

THURSDAY 29th July

Hannah Jackson

I'm giving thanks for the opportunity to study for the last two years at Cornhill Training Course. Please pray for opportunities to keep applying what I've learned.

Please pray for the people of Likawage, Tanzania (where I'm moving in November). May the Lord by his Spirit be working in their hearts that they may be open to hear the good news of Jesus.

FRIDAY 30th July

Paul and Helen S (*Africa Inland Mission*)

- We submitted our French visa applications in June - pray they will be approved and COVID won't hinder our plans to travel on 20th August.
- Pray for us all as we prepare again to say goodbye to friends and family in the UK.
- Pray for the Sahel region in Africa; for peace especially in Mali, Niger, Burkina and northern Nigeria, for the gospel to go out and be believed in the region and for the church to grow amidst huge opposition.

SATURDAY 31st July

Persecuted Christians

More than 1,000 Christian and Hindu girls are abducted in Pakistan and forced into marriage each year. Pakistan's religious minorities – the Christian, Shi'a Hazara, Hindu and Ahmadiyya communities – also continue to face other forms of persistent discrimination and harassment. Blasphemy laws and hate speech are regularly used against religious minorities and radicalisation through biased education contributes to widespread religious intolerance. Please pray for tolerance and that the Lord will transform the hearts of those who cause harm to others.

SUNDAY 1st August

Persecuted Christians (*continued*)

There are numerous deadly attacks on Christians in Nigeria. The right to freedom of religion or belief continues to be violated regularly, amid a general deterioration in security that is impacting every community in the country. Pray that the authorities will find ways to address Nigeria's security vacuum, to stem the staggering loss of life across the nation, to protect all citizens, and to assist and rehabilitate victims of violence.

8am Holy Communion - *Matt Taylor*

10am: service in church (streamed):
Matthew 1:13-15 - *Matt Taylor*

10am service at Lady Boswell's
(streamed): Psalm 68 - *Giles Witchell*

6.30pm service in church (streamed):
Psalm 92 - *Nic Ross*



St Nicholas Church
SEVENOAKS

PRAYER DIARY

July 2021

*"I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing the Lord's praise,
for he has been good to me."*

(Psalm 13:5-6 NIV)

Note: Details of services and other events are correct at time of publishing but will remain under review and will depend on government restrictions. Please check our website for more up-to-date information.



All the details in our monthly Prayer Diary can be found on PrayerMate: www.prayermate.net

Our Vision: To know Jesus and make him known locally and globally...and so we prayerfully and lovingly proclaim Him ... in order to Reach, Nurture, Equip and Send ... for His Glory.

MONDAY 5th July

Arabella Paul (*The Faith Mission*)

I am so thankful for your prayers.

Monday 5 July and 12 July I have West Kingsdown Year 5 on Moses, then Joshua and Judges and Year 6 on The Life of Christ, followed by the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Tuesday 6 and 13 July I have Vigo Year 5 on Joshua and Judges then Samson and Ruth and Year 6 on the Crucifixion and Resurrection, followed by Acts.

I am helping with the Suffolk Teens Camp from 25 to 30 July.

TUESDAY 6th July

Mark & Jane Oden (*Naples*)

On 3rd July we had a church picnic - please pray that this time of fellowship would strengthen us as a church. Please pray that there might also have been non-Christians present who might have witnessed the body working as a body and become members of the body!

WEDNESDAY 7th July

Mark & Jane Oden (*continued*)

Please give thanks for the way that the Lord has sustained our 4 children over this last academic year: Sofia in the UK, able only to come back to Naples once and Inez, Luisa and Archie with lots of virtual learning.

Please pray that the Oden summer family trip to the UK would happen!

THURSDAY 8th July

Thanksgiving

Give thanks:

- for God's word preached in June.
 - for the Nurture Group Leadership Training course and for all those involved.
 - for the Contact Summer BBQ and for friendships between established members of Contact and those joining.
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Lady Bowell's Assembly - *Jemimah White*

Monday Women's Study Groups

Retired Men's Think-it-Through

Campaigner Sensational Science demonstration for all

Campaigner meeting by Zoom

9.15 and 6.30pm congregational leadership team meetings

Walking Group

Women's Study Group

Congregational Prayer Gatherings

Angus MacLeay and Ian Dobbie at a Vacancy in See meeting

Men's Bible Study Group

Women's Study Group

Contact Bible Study

Leadership Team Meeting

Women's Bible Study Groups

Centrepoint Bible+chat

SUNDAY 25th July

Julia Cameron (*Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion*)

EFAC is drawing together a global clergy fellowship led by Peter Walker to study John Stott's *Through the Bible, Through the Year*. The 'year' begins at the end of August. Please pray for it to be a rich experience of learning from Christians in different cultures.

MONDAY 26th July

Trinity School (*Helen Read - Assistant Chaplain*)

- Please pray for the 6th Form Alpha course running on Tuesday lunchtimes. Give thanks for those coming each week and pray for good discussions and for God to open hearts to him.
 - Pray for creating the end of year Celebration Assembly which will be filmed and made into an iMovie to be shown in form. Pray for a clear message of Hope in Jesus from Philippians 2.
 - Continue to pray for great wisdom, grace and compassion in responding to pastoral needs both with students and their parents.
 - Give thanks for the Lord's faithful provision for the foodbank this year.
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TUESDAY 27th July

Mark Ellis (*Christian Union Ireland*)

- Give thanks for a full Staff team for next year. Pray for them as they seek to raise a prayer and financial support team around them as they start.
 - Give thanks for our series of eight videos and resource booklet for school leavers and Freshers. Pray for them; this is the most critical and difficult year to make that move from being a pupil to being a student.
 - Restrictions may be easing in England; in Northern Ireland and the Republic they're not yet, and the messages are confusing! Pray for wisdom in planning ahead and for Christian Unions that will be vibrant and effective in mission on every campus.
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WEDNESDAY 28th July

Tony Waghorn (*Communications and Media Facilitator, OMF International*)

- We're working with a number of media volunteers and also training new volunteers across OMF. Please pray for good communication and a clear vision of the best projects to work on together.
 - I'm slowly making progress together with the team on our new Communications Handbook - pray that we can start sharing it with the wider team soon.
 - Our new International website is live at omf.org with local sites, like omf.org/uk, migrating soon. Please pray for Heather and all those working on the project.
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8am Holy Communion - *Matt Taylor*

10am: service in church (streamed): Exodus 5:22-6:12 - *Andrew Bratby*

10am service at Lady Boswell's (streamed): Psalm 3 - *Tony Waghorn*

6.30pm service in church (streamed): Psalm 91 - *Dan Halpin*

Summer Focus:
Revelation 2:8-11 -
Dan Boshoff

WEDNESDAY 21st July

Sophie-Ann Rebbettes (*Crossteach*)

- Praise God for encouragements from the few clubs we have been able to do in person.
- Pray as we contact schools to plan for September that we would have positive responses, especially from schools we haven't heard much from this year.
- Pray for a good rest over summer.
- Pray for my colleague Charissa as she goes on maternity leave and pray that we would adapt to working well without her.

Lady Boswell's Leavers Event

Sevenoaks Deanery Chapter Meeting

Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship Meeting with Kirsty Birkett (1pm)

Contact Bible Study

Women's Bible Study Groups

Centrepont Weekend 9-11 July

General Synod 9-13 July

THURSDAY 22nd July

Anna Poor (*Acorn Camps Hungary*)

- Praise God for the applicants for the course so far. Pray for 3 more to long to grow in sharing Christ with their teenagers through teaching the Bible.
- Anna is on camp 24-30 July giving talks and mentoring a student, Saci. Pray for good, encouraging times with her and for talks that present Christ's beauty from Mark's gospel.
- Thanks for 4-day team training from Mel Lacy (Growing Young Disciples) and the wisdom she has shared.

FRIDAY 23rd July

Campaigners

For camp (24th -31st July):

Give thanks for:

- a team of leaders ready to rise to the special challenges of camp this year.
- a good number camping with us after a long period of restrictions.
- the landowner ready to give us free use of his land.

Campaigner Camp 24-31 July

SATURDAY 24th July

Campaigners

Pray for:

- effective management of covid precautions and for keeping covid-free.
- suitable weather for living in a field.
- good relationships.
- safety in a lively programme of on-site activities.
- clear Bible teaching each evening.

Lady Bowell's Assembly - *Hannah Jackson*

Campaigner Sensational Science demonstration for all

Campaigner meeting by Zoom

FRIDAY 9th July

Rector's slot

Please pray:

- for new staff: Nic Ross settling into Sevenoaks this month and joining us as curate, and for Abby Chilton joining us as Communications and Content Designer.
- for other new staff appointments to fill various vacancies.
- for Christian summer camps and houseparties.
- for our congregational pastors as they plan for Nurture Groups to start in September.

SATURDAY 10th July

Arthur Parke (*SIM Benin*)

- Arthur has re-booked his flight to the UK (cancelled in April 2020) for 20 July. Pray that things will go smoothly. Benin is in the amber zone. Pray for arrangements during his absence.
- Pray for his 'boys' getting exam results, either Pass or Fail! If only they would really trust God for their future. Opportunities are few.
- Pray for the installation of our new C.U. General Secretary for Benin on 31 July at an elaborate ceremony, that it will increase the profile of our movement.

SUNDAY 11th July

Selvan Anketell (*Japan Christian Link*)

Thank the Lord that, despite the delayed lifting of lockdown, we can plan on going ahead with a 16th-18th July Japan physical weekend conference compliant with current covid regulations. Please pray for our last-minute planning of the programme content and the technology, that it will be really helpful for both in person and on-line participants, and that God would use it greatly in his purposes to bring the message of Jesus and make disciples for him among the Japanese people.

8am Holy Communion - *Matt Taylor*

9.15am: service in church (streamed): Exodus 4:18-31 - *Matt Taylor*

10am service at Lady Boswell's (streamed): Matthew 13:24-43 - *Angus MacLeay*

11am: service in church (streamed): Exodus 4:18-31 - *Matt Taylor*

Contact All Together

6.30pm service in church (streamed): Matthew 13:24-43 - *Angus MacLeay*

MONDAY 12th July

Hazel Maunsell

Now that Hazel is retired and in England, it is an opportunity to give thanks to God for:

- Hazel's – and, of course, Colin's – faithful ministries;
- the Ethiopian friends who ministered alongside them, especially Fithamlak, Teddy, Sileshi, Kibbenesh and Tesfanesh;
- the many Ethiopians who have ministered in the service of the Gospel in difficult surroundings and facing costly challenges.

TUESDAY 13th July

Hazel Maunsell (*continued*)

Give thanks to God for:

- the other missionaries who have played a part in the story of God's work in Ethiopia, often serving with BCMS/Crosslinks and CMJ;
- the renewal that has taken place within the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, with many discovering a living faith in Jesus Christ and finding a firm foundation in God's Word, supported by biblical literature produced and distributed since the 1960s.

Women's Study Group

Home Groups

WEDNESDAY 14th July

Martin Laing (*St Nicholas Tearfund Rep*)

- Pray for those whose lives are being shattered by the brutal violence in the Tigray region of Ethiopia. Pray that we see them as [our neighbours](#) as Jesus would have us.
- Last month was World Refugee Day: nearly 80 million worldwide have been forced from their homes. Pray for Tearfund's work in [East and Central Africa](#) with refugees.
- Pray for children [forced into work](#) because of coronavirus. Pray for families who have to make desperate decisions to survive. Pray for a way out and for children to thrive.

Bible & Bagels

Men's Bible Study Group

Women's Study Group

Contact Bible Study

THURSDAY 15th July

Sam Allberry

I am starting work on a new book: an evangelistic introduction to the Christian faith. Please pray for clarity and wisdom in the early stages of mapping it all out and beginning to write. I am speaking at a number of Christian festivals and events over the summer – please pray for faithfulness and fruitfulness.

Women's Bible Study Groups

Centrepoint Bible+chat

Men's Group BBQ

FRIDAY 16th July

Philip & Sunny Glass (*Futako Tamagawa, South Tokyo - network partners with Japan Christian Link*)

Thank you so much for your continued support in prayer. Our Korean friend from our apartment block is about to move to a different part of Japan. Please pray for boldness to speak the gospel with her to the end. We are also delighted to be expecting our second child. Please pray for mum and baby's health.

Japan Christian Link
conference 16-18 July

Women's Bible Study Groups

SATURDAY 17th July

StJohn & Ellie Perry on *Home Assignment with OMF*

- We are narrowing our search, now seeking affordable accommodation just in the Sevenoaks area. Pray for finding the right place, aiming to move in next month.
- Expected springtime Home Assignment travel to supporters around the UK has not happened. We move on now towards Diaspora ministry, with Malay speaking students our new focus, in the London area. As Covid restrictions ease, pray for us to see God's hand in the timing of our long-delayed visits - allowing us to talk about both our past and future ministries.

SUNDAY 18th July

Jamie & Helen Read (*Crosslinks*)

Give thanks for the production of a series of Crosslinks Mission Partnership videos, designed to help churches build intentional, heart-warming and engaging gospel partnerships with their overseas missionaries. The six short videos will look at praying, caring, giving, suffering, going & longing. Please pray that these would be helpful for churches involved in sending missionaries overseas.

8am Holy Communion - *Angus MacLeay*

9.15am: service in church (streamed): Exodus
5:1-21 - *John Khnana*

10am service at Lady Boswell's (streamed):
Matthew 13:44-52 - *Angus MacLeay*

11am: service in church (streamed): Exodus
5:1-21 - *John Khnana*

Contact All Together

6.30pm service in church (streamed):
Matthew 13:44-52 - *Angus MacLeay*

MONDAY 19th July

SAYT (*Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust*)

SAYT is still shocked by the sad death of our youth worker, Julie, at the end of May but encouraged by the numerous tributes received. We give thanks to God for all she contributed and the selfless care she gave to others. Please continue to pray for her husband and two young adult children. Pray too for Holly as she continues to work on her own and in particular that we will find the right person to help her during the summer months.

Monday Women's Study Groups

Retired Men's Think-it-Through

Lady Boswell's assembly - *Matt Taylor*

Campaigner Sensational Science
demonstration for all

Campaigner meeting by Zoom

Matt & Sally Taylor on Lymington
Rushmore Camp 19-23 July

TUESDAY 20th July

Janet Phythian (*Growing Hope, Farming God's Way, Mozambique*)

A new initiative of rural churches together in Dondo has arranged a small group of youth that we are equipping with FGW. Pray for each of them, Maria, Fernando, Barro, Maliana and David, as they grow vegetables in the centre of their community, that they will understand God's abundance in His Creation, His compassion for them and may they become strong witnesses within their churches, families and with neighbours. We thank you, Lord, for your grace and mercy as you prune us so we can be even more fruitful. May we shine your light more brightly.

Summer Focus: Revelation
2:1-7 - *Jon Drury*