

Saint Michael's, Bramcote

# Parish *Prayer* Diary

**August - September 2021**

Building up and Building Better



Building Up and Building Better – the new church at St Michael's Berega

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.  
Psalm 127 v1

Let's begin by praying together-  
in our own homes or on Zoom  
at our Parish Prayer Meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm

**Prayers for the world to be built up,  
and to be built up better and fairer**

*I will lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121 v1-2*

Afghanistan - for the bloodshed to end; for safety and provision for the displaced people; for the rights and freedom of women and children

Haiti – for the rescue workers searching in the SW of the country for people still missing after the devastating earthquake; for the tropical storm moving towards Haiti to miss the affected areas; for our governments to respond with help with the rebuilding people's lives and homes

Vaccines – for equitable and rapid distribution of vaccines for the peoples of Africa, Asia and South America

Covid-19 - for the tens of thousands of people ill with Covid-19 now in very many counties, and in refugee camps, even as we now emerge into new freedoms. For the doctors and nurses spread thinly and struggling to look after patients in countries with few health resources

Climate change and gathering of the nations at Cop 26 – for those responsible for organising the UN Climate Change Conference, and for those preparing to come; that openness, honesty, courage and determination on an agreement will build strongly in the 75 days remaining before the conference starts

**Prayers for our nation to be built up,  
and to be built up better and fairer**

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than the watchmen wait for the morning, more than the watchmen wait for the morning. Psalm 130 v5-6*

Leaders – for leaders in everything which affects our lives – health, education, employment, housing, welfare – for change makers who have a strong sense of wanting to build on the issues that the pandemic has exposed:

- inequalities between regions and between people groups within regions
- choices to be made to respond to the climate crisis in our individual lifestyles and in how we live as a nation to reduce our climate impact
- the wellbeing of individuals mentally and physically

Gun crime – for those bereaved and for those traumatised by the shootings in Plymouth: for reducing the number of guns in the community by tightening the criteria for issuing gun licences

Students and children returning for the autumn term/semester, or starting there for the first time – for new beginnings after all the disruption

**Prayers for our church and community in Bramcote to be built up, and to be built up better**

*I was glad when they said to me, "let us go to the house of the Lord."  
Psalm 122 v1*

Re-opening Weekend – for the whole programme and all the preparations; for ourselves as we invite people; for your love to be experienced by everyone who takes part; for the church to become 'home' to many people

The interviews tomorrow (18<sup>th</sup>) for the person to work with our children, young people and families – for guidance and wisdom as the appointment is made, and for your blessing on them

Activities, services, and children and young people after we reopen – for freshness and enthusiasm as we meet and work together again

Ourselves - for the Holy Spirit to impact us with gladness, and wake us up after the last 18 months for isolation!

## **We Pray for our Mission partners, and the situations they are in:**

*for Azaria* who has now moved into her own apartment and is enjoying re-establishing contacts with the young people in Guatemala City

*for Paul & Kate and the children* in the Middle East following their return on 11<sup>th</sup> August after their 7 weeks home leave in the UK. Paul & Kate have asked us to pray for an easy transition back to in-person school for the children on 23<sup>rd</sup> August and that school stays in-person this term

*for Tony & Katherine and the children* who served in South East Asia for 16 years and are now back in UK. We pray for them as they remain on the CMS books for 6 months so that they can readjust to life here and also have final interactions with their link churches including us at St Michael's

*for Gideon and the fifteen CCMP facilitators* in Berega in Tanzania that the Lord will bless the work with the 40 self-help groups which have been set up

### **Our Prayers for families who have been bereaved**

Ann Mellon, Richard and Paul and the family

Stephen Waller and the family

David Ward and the family

*Lord, surround them with your love, bringing them comfort and hope*

## **Our Prayers for those known to us who are ill or having**

**treatment:** Martin Placket, Frances Pearson

### **and our prayers for those with on-going needs:**

Julie Astle	Michael & Daphne Bellamy
Doreen Bennett and Keith Bennett	Rosie Bjelland
Katie Bladen	Barbara Brown
Vickie Brown	Dorothy Bush
David Ducker	Betty Ellery
Gill Fazey	Frankie Hall
Gillian Hallam	John & Linda Hart
Keith & Beverley Holloway	Claire Morrell
Frances Pearson	Kathleen & Albert Phillips
Martin & Mary Plackett	Richard & Rita Portwood
Dorothy Roberts	Michael Smith
Joe & Pat Whiteley	Gill and David Wilmot
Liz Wiseman	

*Lord, hold our beloved friends close to you and bring healing to them.*

### **We remember in prayer the residents and businesses located within the parish in the following roads:**

Chilwell Lane	Denewood Avenue
Church Street	Derby Road (incl.
Foxwood)	
Claremont Avenue	Dormey Close & Fern Close
Cotswold Close	Dudley Court & Margaret's
Ct	
Cow Lane (incl. Holly Ct & Close Quarters)	Eastcote Avenue
Crummock Close	Ewe Lamb Close
David Grove	Ewe Lamb Lane
Deddington Lane	

*Lord, bless those who live or work in each of these locations*

