

St Catherine's Church,  
Littleton



***Mission Prayer Diary***  
***May - June 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.

The world seems a very troubled place at present – war continues in Ukraine, in Sudan and also in Gaza between Israel and Hamas. Natural disasters continue to cause destruction and devastation as in the recent flooding in Kenya. How do we pray when God seems distant or even absent? How do we learn to wait with patience and hope? The Bible is full of moments of stillness, of invitations to rest in the presence of God, listening for his voice, aware of his love surrounding us. From that place of security we can reach out to others in service and love.

*'Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!'*

*Psalm 27: 14*

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

5 – 11 May

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

- Pray for Ben and Esther's ministry with MAF in Arnhem Land, especially supporting access to education. Thank God the children are healthy and enjoying their new life there.
- Pray for the success of increased use of Solar Power to run pumps for clean safe water supplies.
- Give thanks for MAF partner 'Christ is the Answer' Ministry who use planes to deliver pastoral, medical and veterinary services to remote communities in Northern Kenya.

12 - 18 May

Focus on: **Open Doors**

- **Middle East** – When a woman leaves Islam to follow Jesus, she is often rejected by her family. Pray for wisdom for Open Doors partners working through local churches and Centres of Hope to support them.
- **India** – Elections are taking place this month. Pray for peaceful and non-violent campaigning and elections and for protection for believers.
- **Turkmenistan** – many Christians must gather secretly. Whilst the online sphere provides some opportunity for discipleship and fellowship, internet connectivity is not always stable or safe. Pray for this to improve.

19 - 25 May

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

- Chris and Kesia will be attending Field Leadership Team meetings 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May. Pray for God to lead and guide their discussions and pray for Chris as he prepares for the meetings and leads through each day.
- Several challenging situations are ongoing. Pray that Chris and Kesia can make good progress towards resolution.
- Chris and Kesia are visiting UK this summer. Pray for the Lord's guiding hand on all the planning and logistics and presentation writing. Pray for sufficient cover for Chris' role in Japan whilst they are away.

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26 May – 1 June

Focus on: **Tearfund**

- Tearfund has been working in Cambodia since the 1980s, responding to poverty by addressing its root causes. At the heart of this work is the local church, so please pray for unity among the churches and for their leaders.
- Thousands of displaced families in DRC are still reeling from the flooding and landslides that tore through their province of South Kivu last May. Pray that the people of DRC will be filled with hope for their future.
- Every day, Venezuela migrants decide to flee their country due to its socio-political crisis. Pray for the church in Colombia, for wisdom as it opens its doors to welcome, protect, and help integrate them into the communities.

2 – 8 June

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.
- The new Anglican Centre for Formation, which CMS is supporting, opened its doors to students this week. Based in Juárez, in the Argentine Chaco, this centre is for the training of indigenous leaders for ministry and mission in their communities. Please pray for the students and teachers at the centre, for God's leading in this new and important venture.
- Pray for Jesus to be known across all communities in Northern Argentina, particularly among the emerging generations.

9 – 15 June

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

- Continue to pray for Winston's ministry, which covers a wide area around Bartica, for health and stamina, and safety in travel as he is ageing and nears retirement.
- Guyana is currently facing various threats, with Venezuela and Suriname disputing borders and claiming large oil-rich lands. Pray for peaceful resolution of disputes and hope to come to Guyana.

### 16 – 22 June

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

- Pray for all students who have recently received exam results - for those who have been successful, and for those who haven't achieved the grades they need and may have to rethink their future plans.
- So many of the slums have been badly hit by flooding during the recent rainy season. Pray for protection from further rains, disease etc.
- Pray for preparations for Summer camp - for the UK team as they plan craft activities, get vaccinations, arrange flights etc, and for the Ugandan team as they plan the curriculum, make arrangements with the host school, and select the facilitators who will lead the groups.

### 23 – 29 June

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

- Give thanks for the cataract clinic which took place at Martha Clinic at the end of March, allowing the restoration of eyesight to more than 100 patients.
- Pray for plans for a visit by John and Poppy Spens to Yei in September, to offer training at the Martha Clinic and support to the Bishop Allison Theological College. Pray that the right team comes together to provide what is needed.
- Pray that funds continue to be donated, to allow current commitments to be met and new projects planned and brought to fruition.

### 30 June – 6 July

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

- **Street and School Pastors** – Give thanks for all those who volunteer as street pastors offering support on the streets of Winchester to those out and about enjoying the nightlife.
- **Trinity Winchester** – Pray for the work of the Women's Service, supporting women who are experiencing an area of vulnerability.
- **Winchester Beacon** – pray about the proposals by Hampshire County Council to cut support for homelessness services whilst the current economic climate means that an increasing number of people are at risk of homelessness; pray for wise decision making.

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