



CHRIST CHURCH ABINGDON

PRAYER DIARY SEPTEMBER 2021

“The very steps we take come from God; otherwise, how would we know where we’re going?” *Proverbs 20:24 (The Message)*

SATURDAY 04 SEPTEMBER: Pray that as we begin to return after the summer, we all walk at God's pace, holding His hands and taking “baby steps” in His time. Much wisdom is needed for what we do/don't do and how the Lord might want to re-shape us. Many people are still tired; we're entering another “new season” in schools, work, family, and church life - so we really do need to listen well to God and each other. As various groups start again after the last 18 months may people have courage to rejoin things and to feel safe. For those people who are not yet ready to rejoin, help us not to forget them but to continue with phone calls and one-to-one visits.

Pray for Mission Partners Sarah Walker and Chris Parkman (A Rocha, France). From 3-11 September, Sarah and three international colleagues plus A Rocha teams from France and Ghana will be present at the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) World Conservation Congress. Today's panel discussion is on “Spirituality and Nature Dialogue – responsibility, inspiration and behaviour change”.

SUNDAY 05 SEPTEMBER: At NCR: 8am HC (BCP) in person with Neil Weston; 10:30am Morning Worship, with an adult overflow into the church hall. Start of our new series The Wellbeing Journey - What is Wellbeing? *Philippians 2:12-18* with Keith Dunnett. At NCR: 6.30pm – series on Walking with the Prophets. Sarah Fry preaching on “Led gently by the Shepherd” *Psalms 23*. Children's groups start back; 0-5s are having a settling in week, 5-11s are looking at the start of the Joseph story and thinking about wellbeing. At LF: 10.30am LF Together & Communion in LF school hall and on Zoom. Starting series on Philippians “God's Good Work” *Philippians 1: 1-11* with Kath Cooke. Please pray for our first service back inside the school

to be a time of joy, peace and hope. Eco Church planning meeting this evening - pray for wisdom as we seek to help the church care for God's world. Pray for IUCN talk on A Rocha India's elephant conservation work
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MONDAY 06 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Philippa Tierney, Teacher. **SMALL GROUPS:** Didcot Life Group - Nat Abbot and Yvonne Voyce. **Pray for Mission Partners Peter and Jane Dunn** (Biglife, Sheffield). Pray for them as they have a holiday in early September, that this will be a time of refreshment and encounter with the Lord. "We have been challenged again recently about our own witness in the community and so value your prayers as we seek to share the gospel with those around us." **IUCN World Conservation Congress** - talk on "The roots of our ecological hope", how faith-based communities contribute to conservation. **Pray for our children and young people** as they settle into primary and secondary schools and cope with all the changing demands. May the children's and youth groups at church give them support and demonstrate God's love for them. **Meeting God in the Silence** (leader Sarah Turner) from 10am and 8pm in the Barn. **Standing Committee** meets at 7.30pm. **Pray for the many life groups** restarting this week. **Pray for Kath and Phil Cooke**, Associate Vicars.

TUESDAY 07 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Andrew Turner, Life Group oversight at Long Furlong. **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. **IUCN World Conservation Congress** - panel discussion on "Nature and Creation in the spiritual field". **FOODBANK** open today (leaders Hilary Beale & Agnieszka Candan). We are exploring stronger links to CAB in the coming weeks and hope to be able to focus on ensuring clients get a quick response to requests for further support. **LF COFFEE BREAK** will continue to meet outside in September if the weather allows. We are still reflecting and assessing the way forward for the group, so we ask for a clear vision of the next steps. **FOOTPRINTS Team** (leaders Hilary Hart & Pauline Croucher) are spending the day together reflecting on the past 18 months and praying and planning for the future. They are welcoming 2 new team members and are looking forward to getting to know them. **John Owen and the Alpha Team** will be leading short devotional services in HMP Bullingdon and visiting men on the wings every Tuesday. **The Wellbeing Journey** small group starts in the church lounge at 7:30pm, for

newcomers to CCA and those still seeking a life group. **Pray for Matt Dobie**, Digital Production Manager.

WEDNESDAY 08 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Gill Turner, Life Group leader.

SMALL GROUPS: Barnabas Life Group – Mel Pickett & Claire Proudman; Helen & Nalin Life Group – Helen & Nadin Kadodwala. **Wednesday 8am prayer meeting** on Zoom. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today (leader Ray Ball). **DESIRE Steering group with Keith and Bea** (churches in Abingdon with youth workers, coordinating outreach to the schools). Pray for vision and direction as we work out how to reconnect with schools. **IUCN World Conservation Congress Members Assembly** (8-10 September) - Consideration of and voting on important conservation motions. Sarah Walker writes “ARI is an active member in this, and we’d appreciate prayer for wisdom and diplomacy in navigating the lobbying and making sound decisions about how to vote.” **LINK** restarts (leader Kath Cooke) - every Wednesday until half-term. We’re initially hoping to meet outside in church garden & lounge, so prayer for sunshine would be great! **FRIENDLY CUPPA** celebrates its 11th birthday today with a birthday party in leader Jane Robinson’s garden. Please pray for good weather and for everyone to enjoy it. **Keith and Martin** (treasurer) at Deanery Standing Committee over lunch time. **Meeting of Mentoring Group** with Ros Steel. **Pray for Phil Adams**, Manager of the Barns Café.

THURSDAY 09 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Sarah Turner, Prayer, family, church, and local community. **SMALL GROUPS:** Bible Journalling – Anne Taylor; Dubock Life Group – Andrew & Sally Dubock. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP** (leader Doreen Cooper) – Prayer Fellowship meets. **SINGING CIRCLE** restarts, still meeting each week outside at LF Community Centre. Pray that people will feel safe to return and that the weather will continue to be kind. **CiA staff** meeting together this morning. **Youth Team BBQ** - pray for encouragement, friendship and joy as we gather together. **A pilot group is trying the SHAPE material** (Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experience), helping people to discern how God has shaped them and then how they might serve in His kingdom. **Pray for Emma Buckle, Jo Greenaway, Hannah Kitchener** (Supervisors) and **Jo Walker** (Admin), staff of the Barns Café.

FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Yvonne Voyce, Enrolment Administrator, Baptist Union GB. **Pray for Mission Partner Ashleigh Gibb**, currently working and studying in UK. **FOODBANK** open today. Please pray for those lovely volunteers who have stepped in to give extra support whilst our regular teams have taken holiday breaks. **Suicide Prevention Day** - pray for all

those who are struggling with thoughts of self-harm /ending their life, that someone would recognise their need, reach out and show care. **Pray for Kath Cooke** taking a memorial service at Abingdon Cemetery today. **Pray for Chris Ellaby and Jonny Grange**, Worship Pastors.

SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER: **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 12 SEPTEMBER: At NCR: 10.30am “A Wellbeing Mindset” (HC) *Matthew 11:25-30* with Ros Steel. At 6.30pm “Vision for the Way Ahead” *Ezekiel 34; Isaiah 43* with Nessa Watts. At LF: 10.30am LF “To Live is Christ” *Philippians 1:12-26* with Pamela Shirras. Long Furlong children’s groups start back. At NCR 0-5s are exploring the story of Joseph’s coat; 5-11s on both sites are exploring Relational Wellbeing: Joseph and his brothers. Pathfinders and Lazars brunch - pray for the team as we get used to the new location (Barns Cafe) and start a new term. At Les Courmettes, (A Rocha France), Sarah and Chris Parkman host Dave Bookless for a week of teaching on creation care – “Living hope for a wounded world”. Chris will be leading devotions each morning. **September Mission of the Month: Tabitha Jorden.**

MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Jo Wakefield, Wycliffe Hall Recruitment and Admissions Officer. **SMALL GROUPS:** Earwicker Life Group - Heather Earwicker and Jean Knight. **Pray for Mission Partner Sheila Furlong** (CEO, Archway Foundation, Oxford). Pray for all who are struggling with loneliness and for wisdom for leaders of all churches and community organisations trying to reach out and support in the context of Covid 19 complexities. **Barns Café Directors** (leader Dal Warburton) meet today. **Mission Support Group** meets this evening. **Pray for the staff team; pray for Nessa Watts**, our Curate. The staff team are on retreat in Salisbury. Pray for a time of getting to know each other, team building, and prayer.

TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Robin Wakefield, Specification Sales Manager. **SMALL GROUPS:** Jeeva Life Group – Emil & Leilani Jeevaratnam; Revival Missional Community – Lucy Ffrench & Alison Winder; Good Shepherd Life Group – Lesley Chapman & Gwenda Sams. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** Please pray

for healing, courage and peace as we move into autumn, and refreshment and rest for those on holiday, after a challenging 18 months. **FOODBANK** open today. Food stocks are low at present, which is normal for this time of year, but we are mindful that harvest is around the corner. Please pray that Rachel, Sue and Mike, our harvest planning team, will get a good response from the community this month. **FOOTPRINTS** restarts in the Barns this morning. Please pray especially for newcomers - that they aren't overwhelmed and quickly feel able to join in. **John Owen and the Alpha Team** leading short devotional services in the prison and visiting men on the wings. **SPACE Band** rehearsal for Connect event. **The Wellbeing Journey** small group meets in the church lounge at 7:30pm. **Pray for Ros Steel**, Associate Pastor.

WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Jon Waldock, Primary school teacher. **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. The team are waiting to hear when they can go back in to meet with the residents. Ongoing prayers for the residents please. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** on Zoom. **LINK** meets this morning - please pray for those who come to feel welcome and safe. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today over lunchtime. **LF Pastoral Care** core team meet for prayer today. **Mentoring taster evening**, pray for discernment in hearing God's call to this ministry. **Pray for Sue Quantick**, Older Person's Ministry Leader. Sue says "There is a need for some befriending within our church family. Please pray about this and if you feel this is something you could offer then please contact me."

THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Derek Walker, Kitchen designer. **SMALL GROUPS:** Faith & Cake Life Group – Lizzie & Tim Shipman; Abi & Jon Waldock; Kitchener's Life Group – Andrew & Hannah Kitchener. **Pray for Mission Partner Martin Riddall** (AFCM, UK). **Mission Partners Peter and Jane Dunn** write "Biglife training in London, via Zoom, starts in September and runs every Thursday morning. Pray that people will be inspired and equipped to make disciples." **SINGING CIRCLE** (leader Jane Robinson) meets this morning. **Please pray for Maureen Weston** as she chairs the Diocesan Mothers' Union Trustees meeting today. They will be planning the activities for the autumn including raising awareness of modern-day slavery and domestic abuse. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** We welcome John Earwicker as our speaker "Coping with change with an unchanging God". **Pray for Alex Horlock, John Owen, and Sue Robbins** (Prayer Ministry). Pray for team

members as they regroup after the summer, for clarity in seeing God's plans as they move forward to serve the congregation in church again.

FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Jo Walker, Administrator, Barns Café. **Pray for Mission Partners Jason and Sarah Thomas**, currently living and studying in UK. **FOODBANK** open today. **CONNECT** - Pray for all the youth and team as they gather to worship, play games and hear from God's word about Living Hope. Pray for Stephanie as she meets many of the youth for the first time and leads our teaching. **Pray for Gabrielle Dent and Janice Wenninger** (Pastoral Visiting). **Pray for Christine Bell** (Pastoral Prayer Ministry).

SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER: Mission Partners Sarah Walker and Chris Parkman begin their (late) summer holiday – pray for rest and refreshment. **The "Women at CCA" team** (leader Jan Haywood) are currently planning for a face-to-face event in October and appreciate prayer for the logistics of the event, that all would come together smoothly, for the event to be safe and an encouragement to all who attend.

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER: At NCR: 8am HC (CW) with Pamela Shirras; 10.30am "Emotional Wellbeing" *Philippians 4:6-9* with Rebekah Tennyson; at 6.30pm "Whole Heart Worship" *Ezra 1*. At LF: 10.30am "Standing Firm Together" *Philippians 1:27-2:2* - Philip Bingham preaching. NCR 0-5s are exploring the story of Pharaoh's dreams; 5-11s on both sites are exploring Physical Wellbeing: Joseph and Potiphar. Pathfinders and Lazars meet separately at NCR and LF for the first time since March 2020. We start a series in Philippians - 4Filled meet at LF and welcome newcomers. **September Mission of the Month: Tabitha Jordan**

MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Dalibor Warburton, supporting organisations that give advice on welfare benefits, debt and housing problems. **SMALL GROUPS:** Monday Life Group, leader Gerry Wood. **Prayer Space at Dunmore School**, please pray for this event throughout the week. **The Archway Foundation** has its Board Meeting and AGM this morning. Give thanks for God's provision through a difficult year and for the dedication and commitment of the trustees who devote so much of their time in their governance role. **PCC meets** this evening. **Pray for the staff team; pray for our cleaning staff**, Mark Chapman, Joanne Elliott and Naomi Challis.

TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Olivia Warburton, Head of Content Creation and Living Faith Lead at BRF. **SMALL GROUPS:** Rainbow Life Group – Hugh Price & Clare Simpson; Wellbeing Journey Group – Keith & Lynne

Dunnett. **FOODBANK** open today. We are exploring possible development plans for the use of the Corner suite both by Foodbank and as a community meeting place. Pray that the work of planning, fundraising etc. goes well and that the energy this requires will be maintained. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** Pray for opportunities to invite the right new people to join the group, who will benefit from the fellowship it provides, and that they will feel welcome.

GENTS WHO LUNCH meet in The Spread Eagle. **John Owen and the Alpha Team** leading short devotional services in the prison and visiting men on the wings. **SPACE Band** tonight- pray for newcomers as they join the group. **The Wellbeing Journey** small group in the church lounge at 7:30pm. **Pray for Andy Dent and Andy Lowe**, church wardens.

WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Jill Ward, Foster Carer. **SMALL GROUPS:** Midweek Prayer Group – Jackie Tattersall; Tattersall Life Group – Jackie & John Tattersall. **Pray for the team led by Penny Smith and Maggie Baker Rawle** at Abingdon Court Care Home, as they move into the easing of regulations this autumn, and for wisdom on how to proceed. Pray for the welfare of residents and staff and for the energy and vision for the team as they plan another video. Hopefully this will be the last before they can visit in person. **LINK** meets this morning and would appreciate prayer for more team members to join them. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** on Zoom. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today. **Pray for Hilary Beale, Philip Bingham and Paul Brombley**, deputy wardens, and **Martin Steel**, treasurer.

THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Dorothy Warner, Thursday Fellowship pianist. **SMALL GROUPS:** Snowball Life Group – Ian & Maggie Snowball; Thursday Afternoon Life Group – Kath Cooke & Janice Wenninger. **Pray for Mission Partner Viva** (CEO Mark Stavers - partner network Samalani Children at Risk, Zambia.) It's Viva's 25th Anniversary – as we celebrate and thank God for 25 years of Viva's impact, please pray for success for some events we have planned. Today, it's lunch in Oxford for local leaders and ministry workers to come together to celebrate with us and be inspired about our collaborative model of work. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Committee meeting to plan next term's programme. **SINGING CIRCLE** meets this morning. **GENESIS** - first meeting back as we welcome Year 6s and start the Wellbeing Journey. **CiA Governing Body** meets this evening. **Pray for Roland Knight, Karen Brombley and Val Challis**, Safeguarding Officers and Trainers. **FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES:** Mike Warner, Active retired. **SMALL GROUPS:** Friday Am Women's Life Group – leader Claudette Beale. **Pray for**

Mission Partners Andy and Andrea Warner (ECM, Castellon, Spain). They write “Please pray for re-grouping – it’s always difficult to return after the long summer break to any activity in Spain, church is no exception. Pray too for the new leadership team of us and Javi and Eunice, and for God’s guidance as to where He wants us to lead people this term.” **FOODBANK** open today. **COFFEE, CAKE AND CHAT** (leaders Chris Waite & Di Bryan) restarts in the Barn this morning. **SPACE** - first time meeting back tonight as we welcome new members to the group and start the Wellbeing Journey. **Pray for John Rogers**, chair of Mission Support Group.

SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER: The Abingdon Bridge (Chris Bryan) has an Open Day at its new premises in The Market Place today. Pray for all those who work amongst young people who are struggling with a range of problems as they are helped to become more resilient.

SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER: At NCR: 10.30am “Physical Wellbeing” Psalm 104:1-15 with Keith Dunnett; at 6.30pm “Deepening Discipleship” (HC) Haggai 1:1-11. At LF: 10.30am “Imitating Christ” Philippians 2:3-11, Andrew Turner preaching. NCR 0-5s are exploring the story of Joseph and his brothers being re-united; 5-11s on both sites are exploring Emotional Wellbeing: Joseph in jail. Pathfinders and Lazars meet separately at NCR and LF to look at Philippians. At 2:30pm: Baptism of Eve Hellem. September Mission of the Month: Tabitha Jorden

MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Richard Wenninger, Accountant in industry. **SMALL GROUPS:** Turner Life Group and Village People. **Mission Partners Peter and Jane Dunn** write “On 27-28th September we are involved in a film project to capture some of the stories of disciple makers in the UK. Our prayer is that this will be used to cast the vision for disciple making more widely.” **Pray for the staff team; pray for Keith Dunnett**, our vicar.

TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Maureen Weston, Oxford Diocese MU President. **SMALL GROUPS:** Tuesday Life Group – Esther Fox & Viv Hitchings; Turner Life group – Andrew & Gill Turner. **FOODBANK** open today. We are also looking to link as needed with requests for food support for Refugee families who may be located in our area. This is an unknown quantity, but we are confident that God will provide what is needed when the time comes. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** Today we hope to be meeting inside a home for the first time since March 2020. Please pray for those who are anxious and finding it difficult to adjust to the “new normal”. **John Owen and the**

Alpha Team leading short devotional services in the prison and visiting men on the wings. **The Wellbeing Journey** small group in the church lounge at 7:30pm. **Pray for Heather Hughes**, Children's Minister

WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Judy White, local historian.

SMALL GROUPS: Village People – Mike & Jan Haywood; Warburton Life Group – Dal & Olivia Warburton. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** on Zoom. **Please pray for safety and enjoyment** of the JOY! coach trip today to the Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today. **LINK “Puddings & Prosecco”** social evening for parents/carers - please pray for a time of friendship, relaxation and good conversations. Give thanks for too for the amazing current team, as LINK meets this morning. **Pray for Bea Ellaby and Stephanie Addenbrooke**, Youth Pastors.

THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER: FRONTLINES: Spencer White, Active retired.

SMALL GROUPS: Thursday Evening Life Group – Andy & Sheila McCabe. **Pray for Mission Partners Chris and Suzy Wilson** (CMS, Ethiopia, currently in UK). **SINGING CIRCLE** meets this morning. **GENESIS** - meeting tonight for the Wellbeing Journey. **Pray for Clint McVea**, Operations Manager.

FRIDAY 01 OCTOBER: FRONTLINES: Jessica Wilcox, Teacher. **FOODBANK** open today. **SPACE** meeting tonight for the Wellbeing Journey. **Pray for Suzie Miles**, Church Administrator and Vicar's PA.

SATURDAY 02 OCTOBER: Small Group leaders' training with Keith Dunnett and Andrew Turner this morning. **Online Viva Collective conference** to hear stories of the impact on children and families in Asia, Africa, Latin America, to be inspired by our regional leaders and guest speakers, and to pray together.

SUNDAY 03 OCTOBER: At NCR: 8am HC (BCP) with Kath Cooke; 10.30am “Spiritual Wellbeing” *Philippians 4:8-13* with Andrew Coleby; 6.30pm “Deepening Relationship” *Joel 2:28-29 & 1 Peter 2:4-12* with Keith Dunnett. At LF: 12.30am “Working out our Salvation” HC - *Philippians 2:12-18* - Colin Wood preaching. NCR 0-5s are exploring the story of Joseph. 5-11s on both sites are exploring Spiritual Wellbeing: Pharaoh's dreams. Pathfinders and Lazers meet separately at NCR and LF to look at Philippians. 4Filled meet at LF. October.

Mission of the Month: A Rocha and Chris Parkman & Sarah Walker.