

# September 2021

## PRAYER DIARY

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Since I last wrote to you in summer 2020, a lot has changed. I am still working for the same Methodist Church in Plympton, Plymouth. Over the Lockdown, we continued to produce online Services every Sunday, produced online family worship videos with the Families Worker from our Sister Church and I continued running Youth Zoom meetings on a weekly basis.

Now our journey back out of lockdown is beginning. We're now meeting in Church each week and livestreaming our Services. The Youth are meeting in person every week and we are getting ready to re-launch our Youth Clubs and other outreach events.

In addition to all of this, I have begun to partner with the local Wellbeing Centre to offer mental health support to families and young people and I have set up a team of detached Youth Workers who work around the Community engaging with the young people we meet.

This is both a scary and exciting time as we re-evaluate and rethink how we do ministry and find new ways of engaging with people post Covid.

**Some prayer points:**

- Wisdom as we come out of lockdown in order to safely and effectively minister to people
- Guidance as we look to continue and develop our ministry post COVID, and we look to find new and innovative ways of reaching our community
- A deepening and development of our outreach and discipleship with families and young people
- For our new work with other community partners, and especially those we are supporting who need mental health support

# Daily prayers for September

- 01 Wed Cake and Chat. To keep in touch and support each other.
- 02 Thurs Our government. For wisdom in all decisions they make in matters of national and international affairs. For wisdom and justice and peace in Afghanistan.
- 03 Fri David Wood. See details on front page.
- 04 Sat Derek and Audrey Newton. For wisdom for the medics caring for Audrey and Esmee and for Derek in his teaching preparation.
- 05 Sun Ben, Hannah, Esther and David as they settle to their new life in Chadderton and Balderstone.
- 06 Mon King's Kitchen and Food Store. That those who come will find Jesus.
- 07 Tues Wardens and deputy wardens. Margaret, Dave, Steve and Richard
- 08 Wed Christ Church School. For Debra, staff and governors as they begin a new term and for all the new children starting this term.
- 09 Thurs Crossley Coffee Morning. For wisdom to know when to reopen.
- 10 Fri Footprints. That all members are safe and protected.
- 11 Sat Mike and Helen Parker. For their work in Scotland and their support of mission partners in the Middle East.
- 12 Sun For all three congregations in our new partnership to be united in our mission.
- 13 Mon Noah's Ark. For wisdom to know when and how to open again.
- 14 Tues Uniformed organisations as they begin to open up again.
- 15 Wed Parish admin team. Cathy and Carol
- 16 Thurs Parish prayer hour. For all of us to make prayer our priority
- 17 Fri Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship. For strong leadership in faithfulness to our theological beliefs.
- 18 Sat Daniel and Mei Whetham. For the family especially the girls to settle and make friends as they adjust to being in the UK and for opportunities to reach out to multicultural communities and local churches.
- 19 Sun Sunday Schools SORTED and our young adults. For new leaders and for wisdom in starting again
- 20 Mon PCC For good relationships in the new team and wisdom in decisions in parish concerns.
- 21 Tues Finance team. Margaret, Steve B, Phil, Eric Dave.
- 22 Wed NHS workers and care staff and those involved in in the vaccination process. For fair distribution of the vaccines.
- 23 Thurs Home groups. For all groups to be able to meet again in person soon.
- 24 Fri Those from our parish now ministering elsewhere. Daniel and Joy Ernst, John and Gillian Statter, Rob and Alison Brewis, Phil and Ali Beswick
- 25 Sat Bishop Abelino and Patti in Chile. For their work in their local church and for Abelino's responsibilities as Diocesan Bishop in the poorest area of Chile.
- 26 Sun Pastoral care. For all of us to look out for and care for each other.
- 27 Mon Tony and Denise Ford in Barrow, Chris and Joy Evans in Gateshead, Dave and Irene Hanson in Preston
- 28 Tues Katie Benjamin, Vicky Parsons, Lydia Taylor.
- 29 Wed For all those struggling with uncertainty in medical, employment or any other circumstance.
- 30 Thurs The school for the deaf in Nekempte. For the administrator, staff and students to know Jesus in the midst of all they do. For the provision of new buildings

# **YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER DIARY**

**REASONS TO GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE**

**ANSWERS TO PRAYER**

**NEW PRAYER REQUESTS**

**ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS**