

September 2020

PRAYER DIARY

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Well, a lot has happened since the last prayer diary I wrote for you. As a Church, we managed to secure funding to extend my contract which means I'll now finish in the summer of 2022. Over these last 2 years, my role has developed as I've continued with the work and established new ministries including opening a new Youth Club in connection with Plymouth City Council, launching a new outreach event for children and families in the local area which has brought lots of new families into the Church, running multiple Youth Alpha Courses and developing a worship band made of young people who lead worship at various Church events.

The other major thing that has happened, of course, is the COVID-19 Pandemic. Like most Churches, we've had to cancel all our activities and have been able to take our ministry online. During the lockdown, I have been running Youth Zoom Meetings for our Youth Bible groups and our Youth Club, Zoom Church prayer meetings, producing a weekly online

family video with challenges, sketches, action songs and interactive talks, producing worship songs with the worship band to use online, helping to deliver food parcels to families in need and together with the team, producing Sunday morning services on Facebook and YouTube.



The socially distanced dream team
(left to right): Rev Darren, Guy (Families Worker), Me
(Youth and Worship), Monica (Admin and Pastoral)

Prayer Points:

- For the safety and protection of all our members and those we have contact with in our Community.
- For guidance and wisdom in opening the Church physically in September and in deciding which ministries to continue in physical form and which ones to continue online.
- For wisdom in connecting with and developing outreach and discipleship with our new online congregation once we come out of lockdown.
- For more opportunities to reach out to those around us and to share to Gospel even more effectively.

Daily prayers for September

- 01 Tue Pastoral care in the parish – that we keep contact and continue to love and care for our church family
- 02 Wed Frontline NHS & care home workers: for protection and strength
- 03 Thurs Our wardens and deputy warden (Dave, Margaret, Richard and Steve)
- 04 Fri Footprints: That all the participants are well and being protected
- 05 Sat Abelino & Pati: for the church in Chile as their people face the harsh reality of the current global crisis
- 06 Sun For all our preachers, giving thanks for them and praying that God will empower them to speak God's word for His glory
- 07 Mon Christ Church School: for all pupils and staff as they return to school
- 08 Tue The School for the Deaf in Nekemte, Ethiopia
- 09 Wed For all those who have gone out from the parish: Joy, Daniel Ernst & family, David Wood, John & Gillian Statter, Rob, Alison Brewis & family and Katie Benjamin
- 10 Thurs Crossley Coffee morning members
- 11 Fri For Tony & Denise in Barrow in Furness, Chris & Joy Evans in Gateshead and Dave & Irene Hanson in Preston
- 12 Sat Daniel, Mei, Keziah and Kaelyn Whetham: For them to be able to travel home and for God's discernment as they start their new lives in the UK
- 13 Sun Sunday Schools and SORTED: for all our young people and their leaders
- 14 Mon Noah's Ark toddlers: That they will be able to continue to keep in touch and support each other while they are still unable to meet in person
- 15 Tue Diocese Evangelical Fellowship: that they will continue to work together and stand up for our theological beliefs in the Diocese
- 16 Wed The administration team (Cathy & Carol)
- 17 Thurs Parish prayer hour and prayer times – that people will join in supporting the prayer life of the parish
- 18 Fri For all key workers (e.g. public transport providers, shop workers food manufacturers)
- 19 Sat Derek & Audrey Newton
- 20 Sun The continuing life of our churches within the parish, the communal worship at Christ Church each Sunday and that they will give glory to God.
- 21 Mon King's Kitchen members
- 22 Tue Uniform groups: For guidance in their planning for re-opening
- 23 Wed Cake & Chat: That their members are safe and not feeling isolated
- 24 Thurs Home Groups: Keeping in contact with each other and to continue with teaching grounded in Christ and his good news
- 25 Fri For Lydia, Vicky and all at Oak Hill College as they start a new year
- 26 Sat Helen & Mike Parker: for bold and clear Christian witness
- 27 Sun The parish finance team (Margaret, Steve, Cathy, Phil, Eric & Dave)
- 28 Mon Annual Parochial Church Meeting: for discernment & guidance for the way ahead
- 29 Tue Our churches as we slowly begin to open up for more activities
- 30 Wed Food Store Cafe

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REASONS TO GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS