



# Christ Church Abingdon

*“With Jesus. Like Jesus. For Jesus”*

## PRAYER DIARY JULY 2021

**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God’s people who are in need. Practise hospitality.**

*Romans 12:12,13*

**SUNDAY 27 JUNE:** At NCR: 10.30am “Growing in Resilience” *Ezra 4* with Mary Hipsley (Livestream and in-person); 6.30pm “Daniel’s Prayer” *Daniel 9:1-19* with Keith Dunnett (outdoor service). At LF: 10.30am “Daniel’s Prayer” *Daniel 9:1-19* with Philip Bingham (Zoom). Heroes Children & Families Video: Heroes in a pickle – David and Jonathan; Northcourt Road Gold Sparks, Yellow Heroes and Blue Heroes meet; Long Furlong Purple and Orange Heroes meet. Children & Families “Forest Church” in LF Community Centre. Younger youth together at 10.30 am at NCR (Pathfinders and Lazars). Sheila Furlong (CEO Archway Foundation) is Mission of the Month for June – congratulations to Sheila on being awarded an MBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List.

**MONDAY 28 JUNE:** Pray for Kath and Phil Cooke, Associate Vicars. Pray for our linked primary schools (Dunmore, Long Furlong, Rush Common, St Nicolas); pray too for secondary school pupils and students in further and higher education.

**ARCHWAY:** Pray for ordinand Philip, starting his summer placement with Archway today. **ALPHA Online** at 7.30pm: How do I resist evil? **Mission Support Group** meets tonight. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Fitzharrys Network and Footprints (includes Bible Study group). **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Frazer MacKenzie, Programme Manager

**TUESDAY 29 JUNE:** Pray for Matt Dobie, Digital Production Manager.

**FOODBANK** open today. **Interviews for the Foodbank coordinator** today; pray for the applicants and wisdom in the appointment. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** Please pray that we may continue to encourage one another amid these uncertain times.

**CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Fountain Court and French Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Hannah Mann, Project Manager

**WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE:** Pray for Phil Adams, Manager of the Barns Café.

**Wednesday 8am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **LINK:** Give thanks for the team, all who have come and for beautiful weather so far on Wednesday mornings so we can meet outside. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today in the Preston Road Community Centre. **Pray for Leilani Jeevaratnam, Methlyn Regisford and Sarah Turner** ministering to the residents of Fountain Court. **JESUS LIFESTYLE** Course tonight. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Friday Am Women's Life Group and Gents Who Lunch. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Alyson Mason, Active retired, gardening

**THURSDAY 01 JULY:** Pray for Emma Buckle, Jo Greenaway, Hannah Kitchener (Supervisors) and Jo Walker (Admin), staff of the Barns Café. **Interviews today for Associate Children's Minister.** Please pray for those people who have applied and for wisdom in the appointment. **SINGING CIRCLE** will continue outside at LF Community Centre. Give thanks that new mums have found the group.

**THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray for all our members and particularly the committee as we seek God's wisdom and guidance for the future of this ministry, with any changes this may mean as we gradually move out of lockdown. **Chris Parkman** (Mission Partner, A Rocha France) is co-leading an Alpha reunion Bible study and shared meal between St Hugh's Anglican and the Église Protestante de Vence. **Justice & Inclusivity team meeting** - please pray for wisdom for how to take steps forward in this whole area. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Higher Ground and Hodgson Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Hermann Matheson, Retired

**FRIDAY 02 JULY:** Pray for Chris Ellaby and Jonny Grange, Worship Pastors. **FOODBANK** open today. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** - Pray that the team can re-establish Alpha as a source of salvation and fellowship for the prisoners. **Remember and pray for all who are longing to meet with other people** but whose physical and / or mental health challenges mean they are unable or find it difficult to do so. **Marquee setup at Dunmore School** for Prayer Space next week. **SPACE Youth** (Years 10-13) in person from 7-8.30pm in Barn 2. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Home Communion and Jars of Clay Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Jan Matheson, Retired

**SATURDAY 03 JULY:** An A Rocha worker said, "I switched... to being a conservationist at heart when I saw the things that I loved being destroyed in a matter of years. The creek that I grew up on was called Swimming Crew; no one swims there now." Some A Rocha groups share the grief that God feels when his creation is destroyed and are called to campaign against it. It is a prophetic role that is personally costly and needs prayer. **A ROCHA is a Mission Partner,**

supporting Chris Parkman and Sarah Walker, Les Courmettes, A Rocha France. **Pray for those with caring responsibilities and those who are vulnerable because of 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 04 JULY:** At NCR: 10.30am “The Hand of God’s Blessing” *Ezra 5 & 6* with Chris Wilson (Livestream and in- person); 6.30pm “Mary’s Prayer” *Luke 1:39-55* (outdoor service). Family picnic today. LF Thank You Day - please pray for people of all ages to connect with God and each other through services in person and online, creative crafts and garden gatherings in the afternoon. ECO Youth Forum 3:30–5:00pm The Bishop of Reading is inviting young people (aged 13 -18) across the diocese to an Eco Youth Forum – a hosted conversation exploring faith, the environment and climate crises and justice. Mission of the Month for July: Jason and Sarah Thomas. They write “Praise the Lord for so many answered prayers with Jason’s visa, and moving back to the UK. Pray for us to know the Lord’s closeness and care as we adjust to this new season.”

**MONDAY 05 JULY:** Pray for the staff team; pray for Nessa Watts, our Curate. Pray for our linked primary schools (Dunmore, Long Furlong, Rush Common, St Nicolas); pray too for secondary school, college and university students. **Prayer Space at Dunmore School** throughout this week, with particular focus on the past year and hopes for the future. **ALPHA Online** at 7.30pm: Does God heal today? **Meeting God in the Silence** will be held in Barn 2 at 9:30am and 7:30pm today. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Jeeva Life Group and Kitchener’s Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Sally Mears, Music Teacher

**TUESDAY 06 JULY:** Pray for Ros Steel, Associate Pastor. **FOOTPRINTS:** The team are sharing lunch together today for their planning meeting. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** Please pray for good weather as we continue to meet outside in a garden. **FOODBANK** open today. We are going to set up listening and signposting for Foodbank clients new to the service from the start of July. The coffee lounge will offer them a safe and private space during normal session times. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Midweek Prayer Group and Monday Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Wendy Morrison, Retired

**WEDNESDAY 07 JULY:** Pray for Sue Quantick, Older Person’s Ministry Leader. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **Please pray for LINK families** as they meet outside for fun and friendship. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open

today in the Preston Road Community Centre. **ARCHWAY Policy Group** meets this evening. Give thanks for volunteers' willingness to share time and expertise to review and develop Archway's policies. **Pray for the team led by Penny Smith and Maggie Baker Rawle** at Abingdon Court Care Home. Please pray for the residents and staff, and for the team as they continue to video services for them. Pray that they will be able to go in to see them soon. **A ROCHA International** board meeting today (on Zoom). **LF Pastoral Care Group** meets for prayer. **JESUS LIFESTYLE Course** tonight. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** NCR Pastoral Visiting Networks and NE/ Peachcroft Network. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Yvonne Nex, Retired

**THURSDAY 08 JULY:** **Pray for Alex Horlock, John Owen, and Sue Robbins** (Prayer Ministry). Pray for Alex Horlock in her role as Pastoral Care Team Leader, especially with the My Pandemic Experience project. Please pray for everyone in the team, that they will be full of faith, zeal and endurance as they serve the church. May we transition back to in-person ministry with care and sensitivity. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Pray for those who have become housebound during the past 18 months and those recovering from surgery, that they will receive all the love, care and support they need to make good progress and feel loved and upheld. Pray that as church family we don't forget them. **SINGING CIRCLE:** Singing Circle continues outside at LF Community Centre. Give thanks and pray for good weather each week. **GENESIS Youth Group** (Years 7-9) at 6.30pm. **Astronomy evening** at Les Courmettes (A Rocha France). **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** NW/ Long Furlong Network and Praydays. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Meg Oakey, Veterinary Nurse

**FRIDAY 09 JULY:** **Pray for Gabrielle Dent and Janice Wenninger** (Pastoral Visiting). **Pray for Christine Bell** (Pastoral Prayer Ministry). **FOODBANK** open today. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** - Pray that the team can re-establish Alpha as a source of salvation and fellowship for the prisoners. **SPACE Youth** (Years 10-13) in person from 7-8.30pm in Barn 2. **A ROCHA France:** Nature outing with the public – focus on bats at Les Courmettes. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** PT Network and PT Walks. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Lydia Owen, Research Nurse

**SATURDAY 10 JULY:** **Men@CCA Summer BBQ** is being held online today. **Sarah Walker** writes "Please give thanks with us for a wonderful A Rocha Festival! People report they learned a lot about current conservation issues and about the diversity of what others in the family are doing." **Latest updates from Viva** (Mission Partner) **MYANMAR:** Pray for network members suffering and struggling with food provision amidst spiking inflation caused by the shutdown of the

country in protest to the military coup. VENEZUELA: Pray for the success of the network's family microenterprise project. ZIMBABWE: Pray for the network's influential role in protecting more children from harm in Harare.

**SUNDAY 11 JULY:** At NCR: 10.30am "The Centrality of God's Word" *Ezra 7* with Andrew Coleby (Livestream and in-person); 6.30pm "The Believer's Prayer" *Acts 4:23-31* with Joanna Savage (outdoor service). At LF: 10.30am morning worship on Zoom - Wellspring leading and Sandra Pike preaching on "The Believer's Prayer" in *Acts 4*. Heroes Children & Families Video: Heroes in a pickle – Daniel & the lions. Northcourt Road Silver Sparks, Green Heroes and Red Heroes meet; Long Furlong Purple Heroes meet. Younger youth together at 10.30 am at NCR (Pathfinders and Lazars). Eco-Adventure: A Rocha France and Scripture Union are running a creation-themed children's camp from 11 to 17 July. Mission of the Month for July: Jason and Sarah Thomas.

**MONDAY 12 JULY:** Pray for the staff team; pray for our cleaning staff, Mark Chapman and Naomi Challis. Give thanks for John Rowe who is retiring and pray for a new appointment. Pray for our linked primary schools (Dunmore, Long Furlong, Rush Common, St Nicolas); pray too for secondary school pupils, college and university students. ALPHA Online at 7.30pm: What about the church? PCC meets tonight, pray for all PCC members, for wisdom and discernment. Please pray for Maureen Weston as she chairs the Oxford Diocese Mothers' Union Trustees Meeting today, as plans are developed for mission, both locally and internationally, through a wide variety of projects. Pray for John Earwicker and the team planning for JOY! the Prime Time summer event. CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Revival Missional Community and SIMPLE. CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES: Sam Partington, Software Engineer

**TUESDAY 13 JULY:** Pray for Andy Dent and Andy Lowe, church wardens. **FOODBANK** open today. We would like to find more people to join our management committee, please pray that the right people will come forward to join us. **FOOTPRINTS:** Pray for the July newsletter which will share with guests when Footprints plans to restart, also the details of the Garden Party in August. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** We ask for wisdom in planning meetings, which will continue to take place over the summer. **Morning Services Team** meets tonight, exploring the pattern of services for September. Please continue to pray for wisdom in what we do/don't do and for us to walk at God's pace. **Count Us In: Taking Practical Action for Creation Care** – a webinar led by our Eco-church team exploring how we build a greener "new normal". **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:**

Snowball Life Group and Tattersall Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Rosemary Phillips, Retired

**WEDNESDAY 14 JULY:** Pray for Hilary Beale, Philip Bingham and Paul Brombley, deputy wardens and Martin Steel, treasurer. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **ARCHWAY's Leadership Team** meeting this morning. Pray that staff will feel supported in their demanding work and ongoing uncertainties. **LINK:** Last session before the summer holidays; please pray for families through the summer, especially those who are lonely or struggling. Pray too for wisdom for the LINK team as we think ahead to the autumn term. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today in the Preston Road Community Centre. **FRIENDLY CUPPA** is having another meeting outside today - Garden Cuppa. Please pray for another fine, dry afternoon and give thanks for the June outdoor meeting being so good. **Ashleigh Gibb** (Mission Partner) writes, "I will be back to my Master's course residential from 14-16 July for Part 2 of coaching and mentoring. This time I will be assessed by giving a presentation around a particular question on coaching and mentoring, so all your prayers are needed for this, as I spend this month working on it, that I will present it with confidence and clarity." **JESUS LIFESTYLE Course** this evening. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** The Good Shepherd Life Group and The Rainbow Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Ron Pike, Church groups and gardening

**THURSDAY 15 JULY:** Pray for Roland Knight, Karen Brombley and Val Challis, Safeguarding Officers and Trainers. **SINGING CIRCLE:** Singing Circle continues outside at LF Community Centre. Pray for all those who come along week by week. **Members of MSG** meeting with Tabitha Jorden (Mission Partner) in the café today. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray that every member of our Fellowship will know God's loving presence with them, especially the many who live alone. Give thanks that people have been supported by phone calls, doorstep visits and letters. **Mentoring Group** meets with Ros Steel. **Associate Youth Pastor** interviews today; pray for wisdom and guidance. **GENESIS Youth Group** (Years 7-9) at 6.30pm. **Astronomy evening** at Les Courmettes (A Rocha France). **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Thursday Afternoon Life Group and Thursday Evening Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Sandra Pike, Church and community

**FRIDAY 16 JULY:** Pray for John Rogers, chair of MSG and Mission Partners Tabitha Jorden, Martin Riddall, Andy and Andrea Warner, Chris and Suzy Wilson. **FOODBANK** open today. **Short walk led by Maggie Snowball**, from Abbey Gardens around the river to Annie's, meeting at 10 am. All are welcome, suitable for rollators. **A ROCHA France:** Nature outing with the public – focus on nocturnal birds of prey. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** - Pray that the team can re-establish Alpha as a source of salvation and fellowship for the

prisoners. **SPACE Youth** (Years 10-13) in person from 7-8.30pm in Barn 2. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Thursday Fellowship and Tuesday Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Philippa Pointer, Family

**SATURDAY 17 JULY:** **News from Peter and Jane Dunn** (Mission Partners, Bigife, UK) We give thanks for the Lord sustaining us in terms of health and energy. As lockdown eases, we're adjusting to a new way of working and need wisdom in terms of balance of in-person meetings and the ongoing use of Zoom. Many people, particularly across the UK, are asking about Biglife and disciple making, but we need to keep in step with the Spirit in terms of the use of our time.

**SUNDAY 18 JULY:** At NCR: 10.30am "A Revival of Holiness" *Ezra 9 & 10* with Simon Steer (Livestream and in-person); 6.30pm "Jesus' Prayer" *John 17:6-26* with David Tyler (outdoor service). At LF: 10.30am morning worship on Zoom – "Paul's Prayer" *Ephesians 1* with Del Walker. **Heroes Children & Families Video:** Heroes in a pickle – Deborah. Northcourt Road Gold Sparks, Yellow Heroes and Blue Heroes meet. Long Furlong Orange Heroes meet. Younger youth together at 10.30 am at NCR (Pathfinders and Lazars). A ROCHA France: Choral week begins – mornings spent learning harmonies and songs, with afternoons spent in creation. **Mission of the Month for July:** Jason and Sarah Thomas.

**MONDAY 19 JULY:** **Pray for the staff team; pray for Keith Dunnett**, our vicar. **Pray for our linked primary schools** (Dunmore, Long Furlong, Rush Common, St Nicolas); pray too for secondary school, college and university students, at the end of a difficult school year and remember all those who are moving on or awaiting moderated exam results. School summer holidays begin this week. **APPRENTICE**, our Year 5 & 6 life group meets today for a social. **ALPHA Online** at 7.30pm: How do I make the most of the rest of my life? **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Turner Life Group and Village People. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Simon Powdrill, Minibus driver

**TUESDAY 20 JULY:** **Pray for Heather Hughes**, Children's Minister. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** Pray that we may be able to meet inside today for the first time. **ARCHWAY's Service Development Group** meets. Pray for wisdom and sensitivity in planning and communicating the next steps as/when restrictions ease. **GENTS WHO LUNCH** – some are considering a staged resumption of meeting together again. **FOOTPRINTS:** Give thanks that over the past month, we have been able to meet in small groups of six and it has been a real joy to see people connecting again - this will continue during the summer. **FOODBANK** open today. Pray for guidance as we seek to extend our role within the community. **CHRIST CHURCH**

**NETWORKS:** After Eight and Barnabas Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Hugh Price, Secondary school teacher

**WEDNESDAY 21 JULY:** Pray for **Bea Ellaby**, Youth Pastor. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today in the Preston Road Community Centre. **JESUS LIFESTYLE Course** this evening. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Bible Journalling and Bingham Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Samantha Primmer, Primary school teacher

**THURSDAY 22 JULY:** Pray for **Clint McVea**, Operations Manager. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Give thanks for Roland Knight and Spencer White for their faithful visits each week to deliver news sheets and CDs of the Sunday services. Thank God too for Sue Quantick, as she seeks to support all the different ministry groups for older people with her love and wisdom. **SINGING CIRCLE:** This is the last session before the summer holidays. Pray for Jane Robinson and her team and for guests and their families over the summer break. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** LF Coffee Break and Coffee Cake and Chat. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Brian Privett, Footprints

**FRIDAY 23 JULY:** Pray for **Suzie Miles**, Church Administrator and Vicar's PA. **FOODBANK** open today. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** - Pray that the team can re-establish Alpha as a source of salvation and fellowship for the prisoners. **Church walk today**, led by David and Elizabeth Wadham. **Pray for people to have times of rest and refreshment** in the coming months as so many are weary. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Earwicker Life Group and Faith and Cake Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Claire Proudman, BRF Support Services

**SATURDAY 24 JULY:** **Prayer points from Peter and Jane Dunn** (Mission Partners) Pray for those who are putting some of the principles of Biglife into practice, that they may be empowered by the Spirit and persevere in sharing faith and making disciples. We praise the Lord for a number of people emerging as leaders within the ministry. Please pray for us as we gather these folk together periodically for training, encouragement and prayer. **A ROCHA France:** Nature outing with the public – focus on butterflies.

**SUNDAY 25 JULY:** One service today, **Christ Church Together All Age Worship** at 10.30am in the car park at NCR, with worship led by the youth. Pray for **Discovery and nature week** with **A Rocha Switzerland**, hosted by **A Rocha France**. Pray for **New Wine Abingdon**, 29 July – 3 August; **whole church socials** 30 July – 1 August; **JOY! Prime Time** summer event, 5 – 8 August. **Mission of the Month for July:** Jason and Sarah Thomas.