



Weekly Prayer Diary

2nd October 2020

Don't be afraid, for I am with you.
Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you.
I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

- Our Leaders will next meet on Monday 19th October in the evening.
 - Give thanks for the re-election of Jo Albrock, Charlie Halpin, Pete Hutchison and Evelyn Stewart. Pray for them as they continue to use their gifts and experience to serve the Church family.
 - Give thanks for the election of Ramone MacKenzie and pray for him as he to uses his gifts and experience to further God's Kingdom here. Do pray for the Ramone as he joins the deacons at this unusual time.
 - Give thanks for the service of Alistair McKinlay and Fred Wyatt, who have stepped down from the Diaconate to consolidate service in other areas.
 - Please pray for the deacons as they discuss and make decisions about the way forward.
- The Office Bearers and staff meet most **Tuesday** mornings for prayer. The admin team meet to primarily discuss the day to day functioning of the Church. Please pray for them in this important task.
- Give thanks for all the ministries that the Church is involved in. The ACM papers listed 25 reports: *Alpha, Band of Prayer, BMS Birthday Scheme, Globes and Boxes, Children's Ministries, Coffee Shop, Craft Group, Fusion, Headwell Care Home Services, Knit and Natter, Men's Breakfast, Men's Social, Group, Open Church, Pastoral Care, Praise Fitness, Prayer Ministry, Prayer Support Group, SHAPES, Small Groups, Sound and Vision, Toddlers, Women's Fellowship, World Mission Prayer, Worship, Youth Group.*
Take one or more and pray for them (more information about these ministries are in the ACM papers)
- As we continue to see a rise in coronavirus cases:
 - Please pray that the new restrictions put in place would help stem the rise in cases.
 - Think of a school, hospital, GP surgery, care home or similar and ask for God's protection upon that place and for those working and using these resources.
 - Pray for those struggling with mental health problems after renewed restrictions. A recent study shows that women's mental health has particularly suffered due to worries about income and increased caring responsibilities (see jointpublicissues.org.uk)
 - for our country's leaders and advisors in Westminster and Holyrood that they would seek God's wisdom as they make decisions
- Gareth and Katharine Mort (wycliffe.org.uk) who work for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Nigeria, like the Barrells in Mozambique, came to the UK at the beginning of the summer. They hope to return to Nigeria today. Please pray:
 - for a safe, smooth, Covid-free return to Jos for the Morts.
 - that the children's (Eleanor and Daniel) school to be allowed to open in October and for them to manage all the home aspects of it kindly and firmly
 - for safety for all the Mort's friends in Niger State, and that the government will have all it needs to tackle the growing insecurity (like Mozambique, Nigeria has areas which are under attack from insurgents)
 - continued progress in all the projects they support, especially the preparations and printing of the Bwaatye New Testament, that Covid factors will not delay it too much

A prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters (barnabasfund.org)

O Everlasting Father, for whom a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day, we praise You that You are on Your throne, reigning in majesty.

Thank you that through all the turmoil of coronavirus, and the devastating toll it has taken across the world, You are faithful and unchanging. We pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters, for whom Covid-19 came as yet one more way they might die.

Thank you for their faith that keeps them trusting in You no matter what afflictions and hardships they endure.

Please meet their needs and enable them to survive. We ask in Jesus' Name.