanistan - Give thanks for the relentless work of Tearfund's partner staff and for their desire to serve people in need in such hard-to-reach locations. Pray for wisdom and protection as they continue to navigate such an uncertain and insecure context.
- The crisis in Yemen is deepening as the conflict continues into its tenth year. Pray for efforts to stop the fighting and for Tearfund and their partners operating in such hazardous conditions.
- Transforming Masculinities is a Tearfund programme that encourages positive, healthy behaviour in men and promotes gender equality in countries such as Guatemala. Pray for this life-transforming work.

#### 1 – 7 October

##### Focus on: **The work of CMS in Northern Argentina**

- Having returned to the UK, Nick Drayson and Catherine Le Tissier ask for prayer for those who will take forward the mission work in the diocese of Northern Argentina and in the Province of South America, especially leaders adjusting to new roles in AMARE and other organisations.
- Praise God that partners from Latin America, Asia, the Middle East and Africa have been able to join CMS staff for a time of mutual sharing, learning and interchange in Oxford. Pray for continued good learning one from another and building of relationships.

#### 8 – 14 October

##### Focus on: **Father Winston Williams, Guyana**

- Continue to pray for health and strength for Winston in his role overseeing additional parishes in Bartica. Access to more remote settlements can involve walking, getting lifts and travelling by boat.
- Pray for Winston's family who are still living in Jawalla. Pray for his wife as she maintains the family home and subsistence farming with help from family members.

### 15 – 21 October

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

- Pray please for suitable land to be found to purchase for those families finishing well - it's not an easy task - and with many hurdles to get over; and for jobs for those recently graduated.
- Pray for Karis families in Kampala who have lost loved ones recently.
- Please pray for the team in Kampala - they have a lot to cope with, for wisdom, strength, health, and give thanks for fundraisers here in UK who have taken part in recent events.

### 22 – 28 October

#### Focus on: **Winchester Organisations**

- **Winchester City Chaplaincy** – Pray for the new Lead Chaplain, Debbie Smith, and the rest of the team who visit businesses and retail outlets in our City Centre.
- **Winchester Beacon** – Give thanks for the 15 years of service given by Michele Price as she hands over the role of CEO later this year. Pray for the appointment of a suitable successor.
- **Trinity Winchester** – pray for the team who lead the staff, providing practical and emotional support for those who are experiencing the effects of homelessness or vulnerability.

### 29 October – 4 November

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

- Give thanks for the recent trip to Yei by John and Poppy accompanied by two other doctors from Winchester to give support and refresher training to staff at the Martha clinic and Yei Health Training Institute.
- Pray for the ongoing programme of training offered to pastors from the BidiBidi refugee settlement in northern Uganda, including training on trauma healing and peace building as well as Scripture interpretation and practical pastoring.
- Insecurity in South Sudan prevents people in the towns from travelling to cultivate their land in the rural villages. High inflation contributes to lack of basic items causing hunger and malnutrition. Pray for peace and an end to violence.

Contacts:

Tearfund	Carol Ward
MAF	Hilary and Janet Shaw
Open Doors	Carol Ward
The Brickworks	Carol Ward
Guyana	Christine Disher
CMS	Alan Disher
Basics Bank	Carol Ward
Trinity Winchester	Alan Disher
City Chaplaincy	Carol Ward
Winchester Beacon	Carol Ward
Chris and Kesia Pain (OMF Japan)	Carol Ward
Karis Kids	Carol Coleman

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