

out this week for COP26. **Pray for Kath and Phil Cooke**, Associate Vicars.

TUESDAY 02 NOVEMBER: **FRONTLINES:** Pat Clay, Life group leader. **SMALL GROUPS:** Bingham Life Group - Diana and Philip Bingham; Coffee Break on LF - Pearl Renshaw and Jane Johnson; French Life Group - Marcus and Joanna French. **FOODBANK** open today. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** Please pray for LF Coffee Break as we continue to discern the way forward for the group. **SPACE Band** (the Older Youth band) meet tonight. **The Wellbeing Journey** small group in the church lounge. **Pray for Matt Dobie**, Digital Production Manager.

WEDNESDAY 03 NOVEMBER: **FRONTLINES:** Debbie Clayden, Communications Officer, BRF. **SMALL GROUPS:** Barnabas Life Group - Mel Pickett & Claire Proudman; Helen & Nalin Life Group - Helen & Nalin Kadodwala. **Wednesday 8am prayer meeting** on Zoom. **LINK:** Prayers for new team members would be appreciated. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today (leader Ray Ball). **LF Pastoral Group** meets for prayer. **Second Mentoring training event** in The Barn. **Pray for Phil Adams**, Manager of the Barns Café.

THURSDAY 04 NOVEMBER: **FRONTLINES:** Marion Coates, Family, Footprints, Link, Welcome Team. **SMALL GROUPS:** Bible Journalling - Anne Taylor; Dubock Life Group - Andrew & Sally Dubock. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pam McKellen speaking on "A Sure Hope and Perfect Peace" this morning. **SINGING CIRCLE** meets this morning. Pray that more families will feel able to return. **Mission Partner Sheila Furlong** at Suicide Prevention Multi Agency Group. Give thanks for the preventative work undertaken across all agencies and for wisdom in finding new ways to support those at risk of suicide and self-harm. **GENESIS** meet, continuing The Wellbeing Journey. **Pray for Emma Buckle, Jo Greenaway, Hannah Kitchener** (Supervisors) and **Jo Walker** (Admin), staff of the Barns Café.

FRIDAY 05 NOVEMBER: **FRONTLINES:** Andrew Coleby, Lay Ministry Training. **Pray for Mission Partners Chris and Suzy Wilson** (CMS, Ethiopia, currently in UK). **FOODBANK** open today. We pray for the additional listening and sign-posting team who meet with clients on Fridays, that the time spent with them will be fruitful, that clients will feel supported and strengthened as a result. **SPACE** meet, continuing The Wellbeing Journey. **Pray for Chris Ellaby and Jonny Grange**, Worship Pastors and **Jan Haywood**, Worship Coordinator.

SATURDAY 06 NOVEMBER: **Paul Brombley** licensed as a Lay Minister today; pray for blessing upon him and the family.



CHRIST CHURCH ABINGDON

PRAYER DIARY October 2021

The Lord will guide you continually, watering your life when you are dry and keeping you healthy, too. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring. *Isaiah 58:11 (NLT)*

SUNDAY 03 OCTOBER: At NCR: 8am HC (BCP) with Kath Cooke; 10.30am "Spiritual Wellbeing" *Matthew 22:34-40* with Andrew Coleby; 6.30pm "Deepening Relationship" *Joel 2:28-29 & 1 Peter 2:4-12* with Keith Dunnett. At LF: 10.30am "Working out our Salvation" (HC) - *Philippians 2:12-18* with Colin Wood. At NCR Sparks (under 5s) exploring the story of Josiah. 5-11s on both sites: Joseph part 5 - Pharaoh's Dreams, linked with Spiritual Wellbeing. Pathfinders and Lazars (Yrs. 7-9) meet separately at NCR and LF to look at *Philippians*; 4Filled (Yrs. 10-13) meet at LF - all during morning service. **Roots (18-30s)** are meeting for catch up and time to share our stories. **October Mission of the Month:** Chris Parkman & Sarah Walker serving with A Rocha.

MONDAY 04 OCTOBER: **FRONTLINES:** Ed Wiles, computer programmer. **SMALL GROUPS:** Didcot Life Group - Nat Abbot and Yvonne Voyce. **Meeting God in the Silence** (leader Sarah Turner) at 11am and 8pm in The Barn. NB: Six-month trial of a later start in the morning. **Please pray for new university students**, that they would find good friendships and a solid church community where they feel welcomed, and that they would continue to grow in faith. **NCR morning services focus group** meet to pray about and plan service patterns for November and December. **Biglife** (Mission Partners Peter and Jane Dunn): Training people in simple discipleship principles and tools in Liverpool today. **Pray for Kath and Phil Cooke**, Associate Vicars.

TUESDAY 05 OCTOBER: **FRONTLINES:** Alison Winder, Home/School link worker. **SMALL GROUPS:** Bingham Life Group - Diana and Philip Bingham; Coffee Break on LF - Pearl Renshaw and Jane Johnson; French Life Group - Marcus and Joanna French. **FOODBANK** (leaders Hilary Beale & Agnieszka Candan) open today. Harvest collections are coming in on specific scheduled dates from local churches and schools throughout the month. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** The group is hoping to meet weekly on Tuesday mornings in various homes or a coffee shop. **John Owen and the Alpha Team** "Praise God that the team have been asked to re

start Alpha in November at Bullingdon.” **ARCHWAY’S** first Pilot small group takes place this afternoon in Oxford. Please pray for safety, and for meaningful supportive connections. **SPACE Band** (the Older Youth band) meet to grow together as musicians and to build each other up as disciples. **The Wellbeing Journey** small group meets in the church lounge. Pray for all small groups using Wellbeing material this month. **Pray for Matt Dobie**, Digital Production Manager.

WEDNESDAY 06 OCTOBER: FRONTLINES: Paul Wright, Active retired. **SMALL GROUPS:** Barnabas Life Group – Mel Pickett & Claire Proudman; Helen & Nalin Life Group – Helen & Nalin Kadodwala. **Wednesday 8am prayer meeting** on Zoom. **LINK** (leader Kath Cooke) Toddler Harvest Celebration at 10am. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today (leader Ray Ball). **LF Pastoral Group** meets for prayer. **LF Leadership** team meeting tonight. **Biglife:** Sharing the vision for making disciples, tonight in Leeds. **Pray for Phil Adams**, Manager of the Barns Café.

THURSDAY 07 OCTOBER: FRONTLINES: Ray Andrew, Retired. **SMALL GROUPS:** Bible Journalling – Anne Taylor; Dubock Life Group – Andrew & Sally Dubock. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP** (leader Doreen Cooper) Harvest Festival Service, with Hilary Beale as speaker. **SINGING CIRCLE** (leader Jane Robinson) meeting indoors with masks. Please pray that the adults will be brave and come back indoors. **Pray for the team led by Penny Smith and Maggie Baker Rawle** at Abingdon Court Care Home. They go into the care home today to take a service - the first face-to-face service for 18 months. **Biglife:** Training people in simple discipleship principles and tools – in London today. **Mentoring steering group** meets with Ros for a planning meeting. **GENESIS** (Yrs. 7-9) meet at 6.30pm, continuing The Wellbeing Journey. **Pray for Emma Buckle, Jo Greenaway, Hannah Kitchener** (Supervisors) and **Jo Walker** (Admin), staff of the Barns Café.

FRIDAY 08 OCTOBER: FRONTLINES: Lizzie Baker, Child Protection Social Worker. **Pray for Mission Partners Peter and Jane Dunn** (Biglife, Sheffield). They ask for prayer for personal discipleship as they seek to live out being disciple makers in their own community in Sheffield. **Pray for Mission Partner Sheila Furlong** (CEO, Archway Foundation, Oxford). **FOODBANK** open today. Pray that the additional volunteers will manage the task of sorting and checking donations, and that sessions will be joyous as we receive so many offerings to fill the store once again. **SPACE** (Yrs. 10-13) meet at 7pm on The Wellbeing Journey. **Friday Night Board Games** starts back tonight. **Pray for Chris Ellaby and Jonny Grange**, Worship Pastors and **Jan Haywood**, Worship Coordinator.

SATURDAY 09 OCTOBER: Women @ CCA: “Be Kind to Yourself” – pray for the times of worship, testimonies, workshops and time spent together. Pray too for Ian Macdonald, Janet Taft and Alison Riggs, leaders of the three morning work

BANK open today. Applications for grant funding towards possible alterations to the Corner Suite will be made this month. **Biglife:** Training people in simple discipleship principles and tools – today in Leeds. **The Wellbeing Journey** small group in the church lounge at 7:30pm. **Pray for Heather Hughes**, Children’s Minister.

WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER: FRONTLINES: Jane Carpenter, Midwife/Lecturer. **SMALL GROUPS:** Warburton Life Group – Dal & Olivia Warburton. **Wednesday 8am prayer meeting** on Zoom. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today. **Pray for Bea Ellaby** Youth Pastor and **Stephanie Addenbrooke**, Associate Youth Pastor. Pray for their continuing conversations with schools about running various Christian clubs in the local schools, that they would be met with openness and that they would serve those communities well.

THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER: FRONTLINES: Val Challis, Nurse; Safeguarding. **SMALL GROUPS:** Thursday Evening Life Group – Andy & Sheila McCabe. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Thursday Prayer Fellowship meets today. **Pray for Clint McVea**, Operations Manager.

FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER: FRONTLINES: Michael Chown, Retired. **SMALL GROUPS:** Friday AM Women’s Life Group – Claudette Beale. **Pray for Mission Partners Andy and Andrea Warner** (ECM, Castellon, Spain). **FOODBANK** open today; pray for families who struggle in school holidays. **Coffee, Cake and Chat** (leaders Di Bryan and Chris Waite) in The Barn this morning. **Pray for Suzie Miles**, Church Administrator and Vicar’s PA.

SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER: Pray for the staff at The Abingdon Bridge who are working “on the streets” with some of the hardest to reach young people in our community. May God give them patience, perseverance and understanding as they guide these young people towards a more fulfilling lifestyle.

SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER: At NCR: 8am HC (BCP) with James Bremner; 10.30am Morning Worship with Ros Steel; 6.30pm “Encouraged Builders” Haggai 2:1-9 with Phil Cooke. At LF: 10.30am Morning Worship “Pressing on Together” Philippians 3:15-4:3 with Sandra Pike. Family Light Party in the afternoon. Roots (18-30s) are meeting for Creative Prayer. COP26 starts: a last-ditch international conference in Glasgow from 31 October – 12 November, aiming to limit climate change to a tolerable level. Pray for the special responsibility of the UK government as hosts, for churches to look to our true source of hope, and for a successful outcome. <https://www.tearfund.org/stories/2021/03/why-the-g7-and-cop-matter-in-2021> for more information about why this is important. October Mission of the Month: Chris Parkman & Sarah Walker.

MONDAY 01 NOVEMBER: FRONTLINES: Ron Clark, Retired. **SMALL GROUPS:** Didcot Life Group - Nat Abbot and Yvonne Voyce. **Meeting God in the Silence** 11am and 8pm in The Barn. **Standing Committee** meets today. **Pray through**

wards. **Oxford Diocese Mothers' Union** (Maureen Weston) AGM/Autumn Meeting today at CCA. Provincial President, Kathryn Anderson visiting, with guest speaker Bishop Gavin Collins. Pray that it will be a time of encouragement as members gather for the first time since lockdown. **SINGING CIRCLE** meets this morning indoors. **GENESIS** meet for a social activity. Pray that they feel encouraged to invite their friends and that the community of young people would grow. **Pray for Roland Knight**, Parish Safeguarding Officer, Val Challis, Karen Brombley and Anne Taylor as Safeguarding Advisors, and Val Challis and Sarah Brombley as trainers.

FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER: **FRONTLINES:** Chris Bryan, The Abingdon Bridge. **SMALL GROUPS:** Local Houses of Prayer group meets this morning. **Pray for Mission Partner Martin Riddall** (AFCM, UK). **Pray for Mission Partners Jason and Sarah Thomas**, currently living and studying in UK. **FOODBANK** open today. We need wisdom to see how the Corner Suite can be best adapted to provide for the needs of Foodbank as well as other groups. **SPACE** meet for a social activity. Pray that they feel encouraged to invite their friends and that the community of young people would grow. **Pray for John Rogers**, chair of Mission Support Group.

SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER: **Enneagram Type Day** led by Helen Watts and Jeanie Honey in The Barn. **ARCHWAY'S Peer support group** at 10am. Give thanks for the commitment of volunteers and staff and for lives touched by the loving care and concern shown. **Half Term Break** for all schools; Pray too for the teachers and support staff who work in schools, for their rest also.

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER: At NCR: 10.30am AAW led by the children on **Vocational Wellbeing Colossians 3:23-24** with Heather Hughes. Please pray for them as they prepare this service and as they lead. 6.30pm "A Heart for God's Creation" (HC) with Chris Parkman. At LF: 10.30am Climate Sunday AAW Chris Parkman & Sarah Walker are involved in this service. LF Welcome Tea this afternoon - pray for those new to LF to come along and connect with others. Pray for a sense of welcome, belonging and community. **October Mission of the Month: Chris Parkman & Sarah Walker serving with A Rocha.**

MONDAY 25 OCTOBER: **FRONTLINES:** Anthony Buckle, Teacher (Special Needs). **Pray for Mission Partner Viva.** Our partner network in Zambia will be conducting the Good Treatment Campaign. Pray for the radio programmes they are hosting and the messages they are spreading; that God will change people's hearts and attitudes towards children. **MSG** meets this evening. **Pray for the staff team; pray for Keith Dunnett**, our vicar.

TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER: **FRONTLINES:** Kelly Burchmore, Archivist. **SMALL GROUPS:** Tattersall Life Group – Jackie & John Tattersall. Tuesday Life Group – Esther Fox & Viv Hitchings; Turner Life group – Andrew & Gill Turner. **FOOD**

shops. **Pray for those with caring responsibilities and those with long-term illness or disability:** Joy Batty, Paula Beal, Mike Bowles, Caroline & Ellen Craig, Pamela Fitt, Veronica Harden, Peter & Eileen Jeffries, Alan & Doreen Newton, Andy & Sue Porter, David & Barbara Price, Debbie Purbrick, Chris Rowe, Brian Stanmore, Sheila Tubb, Nessa Watts and other church members who are ill, housebound, or recently bereaved.

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER: Welcome to James Bremner, a Wycliffe Hall ordinand (trainee vicar) who starts a two-term placement with us. At NCR: 10.30am "Relational Wellbeing" (HC) **Colossians 3:12-17** with Keith Dunnett; 6.30pm "Planting for Growth" **Isaiah 61** with Ashleigh Gibb. At LF: 10.30am Morning Worship "Timothy and Epaphroditus" **Philippians 2:19-30** with Kath Cooke also, Wellspring gathering in staff room with Derek Walker leading. Sparks at NCR (U5s): Esther; 5-11s at NCR and LF: Joseph part 6 – Food & Famine. Linked with Financial Wellbeing and Eco Church. Pathfinders and Lazars (Yrs. 7-9) at NCR for monthly brunch. Biglife: Sharing the vision for making disciples – today in Bradford. **October Mission of the Month: Chris Parkman & Sarah Walker serving with A Rocha.**

MONDAY 11 OCTOBER: **FRONTLINES:** Jim Barker, Director of Fundraising, CMS. **SMALL GROUPS:** Earwicker Life Group - Heather Earwicker and Jean Knight. **COP15** (11-15 October) is the first part of an international conference on biodiversity, less publicised than COP26 but vital for the wellbeing of life on earth. **Pray for the staff team; pray for Nessa Watts**, our Curate.

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER: **FRONTLINES:** Hilary Beale, Abingdon Foodbank. **SMALL GROUPS:** Jeeva Life Group – Emil & Leilani Jeevaratnam; Revival Missional Community – Lucy Ffrench & Alison Winder; Good Shepherd Life Group – Lesley Chapman & Gwenda Sams. **FOODBANK** open today. As the weather deteriorates, we must decide how to manage to operate mainly outside the buildings. Give us wisdom in balancing the need to stay safe against the need to offer hospitality and welcome to our clients. **FOOTPRINTS** (leaders Pauline Croucher and Hilary Hart) at 10.30am in The Barn. We welcomed eight new guests in September and there may be others joining us this month. Please continue to pray that we're able to support everyone especially the recently bereaved and those who are still feeling vulnerable. Pray for the team as we ask God to show us the way forward with increasing numbers. **Bea and Stephanie** attending the Vanguard Retreat, which brings together youth pastors from some of the country's largest churches. **The Wellbeing Journey** small group meets in the church lounge. **Pray for Ros Steel**, Associate Pastor. Ros is on placement at St Mary's Church, Witney, looking particularly at their ministry and mission in a busy town centre, and their ministry among older people. She asks, "Please pray for some good conversations and that I will be open to learning new things."

WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER: FRONTLINES: Andy Bell, Lead Systems Engineer, UKAEA. **SMALL GROUPS:** Higher Ground – Jo & Robin Wakefield; Jars of Clay – Jeremy Fry & Jo Walker. **Pray for Leilani Jeevaratnam, Methlyn Regisford and Sarah Turner** ministering to the residents of Fountain Court. Pray that they will soon be able to go back to meet with the folk there. **Wednesday 8am prayer meeting** on Zoom. **LINK** - photographer this morning. **MWM** (leader Michael Chown) visiting the Oxford Bus and Morris Motors Museums at Long Hanborough, followed by lunch nearby. **FRIENDLY CUPPA** (leader Jane Robinson) at LF Community Centre. They have not met indoors since August 2020, so pray that people will feel confident enough to come and that it will be a happy afternoon for everyone. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today over lunchtime. Pray for SA foodbank volunteers as they must accommodate their stores in a reduced space to welcome clients indoors once again. **Pray for Sue Quantick**, Older Person's Ministry Leader.

THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER: FRONTLINES: Christine Bell, Court Clerk, Oxford County Court. **SMALL GROUPS:** Faith & Cake Life Group – Lizzie & Tim Shipman; Abi & Jon Waldoock; Kitchener's Life Group – Andrew & Hannah Kitchener. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Thursday Prayer Fellowship meets. **CiA staff** meet today. **SINGING CIRCLE** meets this morning indoors. **GENESIS** (Yrs. 7-9) meet at 6.30pm. **Justice & Inclusivity** team meeting at 8pm. **Pray for Alex Horlock, John Owen, and Sue Robbins** (Prayer Ministry). Praise God that we are back in church! Please pray for the team as we juggle Covid restrictions with offering safe prayer to the congregation.

FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER: FRONTLINES: Diana Bingham, French teacher and TA. **Pray for Mission Partner Tabitha Jorden** (Agape, Cambridge). **Pray for Mission Partner Ashleigh Gibb**, currently living and studying in UK. **FOODBANK** open today. Pray for continued good health and buoyant spirits amongst the volunteers as they often feel under pressure from the increased number of referrals. **SPACE** (Yrs. 10-13) meet at 7pm. **Pray for Gabrielle Dent and Janice Wenninger** (Pastoral Visiting). **Pray for Christine Bell** (Pastoral Prayer Ministry).

SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER: Half Term Break begins for private schools. *Pray for the young people's minds and bodies to be restored, and for quality family time.* **Dementia-friendly** training session in The Barn. **Pray for Pat Herbert** (former Mission Partner, Wycliffe Bible Translators). She flew to Ghana a few days ago and is now in Tamale working with the **Deg and Vagla teams**. **Please pray for the leadership of Men@CCA** (Andy Voyce, Andy Jones, Jon Dunnett, Hugh Price, James Ross) as they meet this month to plan a final event for 2021. Thank the Lord for being present amongst the Men@CCA Prayer triplets as they have continued to meet regularly.

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER: At NCR: 8am HC (CW) with Neil Weston; 10.30am BIG

ISSUE God, the Climate and our Finances 1 Timothy 6:17-19 with David Tyler and input from Eco Church; 6.30pm "Building in Obedience" **Haggai 1:12-25** with Keith Dunnett. At LF: 10.30am Morning Worship "Loss & Profit" **Philippians 3:1-14** with Phil Cooke. Sparks at NCR (U5s): Jonah; 5-11s at NCR and LF: Joseph part 7 – Brothers reunited. Linked with Relational Wellbeing. Pathfinders (Yrs. 7-9) meet at NCR and Lasers (Yrs. 7-9) LF, continuing our study in **Philippians**; 4Filled (Yrs. 10-13) also meet at LF - all during the morning service. Prime Time: Q & A session this afternoon to look at future ministry. **Roots (18-30s)** are meeting for a Social – walk and pub visit. **Biglife: Sharing the vision for making disciples – today in Market Harborough.** **October Mission of the Month: Chris Parkman & Sarah Walker serving with A Rocha.**

MONDAY 18 OCTOBER: FRONTLINES: Bill Bradley, Retired. **SMALL GROUPS:** Monday Life Group, leader Gerry Wood. **Biglife:** Training people in simple discipleship principles and tools – today in Liverpool. **Café Directors** meet. **Prayer Ministry training tonight;** please pray for good attendance and re-engagement of those who felt originally drawn to coming. **Pray for the staff team; pray for our cleaning staff,** Mark Chapman, Joanne Elliott and Naomi Challis.

TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER: FRONTLINES: Anna Braithwaite, Physics teacher. **SMALL GROUPS:** Rainbow Life Group – Hugh Price & Clare Simpson; The Wellbeing Journey Group – Keith & Lynne Dunnett. **FOODBANK** open today. We thank the church for the provision of the Corner Suite for Foodbank. **Church walk** today led by John and Hilary Hart. **GENTS WHO LUNCH** (leader Andrew Turner) meet in The Spread Eagle at 12.30pm. **Biglife:** Training people in simple discipleship principles and tools – today in Leeds. **SPACE Band** (the Older Youth band) meet. **The Wellbeing Journey** small group in the church lounge. **Pray for Andy Dent and Andy Lowe**, church wardens.

WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER: FRONTLINES: Karen Brombley, Safeguarding. **SMALL GROUPS:** Midweek Prayer Group – Jackie Tattersall; Village People – Mike & Jan Haywood. **Local Houses of Prayer:** Two groups are meeting on Weds. evenings and Fri. mornings as part of a growing global network of missional prayer groups. Pray for the Lord to continue to reach people; that we would see what the Lord is doing and have the courage to join in. **Wednesday 8am prayer meeting** on Zoom. **LINK** - photographer visiting. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today. **First Mentoring training event** in The Barn at 7:30pm. **Pray for Hilary Beale, Philip Bingham and Paul Brombley**, deputy wardens, and **Martin Steel**, treasurer.

THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER: FRONTLINES: Sarah Brombley, Primary school teacher. **SMALL GROUPS:** Snowball Life Group – Ian & Maggie Snowball; Thursday Afternoon Life Group – Kath Cooke & Janice Wenninger. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** HC in church with Simon Steer. Bring and share lunch in the hall after