

## THURSDAY 28th October

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

- Give thanks that we've had good numbers of teens at church and youth group recently and please pray that God works in their lives.
- Give thanks that we have another ministry trainee hopefully starting in November, please pray that we can sort housing for them!

## FRIDAY 29th October

### Nick & Dorothy Jones & Family (*continued*)

- We are working towards a mission next Easter, please pray for the Lord's help.
- William has had to start on steroids, please pray for strength for him, and God's grace for us all.

## SATURDAY 30th October

### Persecuted Christians

Children's event

Thank God that the church in Algeria has been growing, especially among ethnic Berber people. Pray that the concerted campaign against believers in Algeria, including numerous church closures, will prompt many more Algerians to explore Christianity. Pray for Pastor Rachid Seighir who runs a church and bookshop in Oran. He and his shop assistant, Nouh, were recently given a one-year suspended jail sentence for "agitating the faith of Muslims". In the same week, his church was forcibly closed.

## SUNDAY 31st October

### Persecuted Christians

Please pray for the church in Myanmar, especially during these times of unrest, that God will equip Christians to be peace-builders and reconcilers. The Chin and Karen people groups identify as Christian and are oppressed by the Government as well as by local officials and tribal militia. Pray for God to strengthen and protect his people in Myanmar and to be at work there bringing people into His Kingdom.

8am Holy Communion - *Angus MacLeay*

9.15am: service in church (streamed):  
Genesis 4 - *Angus MacLeay*

10am service at Lady Boswell's  
(streamed): Isaiah 27 - *John Khnana*

11am: service in church (streamed):  
Genesis 4 - *Angus MacLeay*

Contact All Together

6.30pm service in church (streamed):  
1 Corinthians 4:6-21 - *Nic Ross*

# PRAYER DIARY

## October 2021

*"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?  
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him,  
my Saviour and my God."*

(Psalm 42:5 NIV)

*Note: Details of services and events are correct at time of publishing but 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](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 4th October

### Thanksgiving

Give thanks:

- for God's word preached in September;
- for the interview with Dee Larcombe introducing our autumn Christianity Explored course, which starts today;
- for the start of our daytime Bible study groups and Nurture Groups in September;
- for Jamie Read joining the staff team.

Lady Bowell's Assembly - *Hannah Jackson*

Monday Women's Study Groups

Campaigners

Christianity Explored Course begins

Bellringers

## TUESDAY 5th October

### Sam Allberry

From 6th-16th October I'll be working at Redeemer Church in Dubai, preaching at their services and running some seminars. Please pray for insight for me, as it is an unfamiliar and hugely diverse congregation. This month I am also hoping to write a draft of a children's book that I am working on – pray that God would give the right words.

Diocesan Clergy Conference

Walking Group

Women's Study Group

Tuesday Fellowship

Joint Prayer Gathering

## WEDNESDAY 6th October

### Arabella Paul (*The Faith Mission*)

- Arabella Paul appreciates prayer for the Primary School Bible Explorer lessons: on Wednesdays teaching The Old Testament in Etchingham in the morning and Bodiam in the afternoons on 6, 13 and 20 October.
- Also for The New Testament lessons in Northiam on Thursdays 7, 14 and 21 October.
- She values prayer as she takes the Meopham Green Baptist Church service on Sunday 10 October.

Bible & Bagels

Men's Study Group

Women's Study Group

Centrepoint

Contact Bible Study

Yr 10 Bible Study

## THURSDAY 7th October

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

- Please give heartfelt thanks for abundant vegetable harvests this year, on the farm, at churches and in communities; for faithful application of Farming God's Way; and for the encouragement and joy this gives to those who have so little.
- Please pray as Janet applies for her visa and all covid-related preparations for her visit to Mozambique from 14 October to 17 November.
- Pray for God to bless this limited time with the GH team, Pastors and churches; and for every day to be for His glory.

Women's Study Groups

Eagles

## SUNDAY 24th October

### Refugees

Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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8am Holy Communion - *Matt Taylor*

9.15am: service in church (streamed):  
Genesis 3:8-24 - *Matt Taylor*

10am service at Lady Boswell's  
(streamed): Isaiah 25:6-8 - *John Khnana*

11am: service in church (streamed):  
Genesis 3:8-24 - *Matt Taylor*

Contact All Together

6.30pm service in church (streamed):  
1 Corinthians 3:1-4:5 - *Nic Ross*

## MONDAY 25th October

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

- Give thanks for God bringing us to our third and final year at college. Please pray he would use this last year richly.
- Give thanks for the welcoming and settling in of new students and particularly for Pippa's role looking after working and off-site spouses.

Retired Men's Think-It-Through

Christianity Explored course

Bellringers

## TUESDAY 26th October

### Dan & Pippa Halpin (*continued*)

- As adverts start to come out for jobs, please pray for discernment, humility and a peaceful trust, and that the process would not become a distraction from all the good things we have in front of us at the moment.

Nurture Groups

## WEDNESDAY 27th October

### SAYT (*Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust*)

- Give thanks that Holly, with the help of a short term worker and several faithful volunteers, was able to run a good programme of activities during the summer holidays including a memorable day out at the seaside.
- Pray for the building up of relationships strengthened during those times and for long-term fruit in the lives of the young people.
- We are actively looking for a second youth worker so please pray for the right person to be found.

Men's Study Group

Rockdale Service -  
Beatrice Wilson Room

## WEDNESDAY 20th October

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

- Pray for the assemblies we're doing at a school that aren't mixing year groups – we're in the school hall and livestreaming to the classrooms. Pray that the assemblies would be engaging and for the tech to work.

Bible & Bagels  
Men's Study Group  
Women's Study Group  
Centrepont  
Contact Bible Study  
Yr 10 Bible Study

## THURSDAY 21st October

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

The pandemic has pushed an estimated 120 million people into poverty. Most of these will have to wait until at least 2022 to receive their vaccine. Pray for Tearfund's [campaign for global equitable access](#) to vaccines.

Women's Study Groups  
Eagles  
Nurture Group Leaders  
Training

## FRIDAY 22nd October

### Tearfund (*continued*)

Pray for desperate families in [South Sudan](#) where heavy flooding has destroyed homes and harvests. Pray that families will be provided with mosquito nets, blankets, soap, utensils, food and long-term, safe shelter.  
Pray for an end to the humanitarian crisis in [Ethiopia](#) where the war in the Tigray region continues.

Women's Study Groups  
Evangelistic Men's Talk at St John's Tunbridge Wells - *John Khnana*  
Contact Coffee

## SATURDAY 23rd October

### Children's Work

- Pray for the creche at our services - the children in that age group have lived the majority of their lives in lockdowns! Pray for settling: that they would feel safe, secure and loved; that the creche would enable parents to sit under God's Word; that it would be a place of warm welcome to new people and fringe families.
- Give thanks for a team of committed, servant-hearted people across all our children's work. Pray they would have joy as they serve and that they would be encouraged in their ministry.
- Please do pray for more people to join the ministry across all the age groups. The current team is carrying a heavy workload due to the gaps.

## FRIDAY 8th October

### Rector's Slot

Pray:

- for the Kent Women's Convention at St Nicholas on Saturday 9th October and for Andrea Trevenna speaking;
- for Jamie Read as he is licensed as our Associate Rector at 8pm on Monday 18th October;
- for London City Mission as they distribute our harvest gifts.

Women's Study Groups  
Sevenoaks School Assembly - *Angus MacLeay*  
Contact Coffee

## SATURDAY 9th October

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

- Please give thanks for the re-start of the Neapolis youth group (17 Sept) with 12 11-13 year olds many non-believers. Please pray that they'd keep coming and respond to the gospel.
- Pray for the church study day (16 Oct), for a location, for Rory Bell (Mustard Seeds) coming from the UK to train the church in children's ministry.

Kent Women's Convention - Andrea Trevenna speaking  
Campaigners outing

## SUNDAY 10th October

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

- Pray for Francesco and the Gruppi Biblici Universitari (national student ministry) as they seek to reach out to the student community in Naples.
- Pray for Sofia to be able to come back to Naples for her half-term (restrictions and health).

8am Holy Communion - *Angus MacLeay*  
9.15am: service in church (streamed):  
Genesis 2:5-25 - *Angus MacLeay*  
10am service at Lady Boswell's (streamed):  
Isaiah 19:1-20:6 - *John Khnana*  
11am: service in church (streamed):  
Genesis 2:5-25 - *Angus MacLeay*  
Contact  
6.30pm service in church (streamed):  
1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5 - *Nic Ross*  
Paul Williams speaking for A Rocha at All Saints, Guildford Harvest Service  
Ian Dobbie preaching at Westerham Hill Baptist Church  
Arabella Paul speaking at Mount Zion Church, Meopham

## MONDAY 11th October

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

We have been extremely grateful this last month for the LORD's care, in providing us with somewhere to live from next month. Thank you for your prayers. The apartment is well located for us to be able to support our church plant as best we can. We have also been greatly encouraged that M and T are both expressing a desire to put their trust in the LORD Jesus. Please pray that they would, for His glory.

Women's Study Group  
Lady Bowell's Assembly - *John Khnana*  
Retired Men's Think-It-Through  
Campaigners  
Christianity Explored course  
Bellringers

## TUESDAY 12th October

### Hannah Jackson (AIM)

- Give thanks for the encouraging time spent with wise and supportive retired missionaries at AIM Fellowship conference last month.
- Pray for me preparing to live off grid; that this and the different way of life will help me engage with my new neighbourhood.

Women's Study Group

Tuesday Fellowship

Nurture Groups

## WEDNESDAY 13th October

### Hannah Jackson (continued)

- Pray that the promised welcome and interest of the Likawage leaders would translate into people putting their trust in the saving work of Jesus and that lives would be transformed by his love and grace.

Men's Study Group

Women's Study Group

Rockdale Service -  
Beatrice Wilson Room

Centrepoint

Contact Bible Study

Yr 10 Bible Study

## THURSDAY 14th October - Staff Study Day Trinity School (Helen Read - Assistant Chaplain)

- Give great thanks that the Chapel construction is finally underway. Pray for speedy progress!
- Give thanks for our Christian Unions and pray for the Alpha courses, that they would point students to Jesus.

Staff Study Day

Women's Study Groups

Eagles

## FRIDAY 15th October

### Trinity School (continued)

- Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal has been launched. Pray that the students would really engage in this tangible expression of Christ's love and learn more about Jesus' gift of good news and great joy for themselves.
- Please pray for pastoral wisdom and for compassion and boldness to make the most of every opportunity to speak of Jesus.

Women's Study Groups

Contact Coffee

## SATURDAY 16th October

### Arthur Parke (SIM Benin)

- Arthur is grateful to be back in Benin safe and sound and with renewed zeal for his work with the Christian Unions! His experience is appreciated by the new General Secretary. No sign of a replacement!
- Pray he may find volunteers to help in visiting schools. Pray that groups start up without delay. Pray for the preparation of suitable Bible study outlines.
- Pray for boys with Arthur not yet committed to Christ and for "family" prayers at 9.45 p.m. each night.

## SUNDAY 17th October

### StJohn (on Home Assignment, aiming for Diaspora ministry) & Ellie Perry with OMF, currently based in Sussex

Please pray on for the medical and financial clearances to work through in good time for StJohn to head into diaspora returnee ministry. We are really encouraged to see increased giving coming through from our established churches and supporters, as well as new folk joining the team.

8am Holy Communion - *Angus MacLeay*

9.15am: service in church (streamed):  
Genesis 3:1-7 - *Angus MacLeay*

10am service at Lady Boswell's (streamed):  
Isaiah 24 - *John Khnana* followed by  
Newcomers Welcome Lunch

11am: service in church (streamed):  
Genesis 3:1-7 - *Angus MacLeay* and  
commissioning Hannah Jackson

Contact

6.30pm service in church (streamed):  
1 Corinthians 2:6-16 - *Nic Ross*

## MONDAY 18th October

### StJohn & Ellie Perry (continued)

October 24th-27th is the OMF UK Diaspora Returnee Ministries conference - the first such gathering in person for ages! StJohn will attend, hopefully with clearances in place to move from Home Assignment to joining this ministry. Pray for networking, sourcing resources and planning for work with Malaysian and Indonesian students in London.

Monday Women's Study Groups

Lady Boswell's assembly - *Nic  
Ross*

Campaigners

Christianity Explored course

Bellringers

Licensing of Jamie Read as  
Associate Rector and licensing of  
our youth and children's ministers

## TUESDAY 19th October

### Sophie-Ann Rebbettes (Crossteach)

- Praise God for the CUs that are restarting and for two new CUs.
- Pray for a school that has said CU might not be allowed to happen. Over recent years they've stopped Christian assemblies and inviting us in for lessons. Pray for gospel opportunities there.

Women's Study Group

Tuesday Fellowship

St Nicholas @ Lady  
Boswell's and at 11am  
Nurture Groups