



Christ Church Abingdon

"With Jesus. Like Jesus. For Jesus"

PRAYER DIARY February 2021

¹ I love the LORD because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy.

² Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!

Psalm 116 1-2 (NLT)

SUNDAY 31 JANUARY: 10am HEROES children's and families video: Jesus, a hero who heals the sick (Blind Bartimaeus). NCR 10.30am "The Unforgettable Wedding" *John 2:1-12* with Ros Steel (online). LF 10.30am "Living in a Divided World" *Romans 5:1-11, 18-19 & 2 Cor. 5:15-21* with Del Walker (Zoom). Lazars and Pathfinders together at 10.30am. ROOTS launch party at 3pm on Zoom. LF Sunday afternoon social at 4pm; please pray for connection & fun. 6.30pm - Big Questions session for youth and anyone looking to explore faith questions more deeply. This week is focused on "Can we trust the Bible?" - video by Amy Orr Ewing, followed by discussion and questions to a panel (Zoom). Mission of the Month for February: Viva

MONDAY 01 FEBRUARY: Pray for the staff team; pray for Keith Dunnett, our vicar. NCR Sunday morning service team meet online tonight. Pray for parents who are home schooling and for our linked primary schools as they all continue to work in difficult circumstances (Dunmore, Long Furlong, Rush Common, St Nicolas). Pray for secondary school pupils and university students coping with online learning and the effect on young people's mental and physical health. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** After Eight and Barnabas Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Simon Steer, School Chaplain

TUESDAY 02 FEBRUARY: Pray for Heather Hughes, Children's Minister. **FOOTPRINTS:** Footprints celebrated its 7th birthday in January, and we are so grateful to the team who continue to contact guests, providing a listening ear and offering prayer support. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** give thanks for vaccinations of some members of the group. **FOODBANK open today:** There's a lot to be thankful for, including good stocks of food. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Bible Journalling and Bingham Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Trevor Stevens, Fishy Music

WEDNESDAY 03 FEBRUARY: Pray for **Bea Ellaby**, Youth Pastor. **Wednesday 8am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **Please continue to pray for LINK families** – meeting on Zoom at 10.30am for singing, story and chat. Please pray this will be a good opportunity for people to connect and know that they are not on their own. **Pray for the teams** who minister to Abingdon Court Care Home and Fountain Court. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today at lunchtime in the Preston Road Community Centre, pray for Ray Ball and his team and guests. **First meeting of a new Peer Support Group for ARCHWAY volunteers and staff;** give thanks for the commitment of those who give their time to help and support others. **Long Furlong Pastoral Team** meet for prayer on Zoom at 2pm. **JESUS LIFESTYLE Course** continues; pray that as we look at Jesus's teaching on the Sermon on the Mount, the Holy Spirit would be helping us understand what it means for our lives. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** LF Coffee Break and Coffee Cake and Chat. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Christine Talbot, Retired Church Administrator

THURSDAY 04 FEBRUARY: Pray for **Clint McVea**, Operations Manager. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray that through all the ways we have of “keeping in touch” every member knows that they continue to be a special part of our fellowship and not forgotten throughout this long time without our regular meetings. **SINGING CIRCLE:** Singing Circle has decided to sing by Zoom each week, apart from half term (tbc). Jill Ward is leading alternate weeks with Jane Robinson doing the others. Please pray that new mums will have the courage to join us. **Sarah Walker and Chris Parkman** (Mission Partners, A Rocha, France) write “Chris is leading his first funeral in France (at the Anglican church in Menton). Please pray that everything goes smoothly, with French procedures and Covid restrictions properly in place, and for the family and friends who are saying goodbye.” **GENESIS Youth** at 6.30pm - Self-care for our minds. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Didcot Life Group and Dubock Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Anne Taylor, Children’s Community Complex Care Nurse

FRIDAY 05 FEBRUARY: Pray for **Suzie Miles**, Church Administrator and Vicar’s PA. **FOODBANK** open today. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** - The team are still unable to enter the prison; pray for the men who used to come to Alpha who are struggling with their faith. **SPACE Youth** tonight: Spiritual disciplines – Prayer. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Earwicker Life Group and Faith and Cake Life Group **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Graham Taylor, University Employee

SATURDAY 06 FEBRUARY: Overcoming Anxiety training day led by Chris Ledger (hosted by Long Furlong on Zoom). Please pray for Chris Ledger who is leading this day and that all who come will find it helpful. Give thanks for the LF pastoral team for organising this. **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 and Ellen Craig, Pamela Fitt, Doris Gordon, Veronica Harden, Peter and Eileen Jeffries, Alan and Doreen Newton, David and Barbara Price, Nicola Price, Debbie Purbrick, Chris Rowe, Brian Stanmore, Sheila Tubb, Nessa Watts and other church members who are ill, housebound, or recently bereaved.

Please pray for Gladys, wife of Pastor Leonard Gcabashe (Embo, KwaZulu-Natal) who was hospitalised with Covid-19. She has now been discharged and is showing good signs of recovery, but it may be a long time before she is fully recovered, so please pray for healing. Pray for protection for the whole Embo Community and for the clinic staff who are serving on the front line and are therefore very exposed to the virulent strain of Covid in South Africa.

SUNDAY 07 FEBRUARY: 10am HEROES children's and families video. NCR 10.30am "Righteous Revolutionary" (HC) John 2:13-25 with Steve Sanderson (online). LF 10.30am "Loving God's Creation" (HC) Psalm 104 with Phil Cooke (Zoom). Lasers and Pathfinders online at 10.30am studying Mark 4. 6.30pm "Outrageous grace" Ephesians 2:1-10 with Keith Dunnnett (Zoom). Welcome to Newcomers – tea and cake at 4pm on Zoom. Mission of the Month for February is Viva

MONDAY 08 FEBRUARY: Pray for the staff team; pray for Kath and Phil Cooke, Associate Vicars. Pray and give thanks for ordinands on placement at ARCHWAY, balancing their pastoral care role with academic deadlines whilst lockdown impacts on their own lives. Pray for parents who are home schooling and for our linked primary schools (Dunmore, Long Furlong, Rush Common, St Nicolas). **Pray for secondary school pupils and university students** coping with online learning and maintaining mental and physical health. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Fitzharrys Network and Footprints. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Rebekah Tennyson, Clinical Psychologist

TUESDAY 09 FEBRUARY: Pray for Matt Dobie, our Digital Production Manager. FOOTPRINTS: It's the monthly Zoom meeting today to share news and pray together. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** pray for peace for those anxious about their families. **FOODBANK** open today; there's a lot to be thankful for, including healthy and cheerful volunteers. **SPACE Band** meets online tonight.

Peter and Jane Dunn (Mission Partners, Biglife, Sheffield) write “Prayers are appreciated for the Kairos Connexions Conference on 9-10th February where Peter will be speaking online. Give thanks for those who have already caught the vision and who are now progressing in putting the principles into practice and pray for us as we support and encourage them.” **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Fountain Court and French Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Alison Thompson, Research Chemist/household manager

WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY: Pray for **Phil Adams**, Manager of the Barns Café. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. **Please pray for LINK families** meeting on Zoom at 10.30am for singing, story and chat. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today at lunchtime in the Preston Road Community Centre, pray for Ray Ball and his team and guests. **Pray for FRIENDLY CUPPA:** Friendly Cuppa will be by post again this month: give thanks that people seem to enjoy it. **JESUS LIFESTYLE:** The course continues tonight; pray for us meeting online, that we would be able to build good relationships within the group and learn from what God is doing in each other. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Friday Am Women's Life Group and Gents Who Lunch. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Wendy Thornton, Retired

THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY: Pray for **Emma Buckle, Jo Greenaway, Hannah Kitchener (Supervisors) and Jo Walker (Admin)**, staff of the Barns Café. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray that every member knows that whatever their circumstances they are loved and special to Father God and know His presence with them. **SINGING CIRCLE** is meeting to sing on Zoom each week; pray that new mums will be encouraged to join us. **CIA staff meet at 10am**, please pray for continuing unity for the churches across Abingdon and give thanks for good relationships between leaders. **GENESIS Pancake Party** - pray for youth to invite their friends. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Higher Ground and Hodgson Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Bowen Tian, Pharmaceutical Scientist

FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY: Pray for **Chris Ellaby and Jonny Grange** – Worship Pastors. **FOODBANK** open today. **John Owen and the Alpha team:** **HMP Bullingdon** - pray for the effects of lockdown on the prisoners, staff, chaplain and volunteers, who long to be allowed back in to visit the men. **Schools break up today for half term holiday;** pray that there will be opportunities for some rest and refreshment, despite the restrictions of lockdown. **SPACE Youth:** Spiritual disciplines - Bible Study. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Home

Communions and Jars of Clay Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:**

Philippa Tierney, Teacher

SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY: More news from Peter and Jane Dunn (Mission Partners): "On a personal level, please pray for our own sharing of faith and making disciples. We have a group of 7 meeting regularly together here in Sheffield as a Launch Group and have seen 10 new groups start from within this over the past 9 months. Pray for our friends from a Hindu background who we meet with personally each week for Bible study."

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY: NCR 10.30am **CHRIST CHURCH TOGETHER ALL AGE WORSHIP** *Matthew 5:43-44* with Gareth and Nicola Cook, Jeremy and Sarah Fry (online). 6.30pm "Restored relationship" *Ephesians 2:11-22* with Phil Cooke (Zoom). Pray for members of the 8am congregation, many of whom have had to be home indoors for a long time now - pray that they know God's love, joy and hope in special ways. Mission of the Month for February is Viva.

MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY: Pray for the staff team; pray for Nessa Watts, our Curate. Pray for parents and families at half-term, particularly those trying to cope in stressful circumstances. Pray too for secondary school and university students coping with online learning and continuing uncertainty. Pray for all education staff, for respite. CCA Youth Gaming Event today. Standing Committee meets today. News from Ashleigh Gibb, (Mission Partner). "I have been asked to be on the chaplaincy team for the Rugby League World cup. I am so excited! This should take place in October in the UK, so I would appreciate prayers as I continue to learn how to be equipped for such things as this on my course. I also received my first main essay back from the first module and I received distinctions on it. This has never happened before in an essay! I was shocked and very excited." **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Jeeva Life Group and Kitchener's Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Andrew Turner, Oversight of Lifegroups at LF

TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY: Pray for Ros Steel, Associate Pastor. Ros writes "I'd be glad of prayer for my training and study, which has now started - all online, of course." **FOOTPRINTS:** We have 3 new guests whom we have not yet met personally but who are integrated into Footprints and will receive our monthly letter and phone calls. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** pray that those living alone do not feel isolated. **FOODBANK** open today. We have so much to be thankful for and receive plenty of encouragement from local people and organisations. Pray for **GENTS WHO LUNCH** who have missed meeting together for almost a

year. **Sheila Furlong** (Mission Partner, ARCHWAY) attending Charity Leaders Forum. Pray for all charity leaders and workers facing increased demand for services with over stretched human resources and financial uncertainty.

SHROVE TUESDAY: Pancake Party (for all ages) – online outreach event at 4pm. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Midweek Prayer Group and Monday Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Gill Turner, Lifegroup Leader

WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY: **ASH WEDNESDAY: LENT - You are invited to join the CCA 8am prayer or 9pm prayer sessions today** (on Zoom) or join the Diocesan led Ash Wednesday Communion online. **Pray for Sue Quantick**, Older Person's Ministry Leader. Sue asks for prayer, that as she starts in this new role, she would be open to hearing what God has planned for the older people in our church and community and that she can build good relationships with all the team leaders. **Pray for LINK families**, meeting on Zoom at 10.30am for singing, story and chat, connection and friendship.

South Abingdon FOODBANK open today at lunchtime in the Preston Road Community Centre, pray for Ray Ball and his team and guests. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** NCR Pastoral Visiting Networks and NE/ Peachcroft Network. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Sarah Turner, Prayer, family, church family, community

THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY: **Pray for Alex Horlock, John Owen, and Sue Robbins** (Prayer Ministry). Please pray for the team members who serve each Sunday after the services, that despite being unable to meet in person, they still feel connected and cared for by the team. This month, the team are preparing to offer Prayer Ministry after every 6.30pm service. We ask for wisdom whilst we plan this, that technology does not deter people from seeking prayer and for our loving God to sustain us and remain close by as we serve. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray especially for members who live alone, those struggling with health and mobility issues, the terminally ill and those in Care Homes, who have times when they feel particularly lonely or fearful. May they know God's comfort and grace for each new day. **Pray for the A ROCHA International board meeting on Zoom**, with participants from Vancouver, Canada to the Philippines. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** NW/ Long Furlong Network and Praydays. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Yvonne Voyce, Enrolment Administrator, Baptist Union of Great Britain

FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY: **Pray for Gabrielle Dent and Janice Wenninger** (Pastoral Visiting). **Pray for Christine Bell** (Pastoral Prayer Ministry). **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** - remember the negative effects

of this long-term lockdown on the prisoners, staff and volunteers.

FOODBANK open today. **Pray for PRIME TIMERS** who are feeling alone or shut in because of age and weather conditions. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** PT Network and PT Walks. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Jo Wakefield, Wycliffe Hall Recruitment and Admissions Officer

SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY: **Pray for building works at Les Courmettes, A Rocha France's education centre.** A good amount of work needs to be done in February and March to prepare for the hoped-for summer event season – renovation of the large hall, electrical rewiring, and repairing the roof of one of the main buildings. Other A Rocha national groups have also suffered from the restrictive effects of Covid on their programmes. Give thanks that some shortfall has been made up by increasing donations but pray for wisdom in deciding priorities for future work.

SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY: **NCR 10.30am "New Birth" *John 3:1-21* with Andrew Coleby (online). LF 10.30am "Baptism and Temptation of Jesus" *Mark 1: 9-15* with Sandra Pike preaching and the Wellspring team leading (Zoom). 6.30pm "A Life of Purpose" (HC) *Ephesians 3:1-13* with Kath Cooke (Zoom). Mission of the Month for February is Viva**

MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY: **Pray for the staff team; pray for our cleaning staff,** Mark Chapman, Naomi Challis and John Rowe. **Pray for parents who are home schooling and for our linked primary schools** as they return from half-term (Dunmore, Long Furlong, Rush Common, St Nicolas). **Pray for secondary school and university students,** for their mental and physical health as they cope with restriction and uncertainty. **Please pray for Men@CCA@Prayer** - a prayer triplets programme; that many men would commit to signing up for the programme. **MSG meeting** at 8pm tonight.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Revival Missional Community and SIMPLE.

CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES: Robin Wakefield, Specification Sales Manager

TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY: **Pray for Andy Dent and Andy Lowe,** our wardens. **FOOTPRINTS:** Please pray for all team members, that they continue to support and uphold one another. **LF COFFEE BREAK:** give thanks that our faith remains strong despite not being able to attend church services and events in person. **FOODBANK** open today. Please pray that we continue to meet demand, especially from long term clients, and that people will find their way to us for the first time. **Keith and leaders of larger churches in the diocese** meeting with Bishop Steven today. **SPACE Band** at 6.30pm. **CHRIST CHURCH**

NETWORKS: Snowball Life Group and Tattersall Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Jon Waldock, Primary School Teacher

WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY: Pray for Hilary Beale, Philip Bingham and Paul Brombley, deputy wardens and Martin Steel, treasurer. **Wednesday 8.00am prayer meeting** by Zoom. Pray for **LINK families** meeting on Zoom at 10.30am for singing, story and chat. **Mission Partner Sheila Furlong (ARCHWAY) attending Multi Agency Group on Suicide Prevention.** Pray for all who work to prevent suicide and who support those affected by it. **MWM meet on Zoom** to hear about the work of Viva from Mark Stavers, CEO of the charity. **South Abingdon FOODBANK** open today at lunchtime in the Preston Road Community Centre. **JESUS LIFESTYLE:** The course continues tonight, pray for guests and leaders. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** The Good Shepherd Life Group and The Rainbow Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Derek Walker, Kitchen Designer

THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY: Pray for Roland Knight, Karen Brombley and Val Challis, Safeguarding Officers, and trainers. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please pray that our loving Father God will meet with each member at their own point of need today with His love and assurance. **SINGING CIRCLE:** Meeting on Zoom for singing. **GENESIS Youth** at 6.30pm. **Keith meeting with NCR Lifegroup leaders tonight.** Give thanks for all those who continue to facilitate networks and lifegroups - it's made such a difference. Pray for Andrew Turner as he supports and co-ordinates the lifegroups at LF. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Thursday Afternoon Life Group and Thursday Evening Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Jo Walker, Administrator, Barns Cafe

FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY: Pray for John Rogers, chair of MSG and Mission Partners Tabitha Jordan, Martin Riddall, Jason and Sarah Thomas, Andy and Andrea Warner, Chris and Suzy Wilson. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon** - pray for protection against the negative effects of this long-term lockdown on the prisoners, staff and volunteers. **FOODBANK** open today. **SPACE Youth:** Spiritual disciplines – Fasting. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Thursday Fellowship and Tuesday Life Group. **CHRIST CHURCH FRONTLINES:** Dalibor Warburton, supporting organisations that give advice on welfare benefits, debt and housing problems.

SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY: Enneagram Defences day led by Liz West and Helen Watts on Zoom, hosted by Long Furlong. **CHURCH NETWORKS:** Turner Life Group and Village People.

MARCH PRAYER DIARY: Begins tomorrow, Sunday 28th February.