



BECCLES PARISH



MISSION FOCUS

PRAYER DIARY – WINTER 2021

SUNDAY – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY

- Please pray for Flavio Adair, Rector of Agua Viva Church in Olinda, Brazil as he also runs a study centre for training lay people and clergy. He and his wife, Line, are also planning to set up a day-care school for young children.
- Helen Avadiar-Nimbalker is based in Chiang Mai in Thailand. She is working with many local organisations to support survivors of human trafficking. She has also befriended women who have chosen to leave the sex trade. These women need both emotional and spiritual support and help to become financially independent.
- Sam Malish works for ACROSS, a non-governmental organisation in South Sudan. In a country which, since independence, has been devastated by tribalism and civil war, Sam's main concern is supporting children's ministry especially in refugee camps.

MONDAY – CATHERINE LEE

- St John's University has seen a massive reduction in student numbers because of the changing demographics in Taiwan. Catherine asks for prayer for Bishop Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang, the chair of SJU trustees, and SJU president Dr Ben Hung-Pin Huang as they grapple with this serious problem.
- A large electrical company based in Taiwan but whose main production facilities have been in Mainland China, is now moving its factory back to Taipei, Taiwan. As a result there has been a big increase in migrant workers many of whom are being housed in the now vacant accommodation at St John's University. Please pray for these workers and the Christian outreach to them.

- Catherine says, " I really appreciate all who have given financially and prayerfully to CMS for my support." Please pray for Catherine as she seeks to find new supporting churches to replace the ones who no longer do so as a result of Covid-19.

TUESDAY – THE CHILDREN’S SOCIETY

January is our Mission Focus month to support the work of the Children’s Society

- 1 in 20 children are estimated to have been sexually abused and of all police reported sexual offences, 1 in 3 are against children. Please pray for the work of the Children’s Society, NSPCC and all the other organisations dedicated to helping children who have been traumatised in this way.
- Molly was a young carer who from the age of 10 was looking after her mum, nan, dad and stepdad. After joining the Young Care Programme she flourished and obtained a first class honours degree in journalism. Please pray for all the young carers on this programme.
- At a young age Kirsty was sexually abused and became vulnerable to further on-line abuse until a teacher contacted the Children’s Society. Kirsty is very bright and through the support of a Children’s Society worker she is now studying to be a lawyer. Give thanks for young lives that have been turned round in this way.

WEDNESDAY – CHRISTIAN AID

- On 16th November 2020 Hurricane Iota devastated large areas of Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala. As a result of the pandemic, this disaster was little reported but 230,000 people had to flee their homes. Please pray for Christian Aid workers as they deliver food, shelter and medicines to the beleaguered survivors.
- As a result of the Beirut Bomb blast and a deteriorating security situation, 300, 000 people are now homeless in Lebanon. Christian Aid is one of very many international organisations providing emergency relief, food parcels and medication. Please pray for Lebanon which has provided so much support to millions of refugees from the Middle East.

- The developed countries begin to see some light at the end of the tunnel with the release of vaccines against Covid-19. However, the pandemic continues to rage across large areas of the world. Please pray for Christian Aid and other organisations as they lobby governments to provide more support for the distribution of vaccines to these poorer countries.

THURSDAY – KAGERA

March is our Mission Focus month to support our link diocese of Kagera.

- Please pray for the Bishops' Lent Appeal for Kagera –supporting farmers, doctors, priests etc. –that people may respond even in these difficult times. Give thanks for Anji and Chris Dawkins, our Link Co-ordinators, as they prepare materials for the appeal.
- Kagera Christian Theological College (KTCT) is hoping to recruit large numbers of students for the Certificate Course in Kiswahili as well as for the evangelists' course. We pray that the college is able to provide bursaries for the many students who, in their home villages, are subsistence farmers.
- Please continue to pray for the Church and Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP), that sufficient funds will come in to enable this transforming work to continue and grow. Tearfund is having to restructure its work in Tanzania and this will have knock on effect for Kagera. Thomas Shavu, a key worker for CCMP, has been made redundant by Tearfund. Please remember him in your prayers and pray for his future employment.
- Give thanks for our relationship with Kagera and pray that we will learn from their joy in worship, their reliance on God and their generosity of spirit.

FRIDAY – RUKUNGIRI

- During the pandemic John and Alice have been isolated on the farmland. A major problem Has been that the main pump from the borehole has broken down. This means that all drinking and water for irrigation has to be brought in by

tanker from the borehole at the Community Centre about 1km away. Pray that the pump will be speedily repaired.

- Very few medicines are available near the farmland. Many people are suffering because of this, including Alice whose diabetes medication is running low. Simon Peter, their son, is buying medicines and getting them out to the farmland using motorcycle taxis. Please pray for a long-term solution to this problem. It is a good example of how something we take for granted can so easily become a major problem in Uganda and, even more so, in some other African countries.
- The sponsorship of children is still a big issue in Rukungiri – there are still many children who do not have sponsors. For £20/month you can transform the life of a child in Rukungiri. To find out more please do have a chat to Doreen or Keith. Thank you.

SATURDAY – THE BIBLE SOCIETY

- **At risk.** Bible Society's work in translation, literacy classes, evangelism, Open the Book, school visits and sales of Bibles have all been suspended or badly hit by the pandemic and lockdown. In many countries the Bible Society staff rely on Bible sales to live, but with shops closed, they have no income. In 88 nations, Bible work is at risk of permanent closure. Please pray for these faithful workers in God's harvest field and, if you can, make a donation to the Bible Society to support them through this difficult time.
- **Literacy classes.** All over Africa, Bible Society has been running literacy classes for people, especially women, who have never been able to go to school. To be illiterate in a world of readers is to feel forgotten. But being taught to read means that not only do these people gain a significantly important life skill but, as they read their Bibles for themselves in their own language, they grow in faith. Thank God for these classes and pray that they can resume soon.