13 – 19 December

Focus on: **Karis Kids (Kampala)**

- Give thanks for the years of dedicated service from Nick and Julie Winning, who stepped down recently as Directors, and for Pippa Peppiatt who has taken on the role of Interim Director
- Pray for those about to complete vocational training or university and pray for success in finding permanent employment
- Pray for all the Karis families as they cope with continuing rising prices and job insecurity.

20 – 26 December

Focus on: **The Brickworks (supporting projects in South Sudan)**

- Give thanks for the many years of faithful service John and Poppy have devoted to the Brickworks and pray for them, and the trustees as they seek God's way forward in their own lives and that of the charity
- Pray for wisdom and guidance as the health projects supported by the Brickworks are gradually handed over to Medic Assist International (MAI). Give thanks for Poppy's commitment to serve as a Trustee of MAI.
- Pray for the country of South Sudan, for an end to conflict and the bringing of lasting peace that will enable the country to develop wise and just governance and economic stability.

27 December – 2 January 2027

Focus on: **Winchester organisations**

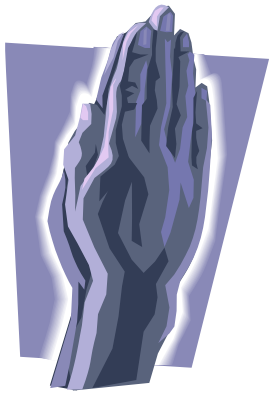
- **Winchester City Centre Chaplaincy** – pray for the team who seek to be the loving and compassionate presence of God in the economic and civic life of our city.
- **Winchester Beacon** – Pray for new sources of income to allow services to continue, supporting those in need of a safe place to sleep and the help to move forwards in their lives
- **Trinity Winchester** – Praise God for the many volunteers who give of their time, skills and money to enable Trinity to provide services to the homeless and those seeking safe sanctuary

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"Lord, help us to do whatever You ask of us."

St Catherine's Church, Littleton



Mission Prayer Diary November/December 2026

Welcome

We hope that this prayer diary may help you in focusing your prayers in support of the mission interests of St Catherine's Church family.

We are all called to join in God's mission to restore and redeem, to love and to serve. This isn't a specific calling that God gives to a few, but rather to all His followers. Sometimes this keeps us closer to home, serving our neighbours and our communities; sometimes it takes us further away, as with our mission contacts. Let us all be open to God's calling on our lives, and serve Him with diligence and joy.

'God has no hands on earth now to do his work but ours.'
Teresa of Avilla

Please join with us and share in bringing the concerns of our world before God, whose love and compassion know no limits.

1-7 November

Focus on: **MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship), with Ben and Esther, Barny, Reuben and Jesse Brown, in Arnhem Land, Northern Australia**

- Pray for Ben, Esther and the family as they prepare for home furlough next month. Give thanks that they will be visiting us at St Catherine's on 3rd January.
- Please pray for the programme's housing and infrastructure, much of which is in need of repair and upgrading. Ask God to provide the right resources, skilled people and steady progress, better supporting staff, families and the ministry long-term.
- Pray for the Yolnu people to be hungry for God's word. Pray for guidance around planning Gospel outreach to different communities.

8 – 14 November

Focus on: **Open Doors**

- **Saudi Arabia** – Pray for young people who become believers and face hostility from their families. Ask the Lord to strengthen and embolden them.
- **North Korea** – A recent report indicates that Chinese authorities are now digitally tracking North Korean defectors. Pray for believers who must decide between being connected to their communities or going silent.
- **Laos** – Pray for 40 young believers still traumatised after their Christian camp was interrupted by the authorities who interrogated believers.

15-21 November

Focus on: Chris and Kesia Pain (OMF Japan), Caleb, Jonjun, Carys and Megumi

- Pray for the Field Leadership Team retreat and team meetings that are being held this month, praying also for the preparations for handing over Chris and Kesia's roles before leaving Japan next year.
- Give thanks for the exciting news that Jonjun has become engaged to Abbie. Pray for their preparations for their wedding in July next year, and the next stage in their lives together.
- Pray for a house and a car to become available for when Chris and Kesia return to UK.

22 – 28 November

Focus on: **Tearfund**

- Pray for the UK government to use its influence to secure a ceasefire in Sudan and protect civilians.
- Pray for the continued success of community-built health centres in Burundi, providing life-saving care to mothers and children.
- Pray for the 18 million people in Bangladesh at risk of displacement, and for the success of people using innovative farming techniques to adapt to the climate emergency.

- 29 November – 5 December

Focus on: **The work of CMS in Northern Argentina, Bishop Crisanto Rojas, CMS partner**

- Please pray for the indigenous women leaders God is raising up across the Diocese of Northern Argentina – for them to be empowered to serve across the diocese's five language groups and help meet local needs as God is calling them.
- Pray for Bishop Crisanto as he travels across the wide area of Northern Argentina, supporting local churches. Pray for good health and safety in travel.
- Pray for people beyond the reach of traditional church across Latin America to encounter Jesus. CMS partners are sharing their learning with each other to strengthen mission in this context.

6 – 12 December

Focus on: **Christian Aid**

- Please pray for *Christian Aid's Trustees,* appointed by the 41 sponsoring churches of Great Britain, and for those in our local churches who advocate for Christian Aid.
- Please pray for our *'Time to Act'* campaign, responding to the urgent pleas of Palestinian Christians facing daily attack and expulsion from the Holy Lands
- Please pray for our *Christmas Appeal* for Ethiopian families devastated by flooding, and for local partner Agri Service Ethiopia. www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christmas-appeal