



Christ Church Abingdon

"With Jesus. Like Jesus. For Jesus"

PRAYER DIARY JUNE 2021

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.

Rescue me from my enemies, LORD, for I hide myself in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground. *Psalm 143: 8-10 (NIV)*

SUNDAY 30 MAY: At 10.30am NCR: Christ Church Together All Age Worship "Hospitality on Trinity Sunday" Led by Keith and Bea from the Barns Café, an inspiring talk by Heather, and a fascinating interview with Emma Watson. At 6.30pm "Prayerfulness" *Romans 8:26-30* with Mike Haywood, service is outside for the first time since lockdown, where we can sing! Prayers are appreciated for continuing discernment and wisdom as we plan for the coming months. Sheila Furlong is Mission of the Month for June.

MONDAY 31 MAY: Pray for Kath and Phil Cooke, Associate Vicars. Pray for leaders of churches, community groups and charities navigating the challenges of returning to the "new normal". Pray for our linked primary schools (Dunmore, Long Furlong, Rush Common, St Nicolas) and pray for secondary school pupils - pray for all those on half term holiday. Pray for students in further and higher education. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Fitzharrys Network and Footprints (includes Bible Study group). **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Susan Harbour, Strategic Partnerships Manager

TUESDAY 01 JUNE: Pray for Matt Dobie, Digital Production Manager.

FOOTPRINTS: The Footprints team is beginning to arrange small gatherings for guests, both in homes and at the Barns Cafe over the next few weeks.

ARCHWAY's Staff & Volunteer Peer support group meets (via Zoom) at midday. Give thanks for volunteer commitment and pray for more volunteers to meet service demand. **FOODBANK** open today, please pray for the recruitment and appointment of a new coordinator. **The Barns Cafe** is launching its enhanced summer menu today, so prayer would be appreciated

for that and for the team as they continue to get used to serving in the cafe after a long time off. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** Please pray for those in the group who have been bereaved during the lockdown. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Fountain Court and French Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Neil Harrison, Retired

WEDNESDAY 02 JUNE: Pray for Phil Adams, Manager of the Barns Café. Several the café's community groups are up and running, so please pray for them as they come together and provide a key link for people. **Wednesday 8am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **LINK** – pray for LINK families over half term. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today in the Preston Road Community Centre, pray for Ray Ball and his team and guests. **LF Pastoral Care** core team meeting today. **Pray for Leilani Jeevaratnam, Methlyn Regisford and Sarah Turner** ministering to the residents of Fountain Court. "We give thanks for the Lord's protection in keeping residents safe and Covid free. We pray that with the easing of Covid regulations the use of the lounge will be restored. We ask for God's guidance and wisdom for the team, as to how to resume sharing God's love there." **JESUS LIFESTYLE** Course tonight. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Friday Am Women's Life Group and Gents Who Lunch. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Mike Haywood, Active retired

THURSDAY 03 JUNE: Pray for Emma Buckle, Jo Greenaway, Hannah Kitchener (Supervisors) and Jo Walker (Admin), staff of the Barns Café. The team will be promoting and probably hosting many conversations surrounding the 'My Pandemic Experience' project, so please pray for that. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray that many of our members will be able to enjoy the opportunities we have now to meet for coffees/teas/lunches whilst still supporting one another and keeping in touch in other ways. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Higher Ground and Hodgson Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Pat Herbert, Active retired (former Mission Partner, Wycliffe Bible Translators)

FRIDAY 04 JUNE: Pray for Chris Ellaby and Jonny Grange, Worship Pastors. **FOODBANK** open today. **Prayer for the Abingdon Foodbanks** is between 10:30 and 11:30am. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** - give thanks for answered prayers that the ministry will be able to resume soon. **Youth gaming evening** tonight. **A Rocha France** residential board meeting at Les Courmettes (4-6 June), along with the full team from A Rocha France's two centres – setting vision and the first in-person meeting in 18 months. **Sarah Walker and Chris Parkman** (A Rocha, France) are Mission Partners.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Home Communion and Jars of Clay Life Group.

CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES: Charles Hipsley, Workplace Ministry

SATURDAY 05 JUNE: A Rocha Forum Festival (5-11 June) - Sarah is organising this virtual week-long event with conference talks, films, prayer time and much more, across 12 time zones. Pray for good engagement, smooth technology, minimal logistical errors and that everyone feels even more part of the A Rocha family at the end of the week! **SPACE Band** is having a recording session today. **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 06 JUNE: At NCR: 10.30am **"Freedom to Return" Ezra 1** with Keith Dunnett (Livestream and small in-person congregation). At LF: 10.30am **Prayers of God's People "Moses' Prayer" Exodus 33:12-23 (Zoom)**. Younger youth together looking at Mark's gospel (Pathfinders and Lazars); 4 Filled looking at verses that change our lives. Please pray for children and families who have found Zoom particularly challenging. Sheila Furlong is Mission of the Month.

MONDAY 07 JUNE: 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 for secondary school, college and university students - for all students and staff in schools, further and higher education to stay safe and Covid free as schools return after half term. **Barns Café Directors** meet at 7:30pm. **Meeting God in the Silence** will be held in Barn 2 from 9:30am and 7:30pm respectively. **Rock Pool Webinar** today on Covid 19 & Cultural Trauma, as part of our Pastoral training. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Jeeva Life Group and Kitchener's Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Chris Hodgson, Software tester

TUESDAY 08 JUNE: Pray for Ros Steel, Associate Pastor. **FOOTPRINTS:** Team Zoom meeting today. Pray for the trustees at **The Abingdon Bridge** as they prepare for their AGM this evening. They will be reflecting on the provision of their new premises which are now meeting the needs of the increasing number of young people coping with stress, anxiety and depression - including many in the North Abingdon area. **FOODBANK** open today. LF

COFFEE BREAK: We hope to meet in a private garden for the first time today. **SPACE Band** rehearsal sessions tonight. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Midweek Prayer Group and Monday Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Nick Humphreys, Teacher

WEDNESDAY 09 JUNE: Pray for Sue Quantick, Older Person's Ministry Leader. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **Please pray for LINK families** as LINK continues on Wednesday mornings - give thanks for the team and all who come. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today in the Preston Road Community Centre, pray for Ray Ball and his team and guests. **FRIENDLY CUPPA** Garden Party today. Please pray for fine weather, that people will be happy to meet up again without anxiety and that we don't go above the legal size for group meetings. **Pray for the team led by Penny Smith and Maggie Baker Rawle** at Abingdon Court Care Home. **JESUS LIFESTYLE Course** tonight. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** NCR Pastoral Visiting Networks and NE/ Peachcroft Network. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Julia Jamieson, Millinery business

THURSDAY 10 JUNE: Pray for Alex Horlock, John Owen and Sue Robbins (Prayer Ministry). Pray too for Alex in her role as Pastoral Care Team Leader. "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:** Please pray for ongoing discussion and planning towards the possibility of meeting up again in the autumn. **SINGING CIRCLE** is continuing to meet outside at the Community Centre throughout June, as the mums are only just being vaccinated and don't want to meet indoors. **Church in Abingdon** staff meet today. **GENESIS Youth Group** (Years 7-9) at 6.30pm. Pray for the leaders of the group - Ian, Lydia, Dave, Beth, Vicky, John and Cian. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** NW/ Long Furlong Network and Praydays. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Viv Hutchinson, Teacher

FRIDAY 11 JUNE: Pray for Gabrielle Dent and Janice Wenninger (Pastoral Visiting). Pray for Christine Bell (Pastoral Prayer Ministry). **FOODBANK** open today. **Pray for the G7 summit meeting in Cornwall** (11-13 June) as they make major commitments in response to climate change and the biodiversity crisis, and to the needs of the world's poor. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon-** give thanks for answered prayers that the ministry will be able to resume soon. **SPACE Youth** (Years 10-13) at 7pm. **CHRIST CHURCH**

NETWORKS: PT Network and PT Walks. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Mark Jarvis, AV/IT Technician

SATURDAY 12 JUNE: Sarah Walker and Chris Parkman (Mission Partners) are on holiday (12-19 June) after the busy week of the A Rocha Forum Festival – pray for a time of rest and refreshment. **Please pray for the CCA Justice and Inclusivity group** for discernment and wise steps forward. **Pray for our Eco Church steering group** as they consider how Christ Church can move on from the Bronze award to Silver. **Peter and Jane Dunn** (Mission Partners, Biglife, Sheffield) write “We give thanks for opportunities to share the vision of making disciples over the past month. One man in Skipton contacted us saying that after hearing the vision, he had seen 4 men come to faith in Christ and started “The Big Boys Bible Club”! Pray for ongoing opportunities to train in London, Guernsey, Mansfield, York and Sheffield, that people will be equipped and empowered to follow the Great Commission. Pray too for training of leaders in both Slovenia and the UK and for the one-on-one mentoring that is a vital part of our time.”

SUNDAY 13 JUNE: At NCR: 10.30am “Everyone Matters” *Ezra 2* with Keith Dunning. At LF: 10.30am “Hannah's Prayer” 1 Samuel 1: 1-2,11. **Blue & Yellow Heroes (5-11s) & Gold Sparks (3 & 4 year-olds) meet, looking at Heroes in a pickle: Joshua & the Big Wall. Purple Heroes (LF) meet too at LF Community Centre. This is the first physical meeting for the under 5s and LF kids so please pray for the teams and the children. Youth (14-18s) start back helping too; please thank God for them and pray for his blessing on them. Younger youth together looking at Mark's gospel (Pathfinders and Lazars). Sheila Furlong is Mission of the Month for June.**

MONDAY 14 JUNE: Pray for the staff team; pray for our cleaning staff, Mark Chapman, Naomi Challis and John Rowe. **Pray for our linked primary schools (Dunmore, Long Furlong, Rush Common, St Nicolas) Pray for secondary school pupils, college and university students. ALPHA Online at 7.30pm: Topic - How does God guide us? FOODBANK steering group meets today. Standing Committee meets today. Ashleigh Gibb (Mission Partner) writes “I travel to Waverley Abbey to begin Module 3 of my Master's course, which will be Coaching and Mentoring. Much prayer is appreciated as it will be the first time we are meeting back in person. This module is very practical, so I am looking forward to getting stuck into it.” CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Revival Missional Community and SIMPLE. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Ben Jeapes, Freelance writer and editor

TUESDAY 15 JUNE: Pray for Andy Dent and Andy Lowe, church wardens. **FOODBANK** open today. **FOOTPRINTS:** The team prays that God will bless the increasing number of social occasions as they begin to connect with guests in person. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** We are thankful for the mutual support and care shown within the group over the last year. **GENTS WHO LUNCH** are praying for wisdom in considering how and when the group might reconvene. **ARCHWAY Service Development Group** meets today; pray for clear direction and sufficient resources to facilitate changes in service delivery in response to Government guidance. **Clergy at the Living in Love and Faith webinar,** explaining the process for the national conversations around faith and sexuality. **John Earwicker** is leading an MWM group (pre-booked) for a visit to the Pre-Raphaelites exhibition at the Ashmolean. **LF Leadership Team** meeting today. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Snowball Life Group and Tattersall Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Emil Jeevaratnam, Retired GP (MOD)

WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE: Pray for Hilary Beale, Philip Bingham and Paul Brombley, deputy wardens and Martin Steel, treasurer. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **LINK:** Pray for safety and good weather so we can use the outside courtyard. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today in the Preston Road Community Centre, pray for Ray Ball and his team and guests. **JESUS LIFESTYLE Course** this evening. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** The Good Shepherd Life Group and The Rainbow Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Andrew Kitchener, Software Developer

THURSDAY 17 JUNE: Pray for Roland Knight, Karen Brombley and Val Challis, Safeguarding Officers and Trainers. **SINGING CIRCLE** meets this morning, please pray for better weather - warm, dry and calm would be lovely! **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray for those coping with mobility issues, long term or serious health issues, and those who support and care for them. **Pray for mentoring group discussions** with Ros Steel, as the shape of this ministry emerges. **GENESIS Youth Group** (Years 7-9) at 6.30pm. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Thursday Afternoon Life Group and Thursday Evening Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Jean Knight, Active retired

FRIDAY 18 JUNE: 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. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** – give thanks for

answered prayers that the ministry will be able to resume soon. **SPACE Youth** (Years 10-13) at 7pm; pray for leaders Mark, Will, Ben, Dave, John, Mark, Stu, Rob and Jacob. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Thursday Fellowship and Tuesday Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Roland Knight, Active retired

SATURDAY 19 JUNE: **ALPHA Online** at 10.00am: Topic - The Holy Spirit.

Women's Well-being ministry event this morning on Zoom. Please pray for leaders and participants to meet with God and be refreshed. **Pray for Men@CCA** planning a barbecue event next month, with external speakers - Carl Beech and Nathan Blackaby - representing the leadership team of Christian Vision for Men.

SUNDAY 20 JUNE: At NCR:10.30am "The Priority of Worship" (HC) *Ezra 3* with Keith Dunnett. At LF: 10.30am "David's Prayer" *1 Chronicles 29:10-20*. Red & Green Heroes (5-11s) & Silver Sparks (3 & 4 year-olds) meet looking at Heroes in a pickle: David & Goliath. Orange Heroes (LF) meet too at LF Community Centre. Younger youth together looking at Mark's gospel (Pathfinders and Lazars); 4 Filled looking at verses that change our lives. Give thanks for LF and NCR leadership teams and all those who are continuing to care for and connect with one another. Sheila Furlong is Mission of the Month for June.

MONDAY 21 JUNE: 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 for secondary school, college and university students. **APPRENTICE**, our Year 5 & 6 life group meets today. **NCR Morning Services focus group** meets to explore the way ahead for the morning services. **ALPHA ONLINE** at 7.30pm: Topic - How do I resist evil? **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Turner Life Group and Village People. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Jane Lane, Family, Listening, Prayer support

TUESDAY 22 JUNE: Pray for Heather Hughes, Children's Minister.

FOODBANK open today. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** If regulations allow, we hope to meet inside a home for the first time for 16th months. Please pray for those finding it difficult to adjust to going out again. **FOOTPRINTS:** The team continues to keep in touch with guests with a monthly newsletter.

SPACE Band is having a rehearsal session tonight. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** After Eight and Barnabas Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Ticia Lever, Textile artist

WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE: Pray for **Bea Ellaby**, Youth Pastor. Pray for the arrangements and recruitment of an associate youth pastor to work with Bea. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **LINK:** pray for the LINK team and everyone who comes along. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today in the Preston Road Community Centre, pray for Ray Ball and his team and guests. **JESUS LIFESTYLE Course** this evening. **NCR Lifegroup leaders** meeting with Keith. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Bible Journalling and Bingham Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Ann Logan, Housewife/mother

THURSDAY 24 JUNE: Pray for **Clint McVea**, Operations Manager. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray for our members who have “live in” carers, regular visits from carers or those now in Care Homes to know how much they are loved by God. May they know they are all remembered by us in our prayers and that we hope for visiting restrictions to be eased soon. **JOY! Prime Time summer event** – planning meeting today. Pray for all speakers/contributors, for folk in the local community to join us, and for church members to reach out and invite them to come. **Church group walk today**, with leaders; pray that people will really enjoy the company and friendship. **SINGING CIRCLE** meets this morning, pray for Jane Robinson and her team. **GENESIS Youth Group** (Years 7-9) at 6.30pm **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** LF Coffee Break and Coffee Cake and Chat. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Dave Long, Healthcare

FRIDAY 25 JUNE: Pray for **Suzie Miles**, Church Administrator and Vicar’s PA. **FOODBANK** open today. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** – give thanks for answered prayers that the ministry will be able to resume soon. **SPACE Youth** (Years 10-13) at 7pm. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Earwicker Life Group and Faith and Cake Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Andy Lowe, Head of Technology

SATURDAY 26 JUNE: **Chris Parkman** (Mission Partner) is facilitating the bi-monthly meeting of the Spiritual Directors of the Diocese in Europe and leading a reflection on how the ecological crisis affects our conversations in spiritual direction. **Prayer points from Viva** (Mission Partners) - **Global:** Continue to pray for the emergency Covid situation in India, Nepal and Latin America. Pray that Viva and our partner networks would find ways to continue to connect and respond. **Zambia SCAR (Samalani Children at Risk):** Pray that the team would be able to successfully reconnect with network members after a long time apart due to Covid restrictions. Pray for the 5-day Safe Places programme with OXFAM Zambia and partners.