

Prayer Diary



January 2021

Monday 3rd	The Children return to school, pray that they might be kept safe and prosper, given good guidance and effective teaching.	<i>Chris, Esther, Ava & Ethan Phillips</i>
Tuesday 4th	Pray that the Deacon's might have wisdom and discernment in following God's will as they look 'via' Zoom to move the church forward.	<i>David & Mary Marshall</i>
Wednesday 5th	Pray for the Ministry Team the Christmas period might be over, but the demands of ministry remain constant and need full prayer support. We are still deep in Covid Country!	<i>Valerie Gospel</i>
Thursday 6th	Nigeria continues to struggle with terrorists and their attacks on schools and Churches. Pray that the Government might act to keep them safe	<i>Monica Glover</i>
Friday 7th	It's a winter like no other in our lifetime, pray for our NHS, it faces a daunting task. Keep staff safe and well, pray for energy and healing.	<i>Angela, Melvyn & Jasmine Francis</i>
Saturday 8th	SAT-7 Christian Broadcasting to the Middle East, it needs our prayers and support, as one Iranian woman writes 'I'm grateful for your kindness and diligent work to gather us in Iran together in unity with one heart and one voice to call upon the Lord and receive good teaching. This is not just a programme or media ministry – it's truly our CHURCH for the time being!' Pray for this ministry	<i>Nick & Ellie Carter</i>
Sunday 9th	Pray for Joy Ransom who is still on home assignment, but eager to return her work in, Besisaha, Nepal. The schools are running well, and she is excited at the prospect of returning.	<i>John Wilmott</i>
Monday 10th	Please pray that the vaccine roll-out continues to go well and people begin to benefit	<i>Debbie & Tam Pindura</i>
Tuesday 11th	Pray for Engage gifts: The High Street, we know, is under threat, shops closing, people losing jobs, depressing place at present. Pray for better times with the return of shoppers and easing of worries.	<i>Ivona Woodruff</i>

Wednesday 12th	Please pray for Food Project its work has never been more urgent and demanding and the needs it addresses continue to grow. Pray for those needy people who rely on it for help.	<i>Barbara & Don McEwen</i>
Thursday 13th	Pray for Shine and Momentum, ministries hit by current restrictions. Pray they may soon resume bringing again the blessings of the Good News.	<i>Paul & Kirsty Drury</i>
Friday 14th	We heard from Grahamstown Baptist Church in South Africa, recently like us they are battling the pandemic. We have supported the church for many years, pray specifically for Dirk and Lara & Bryan Marx the ministry team, and they still need our prayers for RAIN!	<i>Matt & Julia, Daisy & Connie Newman</i>
Saturday 15th	Residential and Care Homes need prayers, pray the vaccine reassures. pray for the carers who work so hard and the willing ministry that offers another kind of support to residents	<i>Mary Parker</i>
Sunday 16th	Pray for the unseen volunteers who make our technical operation at church work, so that ministry can still reach out via Zoon and YouTube.	<i>Bruce, Ann & David Howarth</i>
Monday 17th	Please pray that the Coffee shop is soon back, and our community can once again benefit from its gentle outreach and warm welcome to the many 'customers' who use and enjoy it.	<i>Margaret & Amy Knowles</i>
Tuesday 18th	Pray for the furniture project and the need it meets; more people are going to need its help ask that it might be a blessing.	<i>Mark, Vicky, Oliver & Harry Shaw</i>
Wednesday 19th	Pray for the work of Ben Francis in Odisha, West Bengal. Hunger caused by the impact of the virus brought starvation to many rural villages. BMS has managed to provide food for many thousands of starving people, a simple miracle	<i>Gemma Wayte</i>
Thursday 20th	Pray for the Youth Ministry that it can return to a more normal kind of operation. Pray also for Liam as he works so hard to stay connected and offer support to the young people.	<i>Eileen & Nigel Smith</i>

Friday 21st	BMS in Afghanistan fighting fear and despair caused by the virus. Pray for the fight against mental Health Problems that BMS is supporting, this problem is almost as dangerous as the virus.	<i>Paul & Kirsty Drury</i>
Saturday 22nd	We support a number of refugee families in Hucknall, they have many challenges to face pray for them. Even in normal times its hard, pray they can enjoy peace and a better future.	<i>Herbert & Valorie Watson</i>
Sunday 23rd	Pray that a way back to fellowship might come early for those people who access and enjoy Natter. Pray that it can bless needy lives	<i>Andrew & Denise Clay</i>
Monday 24th	Mozambique like so many countries is gripped by fear of the virus. Pray that BMS's work with local churches and church groups helps identify areas of need, that require their support	<i>Gemma, James Matilda & Annabel Wilkinson</i>
Tuesday 25th	Mother and Toddlers does an amazing work and it is greatly enjoyed and has been a boon to so many young Families. Pray that it might return and carry on its quiet, gentle support.	<i>Richard, Natalie, Kirsty & Cameron Branley</i>
Wednesday 26th	Renew 34 has been stopped in its tracks, like so many ministries. The people it serves are needy and vulnerable. Again, pray for its speedy return	<i>Paul, Bev & Charlotte Dellaway</i>
Thursday 27th	Pray for Lisa and her work with Families; a real challenge coming into a role and still not able to approach it in a normal way. Support her with your prayers	<i>Alberto Rovida</i>
Friday 28th	Please pray for the team that looks to help those people in our church who need the support of our pastoral team, pray for spiritual rest and healing where required	<i>Bob, Sally & Abigail Newsome</i>
Saturday 29th	BMS also looks to help prevent a climate disaster. Pray for the initiatives, like the investment in solar panels in northern Chad, making a huge difference to local people.	<i>Wendy Wells</i>
Sunday 30th	Give a prayer of thanks and hope for the light brought into our services by our small and dedicated worship group.	<i>Inez Radnell</i>



I am writing this early for technical reasons beyond my control. As a result the on going saga, between the UK and the EU has not been resolved at the time of going to 'press'. There is a lot of 'poker' being played with people's lives, something brought home to me when I listened to a Cornish and Scottish fisherman talk about one of the issues, to my surprise they were eminently sensible and able to empathise with their European counterparts. They could not understand the issue with the negotiators. It was truly heart-warming and said a great deal about what unites them, an unforgiving sea.

I was minded of another deal made many years before, when we were offered the surety of a 'Deal' offer by God, the name changes of course and its called a 'Covenant'. We are offered a deal through this covenant, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, God's only Son, we are told **"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life"** (John 3:16) That's the deal no ifs no buts. That is the True Deal and the Hope we must take forward into the new Year.

Lord Jesus,
Hope overcomes
Hope heals
Hope restores
Hope inspires
Hope conquers
Hope frees
Hope is your gift to
the world Thank
you Amen.

A Prayer for Hope and Strength

Almighty God, You reach into the darkness with hope, truth and light. Stretch out your strong hand in this situation, hold and rescue those who have suffered. Let your almighty love move mountains, cross seas and breathe life into the darkest places. Light that redeems.

Light that restores. Light that heals. Light that protects. Light that saves. There is nothing higher, stronger or greater than your love.

We trust in you.