



Christ Church
Abingdon

“With Jesus. Like Jesus. For Jesus”

Prayer Diary May 2020

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” *Joshua1:9 (NIVUK)*

SUNDAY 26 APRIL: It's no longer the APCM! However, we are livestreaming at 10:30am and focussing on a resurrection appearance of Jesus. There will also be a farewell to Christine Talbot. Family All-Together Time at 4pm with The Good Samaritan. Weekly family online material is looking at Daniel.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: RULE OF LIFE - TALK, PRAY, HELP: These groups of 10-20 people will keep in touch at least weekly, agree a point in the week when they will pause to pray wherever they are, and seek to meet one another's needs. We'll pray for them in turn, each day – today's networks are After Eight and Barnabas Life Group.

MONDAY 27 APRIL: Pray for the staff team; pray for Keith Dunnett, our Vicar, carrying such responsibility at this time. **Christine Talbot's last day**, with much thanks to God for her ministry at Christ Church over 26 years. Pray for those who are **struggling with not being at school**, both children and parents, and education staff dealing with complex situations and expectations. **FOODBANK Steering Group** meeting online at 2pm every Monday.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Bible Journalling and Bingham Life Group. Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline” – Daniella Cromwell, Manager, Ethical retail.

TUESDAY 28 APRIL: Pray for Heather Hughes, Children's Minister. **FOODBANK:** pray for protection for the team. **LF COFFEE BREAK** is no longer able to meet on alternate Tuesday mornings, but is acting as a network. Please pray for Shirley Cole as she co-ordinates this and for those caring for and contacting one another in the group. **Please pray for the FOOTPRINTS team** as they continue to pray each Tuesday for guests who usually come to the monthly meetings, especially those who are beginning to feel the impact of social distancing. The letter that was sent out for Easter was really appreciated and there will be another going out this month to arrive in time for 12th May, to encourage and bless guests during this time of lockdown.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Coffee Break and Coffee Cake and Chat. **Pray for CCA members on their "Frontline"** – Jane Lane, Family, Listening and Pastoral ministries. **WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL:** **Pray for Suzie Miles**, Children's intern. **Wednesday 8am prayer meetings** are continuing by Zoom. **LINK** is aiming to have a weekly video of songs or a craft idea etc. so prayers are appreciated for these activities and for all LINK families. **LF Pastoral Group** meeting by video-conferencing for prayer. **JESUS LIFESTYLE** course continues, looking at the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (this week, How to Handle Conflict).

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Didcot Life Group and Dubock Life Group. **Pray for CCA members on their "Frontline"** – Ticia Lever, Textile artist.

THURSDAY 30 APRIL: **Pray for Emma Bogue and Logan Walker**, job-sharing as Youth Pastors (Maternity Cover). **Pray for THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP members**, especially those in Care homes. **Please pray for the SINGING CIRCLE families** – give thanks that Singing Circle mums have appreciated the songs that Jill put online before Easter. **Meryl Hole's funeral** at South Oxford Crematorium at 11am, service led by Kath Cooke. Please pray for Meryl's family and friends. **Pray for all those who have been bereaved** and who are unable to be with others at this time, for God's comfort, peace and hope to surround them.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Earwicker Life Group and Explorers Life Group. **Pray for CCA members on their "Frontline"** - Ann Logan, Housewife & mother.

FRIDAY 01 MAY: **FOODBANK open today**, please continue to pray for provision of food for those in great need. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon:** Alpha has been stopped because volunteers are not allowed in during the current crisis. Please pray for peace in the prison, for men to seek the Lord and for those who know Him to go deep with the Lord. **SPACE Friday** meets online at 7pm with "On Your doorstep". **Pray for our young people**, for those struggling with isolation and being away from friends and their normal routine.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Faith and Cake Life Group and Fitzharrys Network. **Pray for CCA members on their "Frontline"** – Dave Long, Healthcare

SATURDAY 02 MAY: **Pray for those with caring responsibilities and those who are vulnerable because of long-term illness or disability:** Joy Batty, Paula Beal, Mike Bowles, Evelyn Burborough, Pamela Fitt, Veronica Harden, Ian (Carl Savage's brother), Peter & Eileen Jeffries, Esther Johns, Joanna Kilburn, Ellie McRitchie, Alan and Doreen Newton, Tim Pottage, David & Barbara Price, Nicola Price, Debbie Purbrick, Chris Rowe, Brian Stanmore, Nessa Watts, Peggy Woolnough and other church members who are ill, housebound, or recently bereaved.

SUNDAY 03 MAY: Service livestreaming at 10:30am. Family All-Together Time looking at the Prodigal Son, please especially pray for those watching who have not yet made a commitment to Jesus. Weekly family online material (www.ccafamlyresources.com) looking at Abraham: God Loves me. 4Filled meets

online at 12 noon. Mission of the Month for May - Jason and Sarah Thomas (IFES, Dubai).

MONDAY 04 MAY: Pray for Kath and Phil Cooke, Associate Vicars. **Pray for Phil and team** at Diocesan House, working hard putting all the courses online, developing online resources and supporting those training for ordination and LLMs at this uncertain time. **Meeting God in the Silence:** on the usual day for this meeting, pray that in this time of restricted activities we may seek to grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus, making the most of the silence and solitude. **FOODBANK Steering Group** meeting online at 2pm. **PCC meets online tonight**, pray for all members of PCC and give thanks a successful online meeting held on 20th April. **Pray for our link schools:** Dunmore Primary (Head Teacher: Sam Bartholomew) - for all staff, pupils and their families.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Footprints (includes Bible Study group) and Fountain Court. **Pray for CCA members on their "Frontline"** – Andy Lowe, Head of Technology.

TUESDAY 05 MAY: Pray for Phil Adams, Manager of the Barns Café. **Pray for all those whose businesses are struggling** or whose livelihoods are under threat, particularly those who are self-employed or living on a reduced income. **FOODBANK open today**, give thanks for great team of volunteers. **ARCHWAY staff meeting today** - Sheila Furlong, CEO, is a Mission Partner. Give thanks for the ways in which individuals, organisations, church groups and community hubs are finding new and creative ways to support their local community. **Please pray for the FOOTPRINTS team** as they continue to pray each Tuesday for guests who usually come to the monthly meetings.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: French Life Group and Friday Am Women's Life Group. **Pray for CCA members on their "Frontline"** – Frazer McKenzie, Programme Manager at university.

WEDNESDAY 06 MAY: Pray for Emma Buckle, Jo Greenaway, Hannah Kitchener (Supervisors) and Jo Walker (Admin), staff of the Barns Café. **Wednesday 8am prayer meetings** are continuing by Zoom. **LINK:** pray for the activities shared by video and for all LINK families, especially those struggling with lockdown. **JESUS LIFESTYLE Course continues**, looking at the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Gents Who Lunch and Hodgson Life Group. **Pray for CCA members on their "Frontline"** – Hannah Mann, Working mum.

THURSDAY 07 MAY: Pray for our cleaning and security staff, Mark Chapman, Naomi Challis and Jason Kelly. **Please pray for the SINGING CIRCLE families**, that they won't be too downhearted at the idea of more weeks of lock down. **Pray for all our THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP Members** especially those who usually have carers coming into their homes; some carers are now themselves suffering from the virus. **Jason and Sarah Thomas (Mission Partners, IFES, Dubai)** write "Please pray for our graduating students as they leave university, that they would continue to follow Jesus

all their days and be lights for Him in their communities and workplaces.” Like the rest of us, Jason and Sarah are under lockdown. They live in a house with two other young adult women, and a lively 11-month-old. Their tiny walled garden has a little artificial grass, and they are moving into a very hot, humid summer.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Home Communions and Jars of Clay Life Group. **Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline”** – Alyson Mason, Gardening.

FRIDAY 08 MAY: BANK HOLIDAY: 8th May 2020 is the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

FOODBANK open today, pray for all who come seeking help and support. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon:** Please pray for peace in the prison, for men to seek the Lord and for those who know Him to go deep with the Lord. **SPACE Friday** meets online at 7pm with “Lost and Found”. **Pray for our youth** who are struggling with the effect of decisions around exams and grades on their future. **Pray for ARCHWAY IN ABINGDON Friends and Volunteers** who would usually attend the Social Groups; that they might be helped and encouraged by the telephone support and postal communications they receive from Archway.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Jeeva Life Group and Kitchener’s Life Group. **Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline”** – Sally Mears, Music teacher.

SATURDAY 09 MAY: Tabitha Jordan (Mission Partner, Agape UK, Cambridge) writes “For Agape in Cambridge, we would love prayer in May for university students who are taking a new form of exams in a different context to what they were expecting. Pray that they would find true peace in Jesus at this time.”

SUNDAY 10 MAY: Service livestreaming at 10:30am. Family All-Together Time looking at **The Wise and Foolish Builders, building your life on Jesus. Weekly family online material looking at Saul & David: God Knows Me.**

MONDAY 11 MAY: Pray for the staff team; pray for Nessa Watts, our Curate.

FOODBANK Steering Group meeting online at 2pm. **APPRENTICE** Zoom gathering (Year 5 & 6 Life Group). **Praying for our link schools:** Long Furlong Primary (Head Teacher: Carol Dunne) For all staff, pupils and their families.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Mary & Martha Group and Midweek Prayer Group. **Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline”** – Keith Mersh, writing on Creation Apologetics.

TUESDAY 12 MAY: Pray for Ros Steel, Associate Pastor and Pastoral Coordinator.

Please pray for the FOOTPRINTS team as they continue to pray each Tuesday for guests who usually come to the monthly meetings. Pray too that the latest letter of encouragement brings hope. **FOODBANK open today**, pray for all those facing financial uncertainties and hardship. **ARCHWAY Staff Support Group** meets today; give thanks for the three Archway staff who have recovered or are recovering from COVID19. **LF COFFEE BREAK** - please pray for Shirley Cole and for those who are caring for and contacting one another in the group. **SPACE Band** meets online at 6.30pm.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Monday Life Group and NCR Pastoral Visiting Networks. **Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline”** – Wendy Morrison, Retired. **WEDNESDAY 13 MAY:** **Pray for Gabrielle Dent and Janice Wenninger** (Pastoral Visiting). **Wednesday 8am prayer meetings** are continuing by Zoom. **LINK:** please pray that families will take part in the activities offered online and pray for those feeling overwhelmed by the demands of family life. **Please pray for FRIENDLY CUPPA guests** as they face the loss of one of the group who has died. Others in the group seem to be coping well, partly thanks to the lovely weather which has enabled them to be outside in the garden and going for walks. Pray that with the lockdown continuing and the possibility of colder, wetter weather, they will still be OK. **LF Pastoral Care Core Team** meeting online today. **JESUS LIFESTYLE course continues**, looking at the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: NE/ Peachcroft Network and NW/ Long Furlong Network. **Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline”** – Yvonne Nex, Retired. **THURSDAY 14 MAY:** **Pray for Alex Horlock, John Owen and Sue Robbins** (Prayer Ministry). **Pray for SINGING CIRCLE families**, for wisdom to know how best to support them. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** **Pray for Doreen Cooper and her team;** pray for those members who struggle with mobility so are unable to exercise. **CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS:** Praydays and PT Network. **Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline”** – Terry O’Neill, Secondary school teacher.

FRIDAY 15 MAY: **Pray for Christine Bell** (Pastoral Prayer Ministry). **FOODBANK open today**, give thanks for those who continue to donate food and money. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon:** Please pray for peace in the prison, for men to seek the Lord and for those who know Him to go deep with the Lord. **SPACE Friday** meets online at 7pm with “Faithful in a Little”. **Pray for our youth**, especially those planning for university next year.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: PT Walks and Revival Missional Community. **Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline”** – Meg Oakey, Veterinary nurse.

SATURDAY 16 MAY: **News of Peter Harris (Mission Partner, A Rocha International)** Peter Harris's daughter Beth and family are with him as he continues the long path to recovery. Meanwhile A Rocha projects around the world have been heavily impacted, with movement restrictions and loss of income, halting conservation projects and causing much hardship for local staff. For A Rocha International this remains a season of grief and loss: pray for the selection of a Chief Executive to replace Chris Naylor. A more general point: Covid-19 is one of several corona viruses (SARS, MERS, etc) that have mutated from wild animals to humans, accelerated by human pressures on their environment. Pray that policy makers will heed the warning and recognise the importance of conservation.

SUNDAY 17 MAY: Service livestreaming at 10:30am. Family All-Together Time looking at Mary & Martha, spending time with Jesus. Weekly family online material looking at Jacob & Esau: Family Relationships, honesty. 4Filled meets online at 12pm. SPACE Band meets online at 6.30pm.

MONDAY 18 MAY: Pray for the staff team as they minister to us in this time of crisis; may they be upheld and strengthened. **FOODBANK Steering Group** meeting online at 2pm. **ARCHWAY Board** meets today; give thanks for examples of Archway Friends and Volunteers showing care and concern for others at a time when they are struggling themselves. **LF Leadership Team** meeting at 8pm. **MSG meeting** by Zoom at 8pm. **Praying for our link schools:** St Nicolas Primary (Head Teacher: Andy Spooner) For all staff, pupils and their families.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: SIMPLE and Snowball Life Group. **Pray for CCA members on their "Frontline"** – Lydia Owen, Research nurse.

TUESDAY 19 MAY: Pray for Clint McVea, Operations Manager. **FOODBANK open today**, pray for those struggling to feed themselves and their families. **Pray for Gents Who Lunch**, who otherwise would have been meeting today at The Spread Eagle - for good health, safety (as most are in a vulnerable grouping) and the opportunities to support each other online in the meantime. **Please pray for the FOOTPRINTS team** as they continue to pray each Tuesday for guests who usually come to the monthly meetings, and for one another.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Tattersall Life Group and The Good Shepherd Life Group. **Pray for CCA members on their "Frontline"** – Sam Partington, Software engineer.

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY: Pray for Sue Gibbins and Dal Warburton, our wardens. **Wednesday 8am prayer meetings** are continuing by Zoom. **LINK:** pray for online resources and activities and for families who are separated from grandparents. **For MWM:** Many of the older men in the Christ Church fellowship are being helped in practical ways by relatives or friends living locally; others are being supported by those kindly offering their services through the church or other local initiatives. Let us thank God for all the help and love being shown. **JESUS LIFESTYLE course continues**, looking at the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: The Jesus Lifestyle and The Rainbow Group. **Pray for CCA members on their "Frontline"** – Rosemary Phillips, Retired.

THURSDAY 21 MAY: ASCENSION DAY - Please pray that we can be prayerful and thankful that Jesus' ascension means he is with us all through the Holy Spirit. **Daytime** online Communion Service; **Long Furlong Prayer Gathering** in the evening. **Please pray for the SINGING CIRCLE families** and pray for Jane Robinson as she co-ordinates this and cares for so many across the generations. **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** pray for those who are not online and therefore unable to be part of the streamed services and groups. **Barns Café Directors** meet this evening.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Thursday Afternoon Life Group and Thursday Evening Life Group. **Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline”** – Ron Pike, Mid-week church groups and garden.

FRIDAY 22 MAY: **Pray for Hilary Beale, Philip Bingham, Paul Brombley and Chris Hodgson**, deputy wardens and **Tim Shipman**, our Treasurer. **FOODBANK open today**, give thanks for the loving responses given by so many to the various additional needs that have arisen due to the lockdown. **John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP**

Bullington: Please pray for peace in the prison, for men to seek the Lord and for those who know Him to go deep with the Lord. **SPACE Friday** meets online at 7pm with a social. **Pray for our youth**, that they can still relax and have fun together.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Thursday Fellowship and Tuesday Life Group. **Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline”** – Sandra Pike, Serving church and community.

SATURDAY 23 MAY: **This quote is from Jo Swinney** (daughter of Peter and Miranda Harris). "COVID-19 has stopped us in our tracks. It is as though the whole globe has been put on a time out – sent to sit in the corner to take a breath and think about our actions. We could fill the unnerving silence with bread-baking, Zoom meetings and Netflix bingeing. Or we could take this rare opportunity to reflect, reconsider and reboot." (This leads on to a fourth R: Repent).

SUNDAY 24 MAY: Service livestreaming at 10:30am. Family All-Together Time looking at Feeding 5,000 and offering what we have to Jesus. Weekly family online material looking at David & Jonathan: Friendships and faithfulness. Pray for our times of worship together.

MONDAY 25 MAY: **BANK HOLIDAY:** Pray for the PCC, Standing Committee and all those who lead and serve in different church ministry areas. **FOODBANK Steering Group** meeting online at 2pm.

CHRIST CHURCH NETWORKS: Turner Life Group and Village People. **Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline”** – Philippa Pointer, Family.

TUESDAY 26 MAY: Pray for Roland Knight, Karen Brombley and Val Challis, Safeguarding Officers and trainers. **FOODBANK open today**, pray for all those who are new volunteers in this time of lockdown. **LF COFFEE BREAK** - Please pray for Shirley Cole and her team. **Please pray for the FOOTPRINTS team** as they pray each Tuesday for guests who usually come to the monthly meetings and for one another. **Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline”**- Simon Powdrill, Minibus driver.

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY: Pray for John Rogers, chair of MSG. **Wednesday 8am prayer meetings** are continuing by Zoom. **Remember LINK** and pray for the team, families and hope and encouragement for the future. **JESUS LIFESTYLE Course continues**, looking at the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline” – Hugh Price, Secondary school teacher.

THURSDAY 28 MAY: **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:** Please continue to pray for older folk, especially those alone at home. **Pray for our Mission Partners** and the impact of

the pandemic on their work – pray for Ashleigh Gibb, Martin Riddall, VIVA, Andy and Andrea Warner, Chris and Suzy Wilson.

Peter and Jane Dunn (Mission Partners, Biglife, UK) write “The current lockdown has had a profound impact on us all and we have sought to find ways of serving the Lord in this new normal. We are spending much time in conversation via Zoom with team members across the world seeking to encourage and equip them for this time. Please pray for them responding to the physical and spiritual needs of people. Pray for wisdom for us, that we may use our time wisely and continue to press on with the purposes that the Lord has for us.

Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline” – Nicola Price, Retired.

FRIDAY 29 MAY: Pray for our Networks and Lifegroups - give thanks for these and pray for them as they support people with increasing needs. **FOODBANK open today**, pray for former volunteers, who now must maintain social distancing or self-isolate.

John Owen and the Alpha team: HMP Bullingdon - Please pray for peace in the prison, for men to seek the Lord and for those who know Him to go deep with the Lord. **Pray for all PRIME TIMERS**, those who usually go on walks, those who come to Coffee, Cake and Chat and other groups. Pray that the Easter letter containing Rosemary's testimony will have touched hearts. Pray that people who usually avoid church will follow our services online. Pray that Prime Timers will turn to God and ask what he is saying to us at this time.

Pray for CCA members on their “Frontline” – Samantha Primmer, Primary school teacher.

SATURDAY 30 MAY: Pray for those on Half Term, those teachers and pupils still in school over half term and those children who are disappointed because their holidays are cancelled. **Pray for all those on the front line** in the battle with COVID 19.

SUNDAY 31 MAY: PENTECOST: Please pray for a sense of celebration this day for all ages and that God would pour out his Spirit on us, our communities and our world. All Age online service this morning; online Pentecost praise worship in the evening. Weekly family online material looking at Samuel: Listening to God.