

May 2021

PRAYER DIARY

Derek & Audrey Newton



1. Family news

Esmee (3 in April) has made huge progress developmentally in the last few months and is now able to sit & pull herself on to her feet, walk around & climb stairs holding on to furniture & people. She smiles & laughs a lot and can make plenty of noise & responds to the sound of music.

In March Esmee had two major operations lasting 4.5 hours and is due to have cardiac surgery in April. Consultants have told the family to expect 'a rocky road over the next few months.

Please pray for all the family:

- Praise God for Esmee's progress, and pray for strength for her small body to cope in ongoing surgery and treatment.
- Mike & Juliette and Derek & Audrey in their lack of sleep, anxiety and weariness, as they care for Esmee.
- Pray, too, for Aisla, the 'big sister' in all this uncertainty.

2. Audrey's health

Audrey's health is fairly stable day-to-day, but she has had various health appointments in April to assess whether she needs any medical interventions.

Please pray for:

- Stamina for Audrey
- Wisdom for all the medics that they'll make right diagnoses and decide on right treatments.

3. Derek's teaching

Derek's teaching online at Faith Mission Bible College is now coming to an end. Looking forward, Derek continues to work on his book on Revelations, ready to teach this later this year and next to the Preachers' Gatherings.

Please pray for

- Renewed strength & enthusiasm for Derek to teach, and for the students to profit from online teaching
- Time, focus & clarity to finalise the book

Derek & Audrey write in a prayer letter in March:

"We know that there is no purely human answer to why we are being sustained. The answer lies in the faithfulness of your praying for us – of that there is no doubt whatsoever. We are privileged to be recipients of your prayer ministry. We are so hugely grateful for all your partnership in prayer, love and concern through all these years, as we hang onto the Lord and cling to Him for grace and strength."

Please continue to pray for them

Daily prayers for May

- 01 Sat Derek and Audrey Newton. For their own health and for their family. For renewed strength for Derek in his teaching role
- 02 Sun Give thanks for Ben and Hannah Wilkinson together with Esther and David. Pray for them as they prepare to leave Bolton and come to Chadderton and Rochdale and for ourselves to be ready to welcome them
- 03 Mon King's Kitchen and Food Store. For those who come to know Jesus
- 04 Tues For our wardens. [Margaret, Dave, Steve and Richard]
- 05 Wed For our country: for guidance for all those voting this week in the decisions they make.
- 06 Thurs Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship. For encouragement to stand firm in our theological beliefs so that they can encourage and support evangelical churches in our diocese.
- 07 Fri Key Workers. For continued protection for all those working in community putting their lives at risk as they do so.
- 08 Sat Mike and Helen Parker. For their work in Scotland and the Middle East and support those who are waiting to join the Middle East teams.
- 09 Sun Sunday Schools. For wisdom to know when to reopen, for the children to continue to learn about Jesus and for new leaders
- 10 Mon Noah's Ark. For members to keep in touch and support each other
- 11 Tues Parish Admin team [Cathy and Carol]
- 12 Wed NHS and Care Home staff. For energy and stamina and that they are sustained and supported
- 13 Thurs Home groups. That they find ways to meet and read the Bible together
- 14 Fri For those who have gone from this parish to serve elsewhere: Daniel and Joy Ernst, David Wood, John and Gillian Statter, Phil and Ali Beswick, Rob and Alison Brewis.
- 15 Sat Daniel and Mei. For continued guidance for their work in the UK including some paid employment
- 16 Sun Pastoral Care - for all of us to look out for and care for each other.
- 17 Mon Christ Church School. For stamina, wisdom and energy for Debra, all staff and governors in all the different circumstances
- 18 Tues PCC: for wisdom in making decisions to keep the parish going
- 19 Wed Cake and Chat. To keep in touch and support each other.
- 20 Thurs Parish prayer Hour. Come and join us.
- 21 Fri Footprints. That all members are safe and supported
- 22 Sat Bishop Abelino and Patti in Chile. For the way forward for their church and for the diocese
- 23 Sun SORTED and young adults For ways to help them in their walk with Jesus
- 24 Mon Give thanks for all those involved in research production and distribution of the Covid vaccines and pray for a fair distribution.
- 25 Tues Uniformed organisations. For ways of keeping in touch
- 26 Wed Finance team [Margaret, Steve B, Phil, Eric and Dave]
- 27 Thurs Crossley Coffee Morning. For God to sustain and keep them.
- 28 Fri Tony and Denise Ford in Barrow, Chris and Joy Evans in Gateshead, Dave and Irene Hanson in Preston
- 29 Sat The school for the deaf in Nekempte. For energy and strength for the staff and that Jesus will be in all that they do.
- 30 Sun Give thanks for those who preach week by week. Ask God to keep them faithful.
- 31 Mon Katy Benjamin, Vicky Parsons, Lydia Taylor

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REASONS TO GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS