

**Growing in**  
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**BECCLES PARISH**

ST MICHAEL'S & ST LUKE'S

**MISSION FOCUS**

**PRAYER DIARY – WINTER 2020**

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### **SUNDAY – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY**

- Andy and Rose Roberts run safe houses for vulnerable young girls at their ReVive centres in Brazil. However, praise God, more families are now stepping up to foster and adopt children. Andy and Rose ask for prayers that more doors will be opened for girls to move into loving homes.
- Sarah Collins is starting a new initiative working with asylum seekers and refugees in Leicester. She is teaching street photography to offer people new skills and combat loneliness. Please pray for more donations of digital cameras and a venue for the end-of-course exhibition.
- Please pray for Fiona and Joel Kelling, supporting and strengthening the diverse Christian communities in the Middle East from their base in Amman. Pray also for their young son, Aidan, as he begins to spend 4 mornings a week at an Arabic language nursery.

### **MONDAY – CATHERINE LEE**

- As China's influence continues to grow in South East Asia so does the political pressure on Taiwan. More countries are withdrawing their recognition of Taiwan's sovereignty. Please pray that in this difficult situation Taiwanese Christians will feel strengthened by the awareness that they are a part of the GLOBAL Christian community.
- Please hold the Rev, Lennon Chang in your prayers as he is consecrated as the new Bishop of Taiwan in January. Please pray especially that he will be encouraged in his mission to spread the gospel to the people of Taiwan.
- Pray for Catherine as her role within the Diocese of Taiwan continues to grow and develop. Pray especially for her safety as she travels extensively within Taiwan and also for her frequent trips abroad.

## **TUESDAY – THE CHILDREN’S SOCIETY**

### **Mission Focus services for the Children’s Society: 19<sup>th</sup> January at St Michael’s and St Luke’s**

17-year-old Nicky spent last Christmas alone, having just been beaten up at the hostel where she was staying. Fortunately, Elizabeth, a Children’s Society specialist practitioner, was able to help and support her. Nicky now lives in her own flat and is studying for a career she loves.

- Please pray for young people like Nicky who are scared and vulnerable
- Please pray for specialist practitioners like Elizabeth who work so hard to help young people.
- If you do not already have one, please think about supporting the work of the Society by taking one of their collection boxes – see Faith Darch or Roger Tuthill to learn more.

## **WEDNESDAY – CHRISTIAN AID**

- Please pray for the World Day of Social Justice which takes place on 20<sup>th</sup> February. This is a day to especially remember all those individuals and organisations working to promote social justice often against a background of intimidation and violence.
- Give thanks that Beccles is a Fairtrade town. Please help to bring greater economic justice to producers by buying Fairtrade goods when you can and supporting Fairtrade stalls in church and in town.
- Climate Campaign 2020 -Christian Aid has long been a supporter of climate justice. Please pray that governments across the world will respond urgently and effectively to the climate crisis driven by the realisation that time is running out.

## **THURSDAY – KAGERA**

### **Mission Focus services for Kagera: 15<sup>th</sup> March at St Michael’s and St Luke’s**

- Pray for the Kagera Diocese management team – for guidance and wisdom as they finalise a new strategic plan for the next five years.

- Pray for Bishop Mike and Mark Levett's (Youth and Young Adults Officer) visit to Kagera on 15<sup>th</sup> January – to make plans for a youth visit in 2021.
- Please continue to pray and give thanks for CCMP (Church and Community Mobilisation Process): for the work of Thomas Shavu and Leonard Safari in managing the project: for the improved farming methods and yields: for the many trees planted and for the opportunities for people to start small businesses.
- Give thanks for Murgwanza Hospital and pray for Dr Gilman Buhaga, the new Medical Director. Please ask for God's blessing on him as he leads his team to develop the hospital into a special referral hospital.
- Give thanks for KCTC (Kagera Christian Training College). Pray for Rev. Can. Absalom Vyankende (Principal). Give thanks for the third-year students who leave to begin the busy work of evangelism in their villages,

## **FRIDAY – RUKUNGIRI**

- The Farmland at Kyenjojo continues to flourish. In addition to providing food for the school in Rukungiri it is also becoming a farming centre where local farmers can learn more about crop diversification, climate management and other aspects of land management. Give thanks for this new outreach.
- The spiritual and emotional care of the children has always been a top priority at the Primary and Pre-Primary Schools in Rukungiri. Since 2000 the Primary School has also consistently been in the top five primary schools in Uganda for academic results. Give thanks for the leadership of Geoffrey (Primary) and Loyce (Pre-Primary) and the dedication of all the staff.
- Please pray that more sponsors will come forward to support the work of the two schools. If you are interested in being a sponsor please see Doreen Page or Keith Wragg.

## **SATURDAY – THE BIBLE SOCIETY**

- **Migrant workers in the Gulf.** The Gulf States comprise Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Yemen and the United Arab Emirates. Bible Society has offices in all these countries, apart from Saudi Arabia which is closed to it, and the Yemen, where civil war forced the closure of its office. There are 15 million migrant workers. Their passports are taken from them and they are isolated in work camps. Their salaries, which they send back home to their families in Africa or Asia, amount to only \$200- \$250 per month. These men are often lonely and tell stories of heart-ache and abuse. Bible Society has government agreement to enter the camps, where they provide trauma healing, literacy classes, support and scriptures. Many migrants learn Bible stories by heart and, having come to faith, share their faith with others. Please pray for Bible Society's work and for these men, so far from home, to find strength and peace in Jesus.
- **Refugee children in the Middle East.** Bible Society is appealing for funds to provide Bibles and nativity booklets to children in the Middle East who have little to look forward to, often cannot go to school and have been through trauma. Please pray for and give to bring these children some joy and hope.