

Fortnightly Prayer Diary

Monday 28th September - Sunday 11th October 2026

Over the last few weeks at church, we have seen many of our ministries starting up again after the summer break – as well as watching children returning to school and young people heading off to college and university – many new beginnings. In this Prayer Diary, let us pray that the Lord our God may inspire us all to hope and to pray that we may see new and wonderful things happening in our own lives and communities, in our Church and in our country – all to the glory of God. Our verses are from **Isaiah ch.42**.

Monday, 28th

‘Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;’ (*Isaiah 42: 1a*)

“Thank you, O Lord our God, for choosing our Lord Jesus. Thank you for upholding Him, delighting in Him and sending Him amongst us. May we all look to Him, and to Him alone, for hope in what would otherwise be a hopeless world.”

- Pray for all the children and young people at school, college or university across the country. Pray that they may be kept safe and that many would come to listen to God’s Word.
- Please pray for our Little Fishes and their families – for a strong relationship to be built with each one.
- Please pray for Mark and Caroline, at the Renew Conference today and tomorrow. Pray for refreshment and learning.
- Pray for those attending Bethany today – for God’s comfort.
- Please pray for Hawthorn Road (Darren Cromwell).

Tuesday, 29th

‘I will put my Spirit on him
and he will bring justice to the nations.’ (*Isaiah 42: 1b*) **PTO**

“Thank you, O Lord our God, that you put your Spirit on your Son. And thank you that you have promised that He will bring justice to the nations. And so we pray, Lord Jesus, that we may see you at work in our world, driving out evil and bringing justice.”

- Please pray for all attending the Renew Conference today.
- Thank God for the support we have as a church, from groups like Renew, Church Society, CEEC and from Bishop Rob.
- Please pray for the Stewsdays team as they prepare and welcome regulars and new guests. Pray for good conversations and for good fellowship.
- Pray for your neighbours and our town – for a Great Awakening. Pray that people would reflect deeply on all that has happened over the last few years and turn to God for answers.
- Please pray for Towse Close (Stephanie Cuthbert).

Wednesday, 30th

‘He will not shout or cry out,
or raise His voice in the streets.’ *(Isaiah 42: 2)*

“Praise you, Lord Jesus, that you will do your work in our world quietly, steadily and determinedly, without shouting or crying out or raising your voice. May we rejoice to see your quiet work in our midst in these days, as you change hearts and lives and situations.”

- Pray for all staff and students at Oak Hill in this new academic year - that this may be a year filled with progress, hope and aspiration. Pray for the college to be a blessing to the Church.
- Thank God for St Mark’s Church building, where we can hold the Craft Group today. Pray for many people to be welcomed.
- Pray for our Wednesday Worshippers this morning. Pray for good numbers, good learning, encouraging praise and loving fellowship.
- Please pray for our Ignite youth group meeting at St Paul’s this evening. Thank God for the time that they had away at Birch Hall last weekend. Pray for each of them to continue to grow in faith.
- Please pray for Richard Daish.

Thursday, 1st October

‘A bruised reed He will not break,
and a smouldering wick He will not snuff out.

In faithfulness He will bring forth justice,...’ (*Isaiah 42: 3*)

“Thank you, Lord Jesus, for this reminder from the prophet of your gentleness in executing justice. Please forgive us when we fail to be gentle and kind in our daily lives and work.”

➤ Pray for the elections for General Synod, happening just now.

- Please pray for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one and for those who are attending Bethany Again today.
- Please pray for our Thursday Evening Group as plans are made for starting the 321-Course. Pray it will help people see Jesus clearly.
- Persecuted Church: Kazakhstan – population 19.8 million with 5 million Christians. Here, religious freedom is heavily restricted by the country’s Religion Law dating back to 2011. The government is continuing to tighten its control over society, leading to increased surveillance, raids on meeting and arrests. Please pray:- that God would protect churches from the misuse of the Religion Law; for Church leaders being monitored by the Kazakhstan authorities; that God’s Word would find its way to every believer where Bibles are currently scarce.
- Please pray for Gorse Lane (Doug and Kerry Day).

Friday, 2nd

‘he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his law the islands will put their hope.’ (*Isaiah 42: 4*)

“Lord Jesus, we thank you and praise you that you will not falter or be discouraged in your work of establishing justice on earth. May we be a people of hope, praising God for all that He is doing in our midst, seen and unseen.”

- Our God is a God of peace, so let us pray today that He may once again establish a just and stable peace in Ukraine. Pray that the darkness and fear of war may be driven out. **P.T.O.**

- Please pray for all that will happen in the Church Office today.
- Mark is meeting a family about a child's baptism today. Please pray that these opportunities we have with families will be fruitful.
- Mission Links: 25 people came to faith after watching the Banyole translation of the Jesus film! Pray they would draw closer to Jesus each day and quickly find a welcoming church community. Pray for the OT translation team in Uganda, continuing their vital work.
- Please pray for Branston Road (Pam Dench).

Saturday, 3rd

'This is what God the LORD says – he who created the heavens and stretched them out who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it...' (*Isaiah 42: 5*)

"Today, O Lord, we thank you and praise you that you are our Creator God, creating the heavens and the earth. Thank you that you have given breath to all people and life to all who walk on the earth. May we always be a thankful people."

- Please pray today for chaplains in hospitals, hospices, schools, universities, and the Armed Forces. Pray that they remain true to the Gospel as they carry out their vital pastoral work.
- Pray as the new church hall plans go through the planning system.
- Pray for our Barn Dance this evening – for fun and fellowship.
- Local churches: please pray for Rachel in her work at St Paul's.
- Please pray for Frinton Road (Rita and Mick Dews).

Sunday, 4th

'I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,' (*Isa. 42: 6*)

"Praise you, O Lord our God, that you have called your servant in righteousness. Thank you that you have taken hold of His hand. Thank you that you will keep Him and make Him to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles."

P.T.O.

- Please pray for Bishop Rob as he faces up to the challenges of his very demanding schedule. Pray that he may be able to gather around him sufficient resources of people and finances.
- Please pray for our various services today. Pray that many will learn of God's goodness, want to praise him, be encouraged in their faith and strengthened to live for him day by day.
- Pray for Ocean and his family as they join us for his baptism today.
- Please pray for Tea Time Church this afternoon – for good numbers and especially for those who don't get to any other church service.
- Please pray for Cherry Tree Avenue (John and Clare Disney).

Monday, 5th

'to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.'

(Isaiah 42: 7)

"Praise you, Lord Jesus, for your ongoing mission to open blind eyes, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. As we reach out with your love, in many ways, so may we live in hope and expectation that we may see you at work, giving sight to the blind and setting prisoners free."

- Please give thanks for Lee Gatiss' writing ministry for Church Society. Give thanks particularly for his recently-published book – '*Reforming and Renewing the Church*'. Pray that it will be a great encouragement to many.
- Give thanks for our Little Fishes – each one is precious to God.
- Please pray for residents at Havenvale, as they gather together to enjoy Harvest Hymns today (2pm). Pray for God to be at work there.
- Pray for our Homegroups meeting throughout the week. Pray that God will give wisdom and strength to the leaders.
- Please pray for West Avenue (Charles and Patricia Ebsworth).

Tuesday, 6th

'I am the LORD; that is my name!

I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.'

(Isaiah 42: 8)

P.T.O.

"Praise you, O LORD our God, for your holy, mighty and magnificent Name. Praise you that you will never give your glory to another or your praise to idols."

- Please pray for John Dunnett and all his work with the CEEC.
- Please pray for a great awakening in Great Clacton.
- Please continue to pray that the proposals for the new church hall will go through the council's planning processes smoothly.
- Please pray that the Lord will strengthen Hannah in all her work with schools, children and young people in our town.
- Please pray for London Road (Daphne Edwards).

Wednesday, 7th

'See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.' (*Isaiah 42: 9*)

"Praise you, O Lord our God, that you are a God of new things. Praise you that you are able to create new things out of nothing. Make of us, O Lord, we pray, a people of hope, ever hopeful that you will call new things into being to bring glory to your Name."

- Please continue to pray for the General Synod elections. Pray that very many good and godly candidates will be elected.
- Pray for our Wednesday Worshippers, meeting today for Harvest Songs of Praise. Pray for godly fellowship as they think on God's many blessings, and pray that visitors will be welcomed in too.
- Please pray for our young people meeting at Ignite this evening.
- Mission Links: Please pray for Mark and Ruth with Betel in Birmingham. Pray for wisdom and strength in their different roles in this precious ministry helping people find freedom from addictions and new life with Jesus.
- Please pray for Reigate Avenue (Gary and Rosie Fellowes).

Thursday, 8th

'Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them.' (*Isaiah 42: 10*)

P.T.O.

“O Lord our God, may we your people, sing a new song to your praise and glory. May we all – who live in the land, go down to the sea and who live on the islands – praise your great, mighty and holy Name.”

- Pray that we may all be aware of false teaching in the church and in the world and may be given the wisdom to know how to combat it, and the strength to teach the truth.
- Please pray for our Together service this morning. Pray for more people to hear about it and for the numbers to grow.
- Please pray as the 321-Course starts at the Thursday Evening Group at St Mark’s this evening. (7.30pm)
- Persecuted Church: Tajikistan – population 10.3 million with only 62,600 Christians. Despite the country officially having freedom of religion, the Tajikistan government restricts religious activities. There are many elements of the Christian life that are illegal without a permit, from holding a meeting, to training leaders, to printing Christian literature. Please pray:- for courage for Christians meeting up under the threat of government raids; for a change in heart for government officials towards religious freedom; for protection on Christian workers who bring in God’s word and other Christian resources.
- Please pray for Bristol (Danielle Fenton-Jones).

Friday, 9th

‘Let the desert and its towns raise their voices;
let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice.
Let the people of Sela sing for joy;
let them shout from the mountain-tops.’ **(Isaiah 42: 11)**

“Today, O Lord, we pray for those in our midst who live in the most difficult and awkward circumstances. May they not lose heart. May they continue to hope and trust in you and in your desire and power to make even the desert bloom.”

- Please pray for the poor, the marginalized and the left behind in our country, as they struggle to cope with rising prices and the pressures of daily life. Pray that Christians may be generous whenever they encounter cases of need. **P.T.O.**

- Let's pray for our families, friends, neighbours - our community.
- Pray for all who serve in the Church Office throughout the week.
- Please pray for all those we know who are struggling just now.
- Please pray for Meadow Close (Len and Marion Freeman).

Saturday, 10th

'Let them give glory to the LORD
and proclaim his praise in the islands.' *(Isaiah 42: 12)*

"Today, O Lord, we pray that we may see the desert, the most desolate places, spring to new life and bloom. Today we pray that we may be a people of hope and expectation. We pray that we may be a people of praise, taking every opportunity to tell our friends and families of all that you are doing."

- Pray that the "Quiet Revival" in our land may continue.
- Give thanks for each of our buildings and all they are used for.
- Please pray for the work morning at St John's today – that lot's will get done and that we will enjoy working together.
- Other local churches: please pray for Sharon, our Area Dean.
- Please pray for Canterbury Road (Mark and Sue Galliers).

Sunday, 11th

'The LORD will march out like a mighty man,
like a warrior he will stir up his zeal;
with a shout he will raise the battle cry
will triumph over his enemies.' *(Isaiah 42: 13)*

"On this day, O Lord, when your people meet together, we pray that you will march out; we pray that you will stir up your zeal; we pray that you will raise the battle-cry; we pray that you will triumph over your enemies."

- Please pray for smaller churches across our country.
- Give thanks for the freedom we have to gather Sunday by Sunday.
- Please pray that God will bless and use each of today's services.
- Please pray for all in our church family who are ill at this time.
- Please pray Canterbury Road (Una Galliers).