

#### THURSDAY 29th October

##### Martin Laing (*St Nicholas Tearfund Rep*)

Tearfund's Director for India reports that this year has been the hardest and most tragic of Tearfund's 25 years working in the region. The impact of cyclones, flooding and coronavirus has been catastrophic. Communities are crumbling and child trafficking is increasing. Pray that Jesus will meet the needs of desperate people. Pray for the Tearfund team that they don't lose hope even though they are "not seeing positive results at the moment".

Pray that Christians will continue to give generously to the Tearfund Coronavirus Emergency Appeal.

Women's Bible Study Group



**St Nicholas Church**  
SEVENOAKS

#### FRIDAY 30th October

##### Persecuted Christians

Give thanks for the release of some Christians from prison in Eritrea and pray for them as they adjust to their freedom, as some have been kept in prison for many years in appalling conditions. Pray that the news of their release may signal a change of heart by the regime in Eritrea and please continue to pray for freedom for the many hundreds of Christians still in prison in that country.

#### SATURDAY 31st October

##### Persecuted Christians

A Christian, Asif Pervaiz, who has been held in custody awaiting trial since 2013 has been sentenced to death by a court in Pakistan. He will appeal against the sentence.

Please pray for justice for Asif and that his appeal will be heard soon and will be successful. Pray that God will strengthen him and all other Christians who are behind bars accused of blasphemy in Pakistan. Pray too that God would provide for their families.

Pray for an end to the blasphemy laws which have been misused disproportionately over the years to target Christians.

#### SUNDAY 1st November

##### Samaritan's Purse

Give thanks for the opportunity to support the Christmas Shoebox Appeal organised by Samaritan's Purse. Pray that we would respond with generosity and compassion and that the Lord would use these gifts as tangible signs of the love of Christ.

9/11am: service in church (streamed):  
John 5:16-30 - *Gavin McGrath*

10am at Lady Boswell's (streamed):  
Mark 6:45-56 - *Angus MacLeay*

Contact All Together

6.30pm service on Zoom: Mark 6:45-56  
- *Angus MacLeay*

# PRAYER DIARY

## October 2020

*"You, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high. I call out to the Lord, and he answers me."*

(From Psalm 3:3-4)

***Note: in line with the current COVID guidelines, our small groups, study groups and home groups etc. will continue to meet online during October.***



All the details in our monthly Prayer Diary can be found on PrayerMate: [www.prayermate.net](http://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 October

### Thanksgiving

Give thanks:

- for God's word preached in September
- for the recent Jeremy Cooke and Roger Carswell events
- for the APCM and decisions made
- for our churchwardens

Women's Bible Study Groups

Retired Men's Think-it-Through

Lady Boswell's assembly - *Albert Wood*

Campaigners meeting + Zoom catchup science

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## TUESDAY 6th October

### Selvan Anketell (*Japan Christian Link*)

Thank the Lord for recent JCL partners Sunny (nee Honda) and Philip Glass, Japan-bound so Philip can begin research work there. Ask God for wisdom and overruling in complex inter-related covid/visa/funding issues. They'd hoped to move 1st Oct but a start this year is looking tough.

As I write we've not yet had the 2-4th Oct Zoom Japan weekend conference but, in faith, I ask you to thank God for this and that he'd bring eternal fruit from it

Walking Group

Joint Prayer Gathering for all congregations

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## WEDNESDAY 7th October

### Mark & Jane Oden (*Naples*)

Give thanks for Sofia settling in well to Dean Close and for the opportunities she's had to witness to her friends and teachers.

3rd October Church Study Day / 4th Birthday Celebrations - we focussed on our 3 values as a church - esplorare (explore), mandare (send), raccontare (tell).

17/18 October open air evangelism - preaching, 121 questionnaires, Christian graffiti (!).

Women's Bible Study Group

Contact Bible Study

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## THURSDAY 8th October

### Sam Allberry (*RZIM Zacharias Trust*)

I heard in mid-September that my visa to move to America has been approved. I'm waiting to see what the next steps are. Pray that all the logistics would go smoothly and that I would be able to move soon.

I am also busy writing and filming talks for online events that are coming up — please pray for clarity and stamina as I try to get this all done.

Bumps & Babies walk

Women's Bible Study Groups

Centrepoint Bible+chat

Training for Congregation Leaders

## SUNDAY 25th October

### Trinity School Foodbank

The School Foodbank is open for donations Tuesday mornings 9 am to 12 noon. It has bridged the needs of families since March and continues to serve 30 Trinity School families. There is no overlap with the families we serve and those that Sevenoaks 'Loaves and Fishes' foodbank serves. If God provides an abundance of food, Pastor Andrew Junaid from the Whitefoot and Downham Food Project in Lewisham collects any surplus. Please pray for this outreach and for all those who are in need.

9/11am: service in church (streamed): John 5:1-15 - *Matt Taylor*

Baptism of Lily Taylor at 11am

10am at Lady Boswell's (streamed): Mark 6:30-44 - *John Khnana*

Contact All Together

6.30pm service on Zoom (Contact): Mark 6:30-44 - *Simon Heather*

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## MONDAY 26th October

### Sophie-Ann Rebbettes (*Crossteach*)

Praise God for the positive feedback from schools using our virtual assemblies. Pray children would grasp how wonderful God's salvation plan is as we do a Bible overview. Most schools have said clubs probably won't restart till at least next half term. Pray that they would be able to restart.

Praise God for schools where we have been able to go back physically.

Pray that producing virtual resources would create opportunities in new schools.

Knowing Life (on YouTube)

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## TUESDAY 27th October

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

Praise for:

- Great progress on the new OMF web and intranet systems by my colleague Heather and her team.
- Excellent support from our volunteer Photo Administrator, Angela - a teacher based in California.
- Opportunities to preach, learning how to improve and the benefits of studying God's word deeply.

Home Groups

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## WEDNESDAY 28th October

### Tony Waghorn (*continued*)

Pray for:

- Progress and creativity in making videos with the team in these challenging times of social distancing and travel bans.
- Teams around the globe as they learn the new web system and how to use it effectively.
- Wisdom in family and church leadership responsibilities

Bible & Bagels

Women's Bible Study Group

*For wider prayer news about OMF head to [pray.omf.org](http://pray.omf.org) or find us on the PrayerMate app.*

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## WEDNESDAY 21st October

### Arthur Parke (*SIM Benin*)

Thank the Lord with me for four volunteers who have a vision for the student work and for our weekly meetings during the holidays.

Pray for our efforts to contact potential leaders who can get our groups started now that schools are back.

Women's Bible Study Group

Contact Bible Study

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## THURSDAY 22nd October

### Arthur Parke (*continued*)

Pray for:

our student leaders as they advise those starting university for the first time.

my 'boys' – Simplice starting work as a chef; Emmanuel and Bienvenu repeating examination year in new schools, Daniel in his last year at university questioning his Christian faith!

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## FRIDAY 23rd October

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

Thank the Lord that the Growing Hope teaching day on 12 September was attended by 25 people including 4 pastors, for Pastor Pirez who was teaching and that all were encouraged.

We pray that the biblical teaching will grow faith for all who attended. We now pray for Pastor Njinga whom we will support to hold a similar retreat day for his church family in October. We thank the Lord for all these opportunities to teach His word.

Women's Study Groups

Contact Coffee

Yr 10 Bible Study

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## SATURDAY 24th October

### Janet Phythian (*continued*)

Thanks for the FOM abundant harvest to date for the orphans in Dondo and for the team this year. We ask for blessings for each of them as they end the 12-month training in mid-October.

Thanks for good daily communication with the team and Pastors that has been possible via WhatsApp.

Pray for the seemingly disastrous war situation developing in northern Mozambique, for intervention and for peace; also, for ceasing of recent political violence nearer to home in Sofala province.

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## FRIDAY 9th October

### Jamie & Helen Read (*Crosslinks*)

Give thanks that we have 4 couples at different stages of application for long term overseas service. This is great news! It is also a reminder that Covid-times are no barrier to the advance of the gospel around the world. Pray that we would lift up our eyes and see the harvest field as the Lord sees it, not just locally but globally too.

I am visiting Cambrey Baptist church in Cheltenham - in person - on 18 October. I'll be preaching on Acts 19-20. Pray for good preparation and application that warms hearts and encourages mission engagement.

Sevenoaks School

Assemblies: *Angus MacLeay*

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## SATURDAY 10th October

### Implementation of the Truscott Report

Pray for wisdom and discernment for Rector, Wardens and PCC as we move forwards to implementing aspects of the Truscott Report in ways which will rekindle our desires to know Jesus and make Him known.

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## SUNDAY 11th October

### Rector's slot

Please pray:

- for Sunday preaching in October
- for personal opportunities for sharing our faith
- for the 'Knowing Life' initiative
- for the new congregational model to be good at nurturing the church family and building us up
- for youth and children's ministry this autumn
- for pastoral needs within the church family

Harvest Sunday 9/11am: in church (streamed): John 4:27-38 - *Matt Taylor*

10am at Lady Boswell's (streamed): Mark 6:1-13 - *Angus MacLeay*

Contact All Together

6.30pm service on Zoom: Mark 6:1-13 - *Angus MacLeay*

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## MONDAY 12th October

### Penny Boshoff (*Scripture Union*)

Praise God for the creativity and commitment of staff and volunteers who have worked to bring the good news to children and young people online. SU is a partner in Leadership Lab International; pray for the development of virtual training to help young leaders develop online discipleship ministry with young people.

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Retired Men's Think-it-Through

Lady Boswell's assembly - *Albert Wood*

Campaigners meeting + Zoom catchup science

Knowing Life (YouTube)

## TUESDAY 13th October

### Penny Boshoff (*continued*)

Pray for SU Kent worker, Lisa Jones and the practical arrangements for the non-residential event for children in Orpington's Chinese community planned for October half term.

Pray for the SAYT team as they meet young people at Greatness and Kemsing. Pray for wisdom in supporting young people in the changing Covid situation.

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Home Groups

## WEDNESDAY 14th October

### StJohn & Ellie Perry (*with OMF, East Malaysia: serving at Sabah Theological Seminary*)

- Pray for StJohn with intensive counselling courses to teach over all the weekends this month - for churches in Miri, Sarawak (a short plane journey), and in Kanibongan, north Sabah (a 4 hour drive).
- The teaching year was interrupted by the virus - pray for lecturers (including Ellie) struggling to help our graduating students complete courses and assignments. The number of Covid-19 cases is rising in Sabah - pray that this is contained and won't cause another lockdown, with graduation set for 7th November.

Bible & Bagels

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Contact Bible Study

## THURSDAY 15th October

### Emma Brewster (*SIM South Africa*)

Praise:

For our board meetings going smoothly and for a week's holiday.

For new appointments to lead our global ministries in: university, arts and health ministries.

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Please continue to pray for the search for someone to lead our business ministries.

## FRIDAY 16th October

### Emma Brewster (*continued*)

Prayer:

For the strategic review of our African disciple making ministry – working amongst key African denominational leaders.

For the review of the ministry I am involved in locally for women in prostitution.

For healing for Mum, who hasn't been well.

Women's Study Groups

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## SATURDAY 17th October

### Dan & Pippa Halpin (*Oak Hill College, London*)

Give thanks for a blessed week in the Dales and the Contact Houseparty.

We've decided that, God-willing, we will aim to stay at Oak Hill for a third year. Do pray for provision of sufficient funding.

Pray for trusting God that he can still work powerfully through 'socially-distanced Oak Hill'.

Pray for Dan's lack of college community activities like lunch and chapel, Dan and Pippa leading Fellowship Groups, Pippa leading the Offsite Spouses and Working Spouses groups.

## SUNDAY 18th October

### Nick & Dorothy Jones & Family (*Drung Church, Ireland*)

Give thanks for God sustaining Nick through 2 funerals in one week, please pray for comfort for the families, and fruit from God's Word spoken into the grieving families.

Please pray for the youth and children in our churches; ministry to them is harder during the current restrictions.

Please pray for Christian families to move into the area and for godly people to share the leadership with.

9/11am: Communion service in church (streamed): John 4:39-54 -  
*Gavin McGrath*

10am at Lady Boswell's (streamed):  
Mark 6:14-29 - *Angus MacLeay*

Angus MacLeay preaching at St Mary  
Riverhead am

Contact All Together

6.30pm service on Zoom: Mark 6:14-  
29 - *Angus MacLeay*

## MONDAY 19th October

### Hazel Maunsell

After several months in hospital, Hazel is now living at a community for retired Anglicans in Surrey. Give thanks for the provision of this accommodation. Pray that Hazel will continue to settle in and gradually get to know other residents.

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Retired Men's Think-it-Through

Lady Boswell's assembly - *Cara Smith*

Campaigners meeting + Zoom catchup  
science

Knowing Life (on YouTube)

## TUESDAY 20th October

### Hazel Maunsell (*continued*)

Pray for Fithamlak, Teddy, Kibbenesh and Tesfanesh in Ethiopia, for wisdom as they continue to serve in Hazel's absence, drawing the current literature work to a conclusion. Projects underway include:

- a translation of the Amharic Bible Dictionary into Oromo: pray for the translators and for the planning of the project beyond the translation through to a printed book available for distribution;
- training courses on Revelation in book form now ready for printing. Please pray for the financial and administrative matters that need resolving before printing can commence.

Women's Bible Study

Matt Taylor teaching at Oak Hall