

October-November Prayer Diary

This prayer diary offers a focus for our personal and corporate prayers and may be incorporated into our own Prayer and Bible Study times. The first section for each month focuses on our Mission partners followed by a topic for each day.

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. Matthew 18: 19

Pray for Missions Partners during October

WAVES

- Work with local families experiencing difficulties or requiring additional support.
- Parents adjusting to the new normal as children return to school

Bible Society

- Middle East: Following closure of Bible House by authorities in Aleppo, Syria, pray for those working with churches and communities locally & wider afield as they continue to serve, seeking to be instruments of reconciliation.
- Egypt: Give thanks for the Digital Media Department resources which are appreciated by families especially those cooped up for long hours of curfew.
- China - for those living in fear of the virus and the consequences.
- UK- Bible Society work in prisons in UK & abroad. "Open the Book" campaign.

Mission Direct – Give thanks for:

- The sustained, strong partnership with the United Baptist Church of Zimbabwe.
- Our excellent partners working in these challenging times

Pray for:

- God's blessing & protection on the work ahead. 2 weeks visit -26.6.21
- Peace, safety & good health for all those affected in these difficult times, especially for Alick and Garikai in Mutare, Zimbabwe.
- All team members to respond to the challenge & step out & embrace all that these experiences have to offer.
- The work being undertaken by Mission Direct in the UK in supporting the partners who are desperately in need without the help of the teams going to physically & financially support them

Daily Prayer in October

1. James & Lucy getting to know everyone, for a clear memory and easy name recall.

2. Mayor of Seaford, Rodney Reed and the Town Council for integrity and wisdom.
3. Mental Health Services as they assess priorities and provide support.
4. Parish APCM– encouragement, engagement and commitment for the future.
5. Policy makers, local authorities and communities as they deal with the challenges of increasing knife crime.
6. Those for whom expressions of Church are encountered online that they will be fed and encouraged and given a holy boldness to share with others.
7. Those living in Jubilee Gardens, Argent Close, Barn Close, Coxwell Close, Queensway, Maple Fields, Balmoral Close and Monarch Gardens.
8. Parish of Barcombe and Newick as they pray and wait expectantly for a new Vicar.
9. Parents adjusting to life after their youngsters have flown the nest and for siblings left behind.
10. Those negotiating Brexit trade agreements that a way forward will open up.
11. Safeguarding Sunday: Church leaders and Safeguarding officers as they 'Speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable.' Proverbs 31:8.
12. All school teachers, managers and governors as they continue to promote health and Covid-19 safety amongst their students.
13. Derreck and Corrinne for much needed rest, refreshment and relaxation.
14. Police: called to prioritise demands and implement changing Covid-19 legislation.
15. Immigration and Border Agency tackling the plight of refugees, people smuggling and exploitation. Compassion and fair treatment for all who seek asylum.
16. Shortfall in parish finances needed to fulfil our commitments this year.
17. Those living in Normansal Park Avenue, Chalvington Close, Normansal Close, Seagrove Way, Sovereign Close, Sandringham Close and Belvedere Gardens.
18. St Luke's Church as they celebrate their Patronal Festival. Pray for vision for the future.
19. Local NHS services caring for those who are ill or living with chronic illness.
20. Those living with the aftermath of the explosion in Beirut in August 2020.
21. Church Wardens, treasurer and the Parochial Church Council (PCC).
22. Local businesses and trades as they rebuild following lockdown.
23. Fishing community and those who depend on the sea for a living.
24. Archdeacon Martin as he advises, supports and encourages clergy and churches.
25. United Nations peacekeeping forces & UK military deployed around the world
26. Razzamatazz Robots Holiday club: for Stefan, Alice, helpers and children that all have fun.
27. Those living in Sutton Drove, The Byways, Parkside, Byedown, Hindover Road, Hindover Crescent, Haven Brow, Rough Brow and Short Brow.
28. Rev Arwen Folkes and all at St Peter's Blatchington and St Andrew's Bishopstone.

29. Wisdom for public health leaders and all in the scientific community who monitor and advise the Government regarding the Covid-19 pandemic.
30. Courage and wisdom for those living daily with the threat of persecution.
31. The housebound and the pastoral care visitors who provide a link to church.

Pray for Mission Partners during November

Diocesan Family Support

- The ongoing work of the Family Practitioners as they reach out to help vulnerable families.
- As fund raising events are re-introduced that they will provide much needed income.
- For Alyson Heath, Chairman of FSW and Mothers Union Diocesan President, Karen Hill as they look forward to strengthening the links between the two organisations.
- For staff and officers of the two organisations as they make arrangements and work together to share office space at Garton House.

Cambodia Action: Sara and Pola Chhin

- For continued and abundant financial provision for M'lup Russey and the Chhin family.
- That the Chhin household and M'lup Russey staff will remain healthy.
- For Chetra as he transitions to his role of Executive Director of M'lup Russey: he has been part of the work since 2011.

Daily Prayer in November

1. Messy Church families as they join in online with this month's activities.
2. Those in care homes separated from loved ones and for families unable to visit.
3. Those living with job uncertainty and those who have lost employment this year.
4. Bishop of Lewes (William Hazlewood) as he meets challenges within the area.
5. Those living in poverty around the world where regular handwashing and social distancing is difficult.
6. As we pray together as family or online, give us a heart to seek after you and what you are doing. Help us to persevere when we do not see immediate answers.
7. Young people of our town that they might resist temptation to misuse alcohol and drugs.
8. Boris Johnson, the government and Maria Caulfield, our MP, for wisdom.
9. All who welcome visitors to the Church and for helpful conversations that arise.
10. The world and its future in the light of environmental and climate change.
11. Remembrance Day: those living with the long term effects of conflicts/war.

12. Those living in Milldown Road, Sutton Road, Mill Drive, Parkside Road, Gildredge Road, Grove Road, East Albany Road and Stafford Road.
13. Parishes in the Diocese without permanent clergy and their Church Wardens.
14. New parents facing parenthood without many of the usual support structures.
15. The criminal justice system and all who work in it. Those in prison and their families.
16. Elizabeth Morgan-Jones and the Mission Support team in the parish as they act as a link with our Mission Partners in the UK and around the world.
17. For peace and harmony at home. Those whose home is a place of insecurity and fear.
18. Bishop of Chichester and staff at Chichester Cathedral approaching Advent celebrations.
19. The government and all tasked with national decision making, for God-given wisdom and effective strategies to build a fair society for all.
20. For successful treatments for Covid-19 and for effective vaccines to be developed.
21. Homegroup leaders in the parish as they support and encourage their members.
22. Those living in Meads Road, Cornfield Road, Middle Furlong, Highlands Road, Cornfield Close, Mercread Road, Guardswell Place, Vicarage Close and Sutton Road.
23. Archbishop Justin Welby and all denominational leaders for guidance, wisdom and a holy boldness to stand for Christ and his Church.
24. Police, Fire & Rescue & Ambulance personnel, for protection from harm and safety as they meet with people in distress and need.
25. Those who care for family members and neighbours, for maintenance of good health, support and patience to enable them to continue in their role.
26. Our online services as they go out week by week, that lives will be changed by the message of Christ's love and forgiveness.
27. Those who are homeless and those whose home is at risk because of loss of income for a solution and security.
28. As folk make plans for Christmas celebrations, pray for wisdom to keep loved ones safe from illness.
29. Scientists as they continue to evaluate trials for effective vaccines for Covid-19 and a fair and effective strategy to implement vaccination to those most in need.
30. Hospitals prioritising current need whilst facing the challenges of usual winter pressures along with the backlog of delayed treatment as a fallout from lockdown.

The next edition of the Prayer Diary will be in the December-January edition of The Parish Magazine. It will also be available at the back of both churches or can be downloaded from our website at www.seafordparish.org.uk/prayer