

PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER – 19th August 2022

'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.' (John 3:16)

Sat 20th Aug. Around the World. Let us lift before God some of the many nations that face unenviable ordeals, too often caused by inhumanity towards others. Though not without our own problems, give thanks for the incredible blessings we have in the UK.

Spain & Europe continue to battle wildfires/drought. Pray new life will spring from the ashes; help for the homeless, comfort for the grieving, and hope for the future.

Biblical Garden, Wrington. Pray for Rev. Ann Ogram and her husband as they open their themed garden this weekend: a challenge after the recent scorching.

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Sun 21st Aug. Trinity 10 Services: Regil 8.30am Holy Communion [BCP]/Felton 11am Eucharist with Holy Baptism/Chew Stoke 6.30pm Evensong. Pray for our new member!

David Herring Winford Chapel 6.15pm. Give thanks for David's ministry which takes him all around Somerset and Dorset. Pray for his energies.

-Pray for the Spirit's presence to be felt in Church and Chapel today.

Middle East. Pray the fragile cease-fire in Gaza will hold; for the Lebanese economy to recover, the pandemic to ease and for aid projects to provide a vital life-line.

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Mon 22nd Aug. Afghanistan. One year since the brutal takeover – and whilst the world was watching Ukraine – the Taliban have tightened their particular brand of control. ½ of all Afghans now experience acute hunger, even forced to eat grass; 37,000 children are in hospital with malnutrition. Women's and girls' rights have been eroded, no longer allowed to go outside uncovered, to have a job or an education. Pray for them. For the DEF appeal to raise funds. For the families of those already fled, to be able to join them.

-Pray for the Taliban, from the foot soldiers to the top leaders. They are looking for a way to heaven. Pray Jesus will miraculously reveal Himself to them as THE Way.

Tue 23rd Aug. China & Taiwan. As China seeks reunification with Taiwan (by force if necessary) exerts political and military pressure on Taiwan's democracy, poses threats to the US over trade deals, pray against escalation of tensions, a cooling of hostilities.

-Pray for Presidents Tsai Ing-wen [Taiwan] and Xi Jinping [China].

Wed 24th Aug. Myanmar. Open Doors request prayers and an urgent response from the UK government to act quickly to alleviate the persecution of Christians. The military maintains its grip on power and commits war crimes against Christians – who are often considered collaborators with armed groups against the military. 53 churches have been torched in 18-mths as part of that control. Pray their plight will not go unnoticed or ignored. Pray for UK's response; for a return to democracy and relative peace.

Thu 25th Aug. Egypt. As worshipers gathered for mass in a Coptic Church in Giza on 14th Aug. an electrical fire killed 41 (inc. 18 children 3-16-yrs) and injured dozens more.

-Lift this devastated community before God: they are very close-knit and this has impacted them greatly. Pray they will be able to find their peace and healing in God.

Fri 26th Aug. Sri Lanka is in free fall with a broken economy, grinding poverty, fierce rioting and widespread hunger. Pray for stability and improvement.

-Pray for Thana (& sick wife Priya) Babu, Bala, Venus [former inmates in Egypt] and their families, to hold on, to trust, and to overcome, in the name of Jesus.

“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation.” (Mk 16:15)

-Pray for those who do! Pray more will join them! Pray for fruit!