



# Christ Church Abingdon

*"With Jesus. Like Jesus. For Jesus"*

## Prayer Diary NOVEMBER 2020

**God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NLT)**

**SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER:** At 10.30am NCR: Communion Livestream "The Lord's Supper" *1 Corinthians 11:23-34*. At LF 10:30am: Morning Worship (Zoom) "Understanding Communion" *1 Corinthians 11:17-34*. October Mission of the Month: Ashleigh Gibb. Half term begins, pray for all pupils, their families and education staff. Pray too for any of our young people currently at university. Please remember the 8am congregation and older folk generally - please keep praying for our wonderful older friends, thankful for their prayerfulness and wisdom. Pray that we can find ways to share God's love with them, especially those not on the internet.

**MONDAY 26 OCTOBER:** Pray for the staff team; pray for Keith Dunnnett, our vicar. Pray for the team supporting residents at Abingdon Court Care Home. Penny Smith writes "We gather that the residents were delighted to receive our video service last month and we have offered to record a service for them every two months. We meet (COVID restrictions allowing) for another recording session at the start of November. Please pray that we can continue with this ministry to offer spiritual nourishment to this very vulnerable group." **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** After Eight and Barnabas Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Andrew Foulsham, Local Councillor, IT Manager

**TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER:** Pray for Heather Hughes, Children's Minister. **FOODBANK** open today. **FOOTPRINTS:** pray for the team as they continue to support and encourage their guests and one another. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** pray for the support offered by members to one another. **CHRIST CHURCH**

**NETWORKS:** Bible Journalling and Bingham Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH**

**FRONTLINES:** Simon Furlong, Social worker

**WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER:** Pray for **Bea Ellaby**, Youth Pastor. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **LINK & LINK toy library**, pray for all young families in the half term break. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today at lunchtime in the Preston Road Community Centre; pray for Ray Ball and his team and all guests. **Today is the anniversary** of the horrific accident in South Africa that took the lives of Miranda Harris and of Chris and Susanna Naylor. Please pray for Peter Harris and his family, the Naylor family and the entire A Rocha family as they remember the events of that fateful day last year.

**CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Coffee Break and Coffee Cake and Chat. **CHRIST**

**CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Esther Fox, Occupational Therapist

**THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER:** Pray for **Clint McVea**, Operations Manager.

**SINGING CIRCLE** is meeting on Zoom on alternate weeks, plus meeting to go for socially distanced walks in between. Give thanks for the engagement of the mums especially on Zoom (e.g. with reading the story and operating the technology). **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray for all our members, especially those seriously ill and those terminally ill for a real sense of God's presence with them bringing His comfort, peace and upholding.

**CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Didcot Life Group and Dubock Life Group.

**CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Joanna Gladstone, Teacher

**FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER:** Pray for **Suzie Miles**, Church Administrator and Vicar's PA. **FOODBANK** open today. **Clothes Bank** open today. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** - volunteers are still unable to visit the men, please pray for prisoners, staff and volunteers. **Remember A Rocha:** "Our demands for growth, and our never-ending cycle of production and consumption are exhausting our world." (Dave Bookless, A Rocha). Pray for A Rocha Ghana and 6 other organisations who have taken the government of Ghana to court to overturn plans to mine bauxite in the Atewa Range Forest Reserve and declare it a Protected Zone.

**CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:**

Earwicker Life Group and Explorers Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:**

Jonny Grange, Farrier

**SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER:** Pray for those with caring responsibilities and those who are vulnerable because of long-term illness or disability: Joy

Batty, Paula Beal, Mike Bowles, Pamela Fitt, Veronica Harden, Ian (Carl Savage's brother), Peter & Eileen Jeffries, Joanna Kilburn, Ellie McRitchie, Alan and Doreen Newton, Tim Pottage, David & Barbara Price, Nicola Price, Debbie

Purbrick, Chris Rowe, Brian Stanmore, Nessa Watts, Peggy Woolnough and other church members who are ill, housebound, or recently bereaved. **Pray for the recently appointed staff at The Abingdon Bridge** who will be working to reduce the waiting list and for those young people needing counselling for anxiety, stress and depression.

**SUNDAY 01 NOVEMBER:** ALL SAINTS DAY: At NCR: 9am Holy Communion in church (*said, no singing*); 10.30am Christ Church Together All Age Worship (*Livestream*); 6.30pm service (*by Zoom*). Baptism of Henrique Pais Rodrigues this afternoon. LF Scavenger hunt online this afternoon, pray for a sense of community and fun. Mission of the Month for November is Tabitha Jordan. Please also pray for all the preparations for the child-led Christmas service on 6 December. Heather and her team will be working on it all through November. Heather will also be sending in assembly videos to the schools to watch in class. Please pray for wisdom to know what content to include and for the children to engage well with them.

**MONDAY 02 NOVEMBER:** Pray for Kath and Phil Cooke, Associate Vicars. **FOODBANK Steering Group** meets online at 2pm. **Meeting God in the Silence** today at 9.00 for 9.30am and 7.30 for 8.00pm, both in the Barn. **Standing Committee** meets at 7.30pm. **LF Night Prayer online** every weekday evening at 8.30pm throughout November. Please pray that this will enable us to listen to God, pray and connect with others. **Pray for our link schools:** Long Furlong Primary (Head Teacher: Carol Dunne) for all staff, pupils, and their families.

**CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Faith and Cake Life Group and Fitzharrys Network. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Sarah Grange, Carer/Mum

**TUESDAY 03 NOVEMBER:** Pray for Matt Dobie, our Digital Production Manager. **FOOTPRINTS:** Pray for resilience for everyone as people adjust to shorter daylight hours. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** Pray for continued contact and outreach. **PRIME TIME talk** on Zoom by John Earwicker; this is the second part of his Indian Insights presentation. **FOODBANK** open today; it is still operating as throughout the last six months under COVID restrictions.

**Tuesday Online Alpha** tonight. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Footprints (includes Bible Study group) and Fountain Court. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Rosemary Green, Home, family, church family, Footprints

**WEDNESDAY 04 NOVEMBER:** Pray for Andy Dent, our newly elected warden; pray too that God will prompt a second person to join him as warden. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **LINK & LINK toy library:** thank God for the team making this work so well and pray that

families will come to borrow toys and enjoy connecting with others. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open at lunchtime in the Preston Road Community Centre, pray for Ray Ball and his team and their guests. **Pray for Leilani Jeevaratnam, Penny Smith and their teams**, who minister to residents at Abingdon Court and Fountain Court. **Archway Training** (via Zoom) for newly recruited volunteers. Give thanks for those willing to serve as telephone support volunteers and pray for them and the individuals they will be supporting. **LF Pastoral Care** core team meeting at 2.00pm - pray for wisdom as we seek to “love one another” and give thanks for this team. **Wednesday Online Alpha** tonight. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** French Life Group and Friday Am Women's Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Alison Grieve, Credit Controller

**THURSDAY 05 NOVEMBER:** Pray for Hilary Beale, Philip Bingham and Paul Brombley, deputy wardens elect and Martin Steel, Treasurer elect. (These positions are subject to the PCC appointing them on 21 Nov.) Give thanks for Chris Hodgson, whose term of office has come to an end. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray for all members in these uncertain times.

Remember especially those in Care Homes, still with only limited family visiting. Several residents are finding it very difficult to cope with this, after so many months apart. **SINGING CIRCLE:** Pray for the mums with new babies who are finding it very lonely. **Mission Partner Sheila Furlong** (Archway) contributing to Suicide Multi-Agency Group this morning. Pray for all members making decisions to reduce risk of suicide in our community and for families, individuals and organisations supporting those struggling with thoughts of self-harm. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Gents Who Lunch and Hodgson Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Delyth Hallion-Gammon, Foster parent

**FRIDAY 06 NOVEMBER:** Pray for Phil Adams, Manager of the Barns Café. **FOODBANK** open today. **PRIME TIME walk** this morning. Pray for those who come along, that conversations will be helpful at this difficult time and thank God that we have been able to walk safely in groups of 6 and that the walks are proving popular. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** – pray for prisoners, staff and volunteers in lockdown, there is still no visiting allowed. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Home Communion and Jars of Clay Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Susan Harbour, Strategic Partnerships Manager, single mum

**SATURDAY 07 NOVEMBER:** Heather attending New Wine Preaching Conference, online from Holy Trinity, Leicester. Jason and Sarah Thomas (Mission Partners, Dubai) write “We thank the Lord for recent permission to start gathering again as a church and would love prayers for opportunities to reach out to new people despite restrictions.” **Pray for the team who support residents at Fountain Court.** Methlyn Regisford writes “We have been maintaining weekly telephone contact with those who attended the monthly service, which has been much appreciated. It gives us the opportunity to listen and to offer prayer on a one to one basis. We have also offered doorstep visits on birthdays and given a gift bag. The team shares a monthly Zoom prayer meeting and would value prayers for wisdom as they navigate how best to serve residents in these challenging times.”

**SUNDAY 08 NOVEMBER: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** At 10am Children and Families worship (*YouTube*) *A Hero needs Equipment (Part 2)*; 10.30am NCR Morning Worship (*Livestream*) “Spiritual Gifts” *1 Corinthians 12*; 10.30am LF Morning Worship (*by Zoom*) “The Way of Love” *1 Corinthians 13*. Mission of the Month for November is Tabitha Jordan. We hope to commence physical children’s groups this week for Years 1-6. Three groups will meet this Sunday (2 at NCR and 1 at LF) and three next week. Please pray for wisdom for the team and for safety for all. This week it’s the Green Heroes, Red Heroes and Purple Heroes - A Hero needs Equipment (Part 2)

**MONDAY 09 NOVEMBER:** Pray for the staff team; pray for Nessa Watts, our Curate. Heather attending “The Forge” retreat for Children’s Ministers. Maureen Weston chairing the Trustees Meeting of the Oxford Diocese Mothers’ Union. They will be prayerfully making future plans for Diocesan meetings by Zoom and considering how they can help rebuild hope and confidence. MSG meets at 8.00pm. **Pray for our link schools:** Rush Common Primary (Head Teacher: Jacquie Stevenson) for all staff, pupils, and their families. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Jeeva Life Group and Kitchener’s Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Neil Harrison, Retired

**TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER:** Pray for Ros Steel, Associate Pastor and Pastoral Coordinator. Heather attending “The Forge” retreat for Children’s Ministers. **FOOTPRINTS:** Pray for the team meeting today by Zoom and preparation of the monthly newsletter. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** Pray for companionship among this group. **FOODBANK** open today; they are so grateful for lots of harvest donations from schools and churches. **Tuesday Online Alpha** tonight. **TBC: Hungry - Praise and Prayer** tonight (check news sheet for confirmation/

details). **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Mary & Martha Group and Midweek Prayer Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Pat Herbert, Retired (Wycliffe), helping in church

**WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER:** Pray for **Gabrielle Dent and Janice Wenninger** (Pastoral Visiting). **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **LINK & LINK toy library:** please keep praying for young families. **ARCHWAY Staff Meeting** this morning to review service provision in the context of COVID - pray for creative ideas and mutual support in challenging times. **Chris Bryan** is giving a talk to **MWM** on Zoom, on the work of The Abingdon Bridge. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today at lunchtime in the Preston Road Community Centre, pray for Ray Ball and his team and the guests. **Wednesday Online Alpha** tonight. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Monday Life Group and NCR Pastoral Visiting Networks. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Charles Hipsley, Workplace Ministry

**THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER:** Pray for **Alex Horlock, John Owen, and Sue Robbins** (Prayer Ministry). **SINGING CIRCLE:** Pray for the Zoom meetings, walks and all families engaging with the group. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray for all our members, that the regular phone calls and monthly letters will be an encouragement and support to them. It is also a joy to know all the individual love, concern, contact and support members are expressing and giving to others within the Fellowship. **NCR Lifegroup Leaders** meeting with Keith. **LF Leadership team meeting** at 7.30pm. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** NE/ Peachcroft Network and NW/ Long Furlong Network. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Chris Hodgson, Software Tester

**FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER:** Pray for **Christine Bell** (Pastoral Prayer Ministry). **FOODBANK** open today. **Clothes Bank** open today. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** - pray for prisoners, staff and volunteers in lockdown. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS;** Praydays and PT Network. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Hannah Hornsby, Mum

**SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER:** Please pray for our church **Advent and Christmas plans**, that we reach out with Christ's light to the community - but don't try to do too much! **Pray for plans for gift bags and visits for some of our seniors in December** and for the planning of a Prime Time Christmas Special in December on YouTube. **Peter and Jane Dunn** (Mission Partners, Biglife, UK) write "We have been busy training in 4 locations across Yorkshire, all by Zoom. We have other opportunities to share the vision of disciple making in the North of England and in the East Midlands. Please pray for

wisdom in prioritising of time and relationships as we are currently serving people in over 20 locations across the UK. On a local level, please pray for our meeting to look at the Bible with two friends who are students from India and are searching for faith.”

**SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER:** At NCR: 9.00am HC (BCP) (*video*); 10.30am (*Livestream*) “Love” 1 Corinthians 13; 6.30pm service in church. At LF 10.30am: Morning Worship (*Zoom*) with the Wellspring team and Andrew Turner preaching on “Prophecy, Tongues and Worship” 1 Corinthians 14. Children and Families online service at 10.00am and live groups at 10:30am (NCR) and 10.00am (LF). Topic this week is: A Hero needs Mission (part 1). Groups meeting on site this week are: Blue Heroes, Yellow Heroes and Orange Heroes. Mission of the Month for November is Tabitha Jordan.

**MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER:** Pray for the staff team as they continue to guide and lead us through these difficult times. ARCHWAY Board Meeting at 9.30am; give thanks for the skills and commitments of those who serve “behind the scenes” to ensure good governance. Pray for our link schools: St Nicolas Primary (Head Teacher: Andy Spooner) for all staff, pupils, and their families. CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: PT Walks and Revival Missional Community. CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES: Nick Humphreys, Schoolteacher

**TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER:** Pray for Emma Buckle, Jo Greenaway, Hannah Kitchener (Supervisors) and Jo Walker (Admin), staff of the Barns Café.

Please pray for the FOOTPRINTS team who are planning to deliver Information to each guest about the Advent Living with Loss service in December. Please pray for the planning and preparation of the card. LF COFFEE BREAK: Pray for Shirley Cole and her team. FOODBANK open today; plans for a slightly changed approach to Christmas parcels are under way, anticipating increased demand this year. Gents Who Lunch would have been meeting today; pray for all those who are part of this group. Tuesday Online Alpha tonight. CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: SIMPLE and Snowball Life Group. CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES: Julia Jamieson, Millinery business

**WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER:** Pray for our cleaning and security staff, Mark Chapman, Naomi Challis, John Rowe and Jason Kelly. Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting by Zoom. LINK & LINK toy library: pray that as a church we will find ways to support those families in need. South Abingdon FOODBANK open today at lunchtime in the Preston Road Community Centre, pray for Ray Ball and his team and guests. FRIENDLY CUPPA is meeting monthly by post again. Please pray for those who live alone, especially those without family.



Please pray too for wisdom to know what Christmas activities can be organised. **Mission Partner Sheila Furlong** has a monitoring meeting with a grant funder; pray for constructive discussions. **Wednesday Online Alpha** tonight. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Tattersall Life Group and The Good Shepherd Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Mark Jarvis, AV/IT Technician

**THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER:** Pray for **Roland Knight, Karen Brombley and Val Challis**, Safeguarding Officers, and trainers. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray for all our members, especially those struggling with health and mobility issues, the housebound, those depending on carers and some supporting with the daily care of their partners. **Please pray for SINGING CIRCLE** – for Jane Robinson, her team and all families and their carers. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** The Jesus Lifestyle (now named Higher Ground) and The Rainbow Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Emil Jeevaratnam, part-time GP for MOD

**FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER:** Pray for **John Rogers**, chair of MSG and for all Mission Partners. **FOODBANK** open today. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** - pray for the effects of lockdown on the prisoners, staff and volunteers, who long to be allowed back in to visit the men. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Thursday Afternoon Life Group and Thursday Evening Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Andrew Kitchener, Software Developer

**SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER:** The new **PCC** meets for the first time this morning for a half day of prayer and planning. **ARCHWAY Volunteer Training** (via Zoom). Pray for Louise and Lynne, for their help and encouragement as they facilitate the training. Pray too for those struggling with loneliness, anxiety, depression, eating disorders and any form of mental ill health at this time, that they would receive the help and support they need.

**SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER:** At **NCR: 10.30am Morning Worship (Livestream)** “Worship in Prophecy” **1 Corinthians 14**. At **LF: 10.30am Communion (Zoom)** “Resurrection Hope” **1 Corinthians 15**. Mission of the Month for November is **Tabitha Jordan**. Children and Families online service at **10.00am** and live groups at **10:30am (NCR)** and **10.00am (LF)**. Topic this week is: **A Hero needs Mission (part 2)**. Groups meeting on site this week are: **Green Heroes, Red Heroes and Purple Heroes**.

**MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER:** Pray for the staff team as they seek ways of keeping us together as a worshipping, praying, outward-looking community in these uncertain times. **Please pray for our link schools:** Dunmore Primary



(Head Teacher: Sam Bartholomew) for all staff, pupils, and their families.

**CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Thursday Fellowship and Tuesday Life Group.

**CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Jean Knight, Retired, Lifegroup leader

**TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER:** **FOODBANK** open today; please pray for the continued good health of volunteers as their work gets colder over the coming months.

**FOOTPRINTS:** Pray that guests can continue meeting together in small groups. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** Pray for continued social contact.

**Tuesday Online Alpha** tonight. **CHURCH NETWORKS:** Turner Life Group and Village People. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Roland Knight, Retired, Safeguarding Officer, MSG

**WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER:** **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **LINK & LINK toy library:** pray especially for ways to link up with people who have had babies over this year. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today at lunchtime in the Preston Road Community Centre, pray for Ray Ball and his team and guests. **Wednesday Online Alpha** tonight. **CHRIST CHURCH**

**FRONTLINES:** Jane Lane, Family, listening, pastoral and prayer ministries

**THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER:** **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray for all our Thursday Fellowship members to know how precious they are to God; to continue to grow in their relationship with Him; to call on Him in times of need and to know His grace and love sustaining them. **SINGING CIRCLE:** give thanks for Jane Robinson and her team finding creative ways to connect with young families - walking and online. **Deanery Synod** meets at 7.30pm. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Ticia Lever, Textile artist

**FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER:** **Clothes Bank** open today. **FOODBANK** open today. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** - pray for the effects of lockdown on the prisoners, staff and volunteers, who long to be allowed back in to visit the men. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Ann Logan, Housewife, mother

**SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER:** **Local Houses of Prayer**, please pray for the Lord to raise up more pray-ers for this missional prayer initiative so that Abingdon may be surrounded by prayer and we may prepare the way for the Lord.

**SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER:** **ADVENT SUNDAY:** At NCR **10.30am Morning Worship HC (Livestream) "Hope" 1 Corinthians 15:1-34; 6.30pm service by Zoom.** At LF: LF **Morning Worship (Zoom) "Advent" Mark 13: 24-end.**

Children and Families online service at 10.00am and live groups at 10:30am (NCR) and 10.00am (LF). Topic this week is: A Hero needs Power. Groups

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