

Prayer Diary May 2020

people during this current crisis. Pray for the activities they are still allowed to carry on with (baptisms, funerals and weddings are permitted, but with restrictions concerning the number of attendants), and pray for their staff as they keep in touch with people via phone and video. Give thanks to God for the construction of their new church building, which is continuing as planned despite the present crisis. *Goschen Road*

24 Pray that those engaged in the search for an effective vaccine to the coronavirus will be successful, and that schools, churches, and businesses will be able to reopen. *Talbot Road*

25 Tourism plays a major role in the economy of Cumbria, pray for those whose livelihoods have been affected by the lockdown. *Yew Tree Court*

26 Please pray for Elliot, Sam and Bow who are being home schooled, and for suitable ongoing schooling for Bow to be found. *Empire Road*

27 Pray for Tearfund, who are to assessing how coronavirus is affecting the world's most vulnerable communities and how they can best support their partners and churches to make a meaningful, sustained response. *East Norfolk Street*

28 Pray for those who are struggling with their mental health, as a result of the coronavirus. Pray that as a

church we will be able to provide effective support to those who are finding life difficult at the moment. *East Dale Street*

29 Pray for Tim Burdon who has taken over from the Revd Caroline Kennedy, as the school chaplain at Trinity School. *Cumberland Court*

30 Pray for our local hospital, that patients may see the face of Jesus in the love and care offered to them and, in their darkest times, to see more clearly His presence with them. For the staff to have continued strength and courage to offer the care and compassion they so freely dispense each day, and that that the profile of chaplaincy may continue to be raised, and seen as an integral aspect of the healing ministry. *Northumberland Street*

31 Pray for the church's ministry amongst children and youth, particularly during this time when we cannot physically meet, and Kate and Ruth have been furloughed. Pray that our young people will have a growing awareness of the presence of God in their lives. *Trafalgar Street*



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- 1 Today we pray for staff and residents of our local care homes, Inglewood, Holmehurst and The Laurels. We pray for God's protection to be upon them, and for comfort during this time when the homes are in lock down, and the residents cannot see their relatives. We pray for members of our own church family who are either living in care homes at this time, or have loved ones in care homes. *Richardson Street*
- 2 Pray for the Langham Partnership as they seek to 'see churches in the Majority World equipped for mission and growing to maturity in Christ through the ministry of pastors and leaders who believe, teach and live by the word of God.' Pray for them especially as they face the huge challenges caused by Coronavirus. *Sowerby Court*
- 3 We give thanks that although we cannot physically meet, through modern technology we are still able to worship together. Pray for those who are struggling in their faith, that they may know the presence and peace of God. *Dalston Road*
- 4 Pray for the ministry of Cornerstone and the Op Shop, especially with the uncertainty about when the lock down will end. Pray for the people for whom Cornerstone is a life line, and for the manager Andy and his family, as Andy is currently furloughed from work, and the new deputy manager Katie and her family. Pray that we will soon be

- able to reopen the shops. *Constable Street*
- 5 Pray for the online Alpha Course, which tonight will be exploring the theme 'Who is Jesus?' Pray that people who would not normally consider doing an Alpha Course, will be encouraged to view our online course, and that it will lead many to faith. *Constable Court*
- 6 Tonight, we will be holding our first 'online' Prayer and Praise. Pray that many people will join us, and that it will give us an opportunity to worship God together. *Frederick Street*
- 7 Pray for the Diocese as it faces a significant drop in income as a result of the coronavirus, and the difficult decisions that will need to be made in the future. *Clarence Street*
- 8 Today is an early Bank Holiday to mark the 75 anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day. We give thanks to God for those who fought to free the world from Nazi tyranny, and the years of peace Europe has enjoyed. We pray for those who continue to serve in the armed forces, and for those who carry the physical and emotional scars of war and conflict. We pray for those parts of the world where there is still conflict. *Holme Head Way*
- 9 Santa has recently moved house. Please pray that she will settle into her new home, and get to know her neighbours when restrictions are lifted. Santa is suffering from Thyroid problems, please pray that she will get the medical help she requires. *Prescot Road*
- 10 We pray for the ministry of Hamsayeh International, one of the charities we are supporting this year, as they reach out to the Farsi speaking community in the UK and around the world, we pray especially that they may be able to share the love of Jesus with the Muslim community during this month of Ramadan. *Waldegrave Road*
- 11 Pray for Nina Orchard, and her family, as they prepare to move to Carlisle later in the year, and begin a curacy at St James and the Two Rivers Mission Community. Pray that with the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus, they may know a deep sense of God's peace. *Longsowerby Road*
- 12 Miriam asks for prayer as their 'goal shifted from growing community to developing the Christian students. We want to equip them to reach their own student friend networks online with the gospel.' Please pray that they will find more Christian students. *Percy Road*
- 13 Pray for those who have been furloughed from their work (including members of our own staff team, Kate, Andy and Ruth), the self employed, and those who have been made redundant as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. *Diggle Road*
- 14 The coronavirus is providing both immense challenges, but also great opportunities, pray that as a church we are open to how God is leading and directing us, and that we will follow where he leads. *Ferguson Road*
- 15 Give thanks for the chaplaincy team in the hospital, providing pastoral and spiritual support to staff and patients during a very difficult time. Pray for those also providing chaplaincy support to the Eden Valley Hospice in Carlisle. *Ferguson Place*
- 16 Our May Messy Church should have been taking place today, pray for the families who would normally attend this service, and for parents facing challenging times home schooling their children. *Wellbank*
- 17 Pray for the student mission staff as they plan the first Agape Digital Mission Week to reach non Christian students. *Wellbank Place*
- 18 Pray for Vanessa O'Dea, the new Diocesan Director of Education in Carlisle Diocese, and Peter Cantley, member of St James Church and Director of Education for the Diocese of Peterborough, as they respond to the immense challenges facing church schools at this time. Please pray for the members of the church family who are involved in education, and for our local schools Robert Ferguson and Cummersdale Primary School. *Norfolk Street*
- 19 The Fletcher family have moved out of their home into an Airbnb for a few weeks, but will now have moved back to the slum. Please pray for their safety and that of their neighbours in Klong Toey. Please pray for everyone involved in the Roy Rak, which has been suspended, and which will have significant financial implications for the staff. *Norfolk Terrace*
- 20 Please pray for Garry Ion back in the UK, as he reconnects with family, and discerns the leading of God for his future. Pray for the work of Amari Uganda, which is involved in the rescue, rehabilitation and reconnection of street and other vulnerable children in Uganda back to their families. Pray for the protection of street children, who face even greater dangers as a result of the coronavirus. *Norfolk Court*
- 21 Pray for students who would have been doing their GCSE and A Level exams this month. Pray for those who are due to go to college or university in the autumn. *Denton Holme Student Village*
- 22 Pray for the churches in our mission community, St Luke's, Holy Trinity, St Barnabas, St Michael's, St Mark's, Sandsfield Fellowship and Newtown Road and Wigton Road Methodist Church, and for the communities they serve. Pray for the Revd David Newlove who is on sabbatical until July. *Norfolk Road*
- 23 Pray for Sola church as they explore new ways to share the Gospel with