



CHRIST CHURCH

ABINGDON

PRAYER DIARY AUGUST 2021

Jesus said, "Come off by yourselves; let's take a break and get a little rest." For there was constant coming and going. *Mark 6:31 (The Message)*

SUNDAY 25 JULY: One service only today, Christ Church Together All Age Worship at 11am outdoors at NCR, with worship led by our youth. The theme in August will be "Meals with Jesus". LF Garden Gatherings at 3pm. Discovery and nature week with A Rocha Switzerland, hosted by A Rocha France. Mission of the Month for July: Jason and Sarah Thomas. Please pray for refreshment for all over the summer and continuing wisdom in planning, that we listen to the Lord as our Good Shepherd and walk with Him.

MONDAY 26 JULY: Pray for Kath and Phil Cooke, Associate Vicars. Pray for the number of young people seeking counselling and support at The Abingdon Bridge. We seek God's guidance in helping them to become more resilient. Pray also that an additional counsellor will be appointed to ease the backlog on the waiting list. Foodbank steering group meeting today.

ARCHWAY Board meets tonight. Give thanks for the commitment of the Trustees and pray for the recruitment of a Fund-raising Trustee and a Digital/IT Trustee. Sheila Furlong, CEO, is a Mission Partner. **Barns Café Directors** meet tonight. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Fitzharrys Network and Footprints (includes Bible Study group) **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Joanna Reinders-Green, Pharmaceutical financial consultant

TUESDAY 27 JULY: Pray for Matt Dobie, Digital Production Manager. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** We give thanks for friends and the connection, laughter, strength and encouragement that they give. Please pray for peace and healing for those who are fearful and carrying heavy burdens. **FOODBANK** open today. We welcome Aga, the new Foodbank coordinator, who is getting to know our volunteers and will be taking on additional administrative tasks once she has settled in. **John Owen and the Alpha Team** will be leading short devotional services in the prison and visiting men on the wings every Tuesday

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Fountain Court and French Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Pearl Renshaw, Retired

WEDNESDAY 28 JULY: Pray for Phil Adams, Manager of the Barns Café.

Wednesday 8am prayer meeting by Zoom. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Friday Am Women's Life Group and Gents Who Lunch **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Vicky Russell, Healthcare

THURSDAY 29 JULY: Pray for Emma Buckle, Jo Greenaway, Hannah Kitchener (Supervisors) and Jo Walker (Admin), staff of the Barns Café. **NEW WINE: UNITED BREAKS OUT!** Pray for all those attending the main sessions and seminars streamed into church, the children's New Wine Holiday Club and Youth Fest. Bea says "Please pray for the core team for Youth Fest (Mark, Vicky, Lydia, Bea, Dave, Ian and Beth) and for the young people to have a blessed time together and to meet with Jesus. Pray for us to connect well with each other and with Jesus." **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray for the families of Viola Crowe and Glynis Boyland, two dear elderly members who died in recent weeks We thank God for our memories of them both. **A Rocha France, Les Courmettes:** Nature walks - Astronomy / star gazing. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Higher Ground and Hodgson Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Will Russell, IT Consultant

FRIDAY 30 JULY: Pray for Chris Ellaby and Jonny Grange, Worship Pastors. **FOODBANK** open today. Many of our volunteers are taking holidays, we pray that gaps in the rota will be swiftly covered as others are forced to isolate. **NEW WINE: UNITED BREAKS OUT! Summer Social** – BBQ tonight. **Youth Fest:** pray for us to grow in depth in our faith, and in our friendships. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Home Communion and Jars of Clay Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Hilary Russell-Smith, Active retired

SATURDAY 31 JULY: **NEW WINE: UNITED BREAKS OUT! Summer Social** – Cream tea this afternoon. **Youth Fest:** pray for us as we seek to help serve the church afternoon tea. **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 01 AUGUST: At NCR: 11am New Wine morning celebration, followed by church picnic lunch. At LF: 9.30am Holy Communion at LF School; 10.30am - LF Zoom catch-up, then join and watch New Wine at 11am, followed by picnic at NCR. 6.30pm does New Wine (in church). Youth Fest asks - pray for us to learn how to love God fully. A Rocha France, Les Courmettes: Conference week - Psychology and Faith.

MONDAY 02 AUGUST: Pray for the staff team; pray for Nessa Watts, our Curate. **NEW WINE: UNITED BREAKS OUT!** Pray that everyone who has taken part will be blessed. **Youth Fest:** pray for us to look for the lost and welcome them into our family. **Let us offer thanks to the Lord** for the way he has provided additional resources to allow The Abingdon Bridge to expand and extend its support to the growing number of young people at a time when it is most needed. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Jeeva Life Group and Kitchener's Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Stephen Russell-Smith, Active retired

TUESDAY 03 AUGUST: Pray for Ros Steel, Associate Pastor. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** Coffee Break will continue to meet weekly in the park or a garden on Tuesdays throughout August. Please pray for dry weather and a time of rest and refreshment especially for those caring for children or elderly relatives.

FOODBANK open today. **John Owen and the Alpha Team** will be leading short devotional services in the prison and visiting men on the wings every Tuesday. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Midweek Prayer Group and Monday Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Michael Sams, Retired

WEDNESDAY 04 AUGUST: Pray for Sue Quantick, Older Person's Ministry Leader. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today, a big increase in client numbers has kept the team very busy. **Pray for Leilani Jeevaratnam, Methlyn Regisford and Sarah Turner** ministering to the residents of Fountain Court. The team are waiting to be able to join the folk from Fountain Court and plan to have a cream tea in August if permitted. **Pray for the team led by Penny Smith and Maggie Baker Rawle** at Abingdon Court Care Home. Please pray for the residents and the staff as they work through the latest COVID changes and for the group as we discuss with them how to proceed. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** NCR Pastoral Visiting Networks and NE/ Peachcroft Network **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Joyce Samuel, Nurse

THURSDAY 05 AUGUST: Pray for Alex Horlock, John Owen, and Sue Robbins (Prayer Ministry). Please pray for the Prayer Ministry Team as they take a

break over the summer period. As they rest, may they know the close presence of the Lord. **JOY! – Prime Time Summer Event begins**, pray for all guests to feel acknowledged and welcomed. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP**: Please pray for members who may be feeling vulnerable or anxious as COVID restrictions have eased. **SINGING CIRCLE** is taking a break in August, restarting on Thursday 9th September. Please pray that the families will find enough to do during the holidays and that it will be a time of enjoyment for them all. **A Rocha France, Les Courmettes**: Nature walks - Astronomy / star gazing. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS**: NW/ Long Furlong Network and Praydays **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES**: Caroline Sanderson, Legal Services Manager, Baptist Union of Great Britain

FRIDAY 06 AUGUST: Pray for **Gabrielle Dent and Janice Wenninger** (Pastoral Visiting). Pray for **Christine Bell** (Pastoral Prayer Ministry). **FOODBANK** open today. Numbers have been up in Northcourt too, and we are finding it necessary to supplement our stocks of food most weeks. **A Rocha France, Les Courmettes**: Nature walks - Nocturnal birds of prey. **JOY! – Prime Time Summer Event**, pray for John Earwicker and his team, for smooth execution of plans and preparation. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS**: PT Network and PT Walks **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES**: Steve Sanderson, Deputy Director of Mission, BMS World Mission

SATURDAY 07 AUGUST: **JOY! – Prime Time Summer Event**, pray for safety and enjoyment for all as people take part in the morning sessions and go out on activities this afternoon.

SUNDAY 08 AUGUST: At NCR: 11am **JOY! Prime Time** led service. 6.30pm “Deeper” (outdoors). At LF: 10.30am Prayer and Praise on Zoom. Pray for the final day of **JOY!** with a celebration lunch and afternoon activities. **A Rocha France, Les Courmettes**: Family Camp – God, Nature and Me.

MONDAY 09 AUGUST: Pray for the staff team; pray for our cleaning staff, Mark Chapman, and Naomi Challis. **Local House of Prayer** is having a break from formal meetings over August and will restart on 3 September, but over the summer will continue to pray for Abingdon, our front lines and our 'fives' and hope to do some prayer walking. Please pray for continued vision and strength and for eyes to see what the Lord is doing with and in the people around us. Pray too for more people to come to a living faith through our witness. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS**: Revival Missional Community and SIMPLE **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES**: Carl Savage, IT Consultant

TUESDAY 10 AUGUST: Pray for Andy Dent and Andy Lowe, church wardens. Pray for all those young people receiving their A level results today. This has been a particularly stressful time for all examination students, and we pray that they all receive the support they need in order to move to the next step in their journey. **FOODBANK** open today. We give thanks for the generous supplies of fresh food, fruit and vegetables, which are so welcome to many of our clients. **John Owen and the Alpha Team** will be leading short devotional services in the prison and visiting men on the wings every Tuesday. **Andy and Andrea Warner** (Mission Partners) visit the Turner Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Snowball Life Group and Tattersall Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Ruth Savage, Family and community

WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST: Pray for Hilary Beale, Philip Bingham and Paul Brombley, deputy wardens, and **Martin Steel**, treasurer. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **Friendly Cuppa** today in Jane Robinson's garden. Give thanks for the lovely weather we had for the July meeting and pray for similar today! Please pray too for good health for the several group members who are ill at this time. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** The Good Shepherd Life Group and The Rainbow Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Jackie Sheppard, Film producer

THURSDAY 12 AUGUST: Pray for Roland Knight, Karen Brombley and Val Challis, Safeguarding Officers and Trainers. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray for members who are housebound and dependent on carers, or those living in care homes, to know God's love for them. May we continue to keep in touch, pray, and visit when allowed. **Pray for all students receiving their GCSE results today** as they plan their next steps towards post 16 education and training. Whilst some will be delighted and others may be disappointed, may they all learn to put their trust in the Lord and not to be afraid of what tomorrow brings. **A Rocha France, Les Courmettes:** Nature walks - Astronomy & star gazing. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Thursday Afternoon Life Group and Thursday Evening Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Elizabeth Shipman, Secondary school teacher

FRIDAY 13 AUGUST: Pray for John Rogers, chair of MSG and our Mission Partners - Peter and Jane Dunn, Sheila Furlong, Ashleigh Gibb, Tabitha Jorden, Martin Riddall, Jason and Sarah Thomas, Sarah Walker and Chris Parkman, Andy and Andrea Warner, Chris and Suzy Wilson, Viva. **FOODBANK** open today. Northcourt Road has been operating from the car park. Pray for continued fine weather and safety as so many people are on the move during

each session. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Thursday Fellowship and Tuesday Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Timothy Shipman, Trust Manager **SATURDAY 14 AUGUST:** News from Viva (Mission Partner) Zambia is still experiencing their third wave of COVID with schools closed as well as other restrictions. Please pray that children would continue learning and kept safe from the various risks with not being in school. Pray that people will adhere to the guidelines and also for increase in the vaccine roll-out and the current shortage of vaccines available. Our partner network Samalani Children at Risk (SCAR) Network is hosting a series of radio programmes on “Protecting children together during COVID-19”. Pray that this reaches those who need to hear it and that it would result in children being protected and able to access resources while at home.

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST: At NCR: 9am HC (Common Worship); 11am AAW; 6.30pm “Deeper” (outdoors). At LF: 10.30am Walk and Worship. A Rocha France, Les Courmettes: Conference week - A Rocha France Ambassadors – training week (Sarah Walker will be part of a panel session on links between faith and environmental engagement). Chris Parkman is preaching at St John’s Anglican Church, Menton. Chris and Sarah are Mission Partners. The Eco Church steering group meets amid growing concern about the state of the earth. Pray for wisdom in planning and boldness in our response. The July heat waves in Western Canada did not just break records but far exceeded the gradual heating that climate scientists expected. This is climate chaos. Yet many, including evangelicals, refuse to believe that it is happening. A Rocha are helping churches to respond and speak up for the poor and vulnerable who suffer most. **A group from CCA will be participating in the YCCN (Young Christian Climate Network) COP26 Relay Walk from Brill to Oxford.** (COP refers to the decision-making body of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. At the summit, delegates including heads of state, climate experts and negotiators will come together to agree coordinated action to tackle climate change.)

MONDAY 16 AUGUST: Pray for the staff team; pray for Keith Dunnett, our vicar. Jason and Sarah Thomas (Mission Partners) are currently in Abingdon. They ask, “Please pray for us as a family as we adjust to life in the UK, and that our time in bible college would be spiritually refreshing and equip us for a life-time of ministry.” **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Turner Life Group and Village People **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Shirley Shipman Ford, Principal Lecturer

TUESDAY 17 AUGUST: Pray for Heather Hughes, Children's Minister.

FOODBANK open today. **John Owen and the Alpha Team** will be leading short devotional services in the prison and visiting men on the wings every Tuesday. **GENTS WHO LUNCH** - a pioneer group will be at The Spread Eagle at 12:30pm. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** After Eight and Barnabas Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Gill Shore, Retired, Thursday Fellowship

WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST: Pray for Bea Ellaby, Youth Pastor. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **ARCHWAY leadership team** meet this morning. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Bible Journalling and Bingham Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** John Shore, Retired, Thursday Fellowship, "Open the Book" school assemblies

THURSDAY 19 AUGUST: Pray for Clint McVea, Operations Manager.

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP: Pray that those able to have holiday breaks will be refreshed and restored and that others will have opportunities for days out and meeting up with friends and family. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** LF Coffee Break and Coffee Cake and Chat **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Maggie Snowball, Retired, Lifegroup leader, Visiting team, Barns Cafe

FRIDAY 20 AUGUST: Pray for Suzie Miles, Church Administrator and Vicar's PA. **FOODBANK** open today. We are planning to set up more private opportunities for clients to have conversations and signposting for additional help. Please pray that the experienced team members who will carry this out will be able to use their skills wisely. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Earwicker Life Group and Faith and Cake Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Ray Stanyon, Development and Support Officer, URC

SATURDAY 21 AUGUST: Prayer points from Peter and Jane Dunn (Mission Partners, Biglife) - Give thanks for new opportunities continuing to open up to share the vision of disciple making and to offer training and support. In the past month we have new opportunities in South Wales, London, Pontefract and Castleford. Pray for wisdom as we transition out of lockdown to meeting some people face to face, while continuing to do much online.

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST: At NCR: 9am HC (BCP) on Zoom; 11am morning worship (HC); 6.30pm "Loving Upwards" (outdoors). At LF 10.30am Stories and Songs – outside LF school, or on Zoom if wet. At 3pm - LF Garden Gatherings. A Rocha France, Les Courmettes: Conference week - Imago Dei (private Christian group)

MONDAY 23 AUGUST: Pray for Kath and Phil Cooke, Associate Vicars. **Years 7 and 8 Activity Day** at church - also the day the Associate Youth Pastor is set to start. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Fitzharrys Network and Footprints (includes Bible Study group) **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Cian Stavers, Viva

TUESDAY 24 AUGUST: Pray for Matt Dobie, Digital Production Manager. **FOODBANK** open today. We are considering ways forward to extend the role of the Foodbank within the community. We would value prayer as we try to decide what should be our next steps. **FOOTPRINTS:** Garden Party today in Drayton. We hope and pray our guests will feel comfortable about gathering together. It will be the first time we have met since the pandemic began.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Fountain Court and French Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Simon Steer, School chaplain

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THURSDAY 26 AUGUST: Pray for Emma Buckle, Jo Greenaway, Hannah Kitchener (Supervisors) and Jo Walker (Admin), staff of the Barns Café.

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP: Please pray for our plans and great anticipation as we look forward to starting up our meetings again next week. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Higher Ground and Hodgson Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Christine Talbot, Retired

FRIDAY 27 AUGUST: Pray for Chris Ellaby and Jonny Grange, Worship Pastors. **FOODBANK** open today. **A Rocha France, Les Courmettes:** Nature walks – Bats. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Home Communion and Jars of Clay Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Anne Taylor, Children's Community Complex Care Nurse

SATURDAY 28 AUGUST: Prayer points from Peter and Jane Dunn - Give thanks for the training of leaders in Slovenia on a monthly basis. Pray that they will be encouraged to put things into practice and see fruit. Pray also for the growth of the small emerging team in Germany. Pray that we will be able to encourage those learning and putting into practice lessons on disciple making across the UK. We meet every day with people to encourage and serve.

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST: At NCR: 11am Morning Worship; 6.30pm "Loving Outwards" HC (outdoors). At LF: 10.30am Forest Church (outdoor worship,

whatever the weather!) Chris Parkman is preaching at St John's Anglican Church, Menton, France.

MONDAY 30 AUGUST: Pray for the staff team; pray for Nessa Watts, our Curate. **ARCHWAY:** a prayer for wisdom in trying to transition from services provided during the pandemic to ones appropriate to the lifting of restrictions whilst being mindful of the need for safety and care. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Jeeva Life Group and Kitchener's Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Graham Taylor, University

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THURSDAY 02 SEPTEMBER: Pray for Alex Horlock, John Owen, and Sue Robbins (Prayer Ministry). **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray for us as we meet today for "Welcome Back", with time to chat over coffee, tea and cake, followed by opportunities to share COVID experiences or concerns, facilitated by Sue Quantick. There will be a short service. **Our church wardens, Andy Lowe and Andy Dent,** are sworn in by the bishop at a service in Steventon church this tea-time. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** NW/ Long Furlong Network and Praydays **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Wendy Thornton, Retired

FRIDAY 03 SEPTEMBER: Pray for Gabrielle Dent and Janice Wenninger (Pastoral Visiting). Pray for Christine Bell (Pastoral Prayer Ministry). **FOODBANK** open today. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** PT Network and PT Walks **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Bowen Tian, Pharmaceutical Scientist

The September prayer diary will begin on Saturday 4th September.