



# PRAYER DIARY

## OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2018

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Please pray for those young people who are finding life at school or college overwhelming, especially those who are still getting used to new surroundings. Pray for friendships to develop and for fears to be calmed.

#### 2nd

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Please pray today for our Finance and Admin assistant Ruth and her husband Dave. Their new baby is due very soon! Please pray for a safe delivery and the health of Ruth and her baby.

#### 3rd

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Today is our first planning meeting for our next children's weekend at Sizewell! Please pray that God would lead our ideas and excite us about these plans.

#### 4th

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Thank God for all the volunteers who have supported African Adventure this season. They enable us to give children a chance to shine and to learn new and different things about themselves.

#### 5th

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We are so pleased to welcome Jaehyuk (Jae) to our Gap Year team. We pray that he will settle quickly and embrace the opportunities he has to work in schools.

#### 6th

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Lucy, Mirin and Ant are attending the Pastoral Care Open Day today at St. Michael's Martlesham. Please pray that this opportunity to discuss how Christian communities can help young people to thrive will be fruitful and that our input would be helpful to others. Please also pray that the opportunity to share our work and network with others would be a blessing to all involved.

#### 7th

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We thank God for Luke - he has joined our Gap Year team and brings a real passion to share Jesus with all he meets. We pray for many opportunities for him to do that this year.

#### 8th

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World Mental Health Day is this week and there is a worldwide focus on mental health and wellbeing. Our Chaplains

support many children and young people who are struggling in this area – please take the opportunity to pray for them.

Pray for Ant too, as he offers a reflection activity across lunchtimes this week that highlights this issue in Chantry Academy.

#### 9th

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We are really excited to have Susanna in our team as Chaplain to Suffolk ONE. Please pray for her today, that she will really sense God's presence in her work this coming week.

#### 10th

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Today we meet together as a team to discuss our term so far and the things we have coming up. Please pray for a productive time of sharing together, encouraging and inspiring each other.

#### 11th

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The first Year 11 Reflection Day for St Alban's takes place at Colchester Road Baptist Church today. Pray for the students attending and leaders who are running the sessions.

#### 12th

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We pray today for our CYM Celebration of the Year this evening! Please pray for a great time of sharing and worship together.

#### 13th

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Today, please lift up to God all the children and young people who are connected to our Chaplaincy work.

## 14th

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Thank God that we are in the amazing position of being able to talk about Jesus in school assemblies! We pray that through these opportunities, seeds will be planted that lead children into relationship with Jesus for themselves.

## 15th

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Please pray today for Kymmene and Josh as they rest and recover after the African Adventure season.

## 16th

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Please pray for Nikki and Harry as they begin work on their dissertations. Pray that God will be present in their studies and that they will grow closer to Him through their work.

## 17th

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Thank God that Chaplaincy provision at Chantry has increased to four days a week this academic year. Pray for all the new things that have room to grow and develop in this community. Ant asks especially for opportunities with staff there to minister more and be an even greater encouragement.

## 18th

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The second St Alban's Year 11 Reflection Day is happening today. Please pray again for students and teachers who are attending, as well as those leading.

## 19th

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This afternoon we are running some mentoring training that will support our Chaplaincy work. Pray for Ant as he facilitates this session and ask

God that those participating will be inspired enabled to offer even better one to one support to students.

## 20th

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We praise God for a fantastic African Adventure season! We are so grateful for the many opportunities we have had to share God's love.

## 21st

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We thank God for our Trustees and their wisdom. They are due to gather again together soon, so we pray for the decisions that they will make about all aspects of our work.

## 22nd

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Pray for those of our team who are on half-term break this week. May they find some rest after a busy start to the year.

## 23rd

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We thank God for Brian today. He helps us so much with our finance and bookkeeping.

## 24th

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Hundreds of children have had an amazing experience at African Adventure this year. We praise God for the success of the program and pray that it will have a long lasting impact on these children.

## 25th

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We lift Lucy up to you today. We pray for strength, courage and wisdom as she leads our Gap Year and Student teams.

## 26th

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Please pray today for the Church leaders in our town. We pray for bold and strong leadership.

## 27th

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We thank God for the amazing volunteers who made African Adventure possible this year. We couldn't do it without them!

## 28th

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As so many children participate in Halloween activities, we pray that Chaplains and school workers will be able to share God's light in and demonstrate that there is an alternative way. The light burns brightest in the darkness!

## 29th

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Mirin, one of our Theology Students, is off to Ridley College for another teaching week today. Pray that she will meet with God, learn lots and come back to us inspired for her work with children.

## 30th

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Jaehyuk returns to South Korea this week for a couple of months. Pray for safe travels for him and a blessed time at home. We look forward to his return!

## 31st

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In this season pray for God's light to shine in the darkness through our Chaplaincy presence in schools. Pray as Chaplains shine his light through creative reflection and soul-space activities this week of Halloween and Bonfire Nights. Light overcomes darkness!



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Thank God for the great start this year we have had with Collective at St. Alban's. Continue to pray for students that attend and wisdom for Beth and Matt as they develop material and lead the group.

#### 2nd

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Thank God for a half term break that many children and young people would have benefitted from and pray that they are energised with an open mind

#### 3rd

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A number of our leaders are attending the Global Leadership Summit today. Please pray that they will be inspired and bring fresh and exciting ideas back to the team.

#### 4th

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Nikki, our final year Children's Work and Theology Student, is working hard on her dissertation. Please pray for energy and focus for her, and that her thoughts will flow easily.

#### 5th

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Pray for reflection spaces at Chantry on the themes of loss and peace throughout this week of remembrance. Pray for students and staff there who have experienced loss, that they find room for reflection and expression as they participate in the activities and share with our Chaplain.

#### 6th

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We pray today for Ant, Susanna and Beth - all working in secondary or college settings as Chaplains. We pray for strength and wisdom in all that they do today.

#### 7th

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Pray for our students as they balance their studies with their work at CYM. Ask God to give them rest amidst the busyness.

#### 8th

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Please pray for the children and youth in Ipswich that CYM have no contact with. We thank God for the opportunities we currently have and pray that somehow, more might know that there is a God who loves and values them.

#### 9th

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Please pray for the students and staff of Suffolk ONE as they prepare to gather for Remembrance. Everyone at the college has been given an opportunity to remember someone by making a poppy. We pray that they will experience the deep peace of God as they take time out of the day to share in this together.

#### 10th

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As we start to look ahead to the next year of African Adventure, we pray for God's guidance and direction around any changes that need making.

#### 11th

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Please pray for Heather and Steph today. Their Chaplaincy work in primary schools is invaluable - we pray that they will know God's blessing on their work this week.

#### 12th

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Pray for Beth in St. Alban's as she considers some new ideas for the school, particularly looking at engaging more with the Sixth Form.

#### 13th

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We thank God today for Phil, one of our Trustees. He plays a huge part in the operation of African Adventure and we are so grateful for his passion for the project.

#### 14th

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We thank God for our students. As Harry, Nikki and Mirin go about their placement time, we ask for the skills and qualities that they need to balance study and placement time.

#### 15th

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We pray for new giving to continue coming forward for the work of CYM.

## 16th

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Several of our team are off to the National Youth Ministry Weekend today. Please pray that they have an amazing weekend, grow together as a team and learn lots that will be helpful for their work.

## 17th

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Please pray for Luke. He supports our work in several different schools and is building relationships with many children and young people. Pray for blessing and encouragement for him.

## 18th

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Next month we hope to deliver Christmas assemblies to many Primary Schools. Please pray that the planning will come together well and that we will be able to deliver a fun and impacting Christmas message.

## 19th

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Pray for the Collective group that meets today at Suffolk ONE. May they find huge encouragement from meeting together and may they find new ways to bless the whole community at the college.

## 20th

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We thank God for the wonderful Jean who has served CYM regularly as a volunteer secretary for many years. Pray for blessing and encouragement for her.

## 21st

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Harry is supporting a lunch club at Ipswich School today. Please pray for him as he works with the school's Chaplain and develops his relationships with the students there.

## 22nd

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We thank God today for Heather, who assists us with admin for African Adventure.

## 23rd

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We pray today for our Trustee team - we are grateful for the time that they volunteer to our work and pray for them as they constantly make crucial decisions about our work.

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Today we thank God for our Director, Simon. Pray for encouragement, inspiration and wisdom in his leadership.

## 25th

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Please pray today for the Nacton and Queensway community of Ipswich. As we consider work in that part of Ipswich, we pray for direction and guidance from God, for the most effective way to support young people in that area.

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Pray for Ant and those who work with him in Chaplaincy at Chantry Academy. Ant asks for wisdom and discernment in managing all the different projects and initiatives and that he keeps his spiritual eyes open to see situations and people the way that Jesus sees them.

## 27th

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We thank God today for all of our staff team! Their passion and enthusiasm for their work is infectious. We pray that God will really speak into their lives and work this week.

## 28th

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Please pray for the CYM team - that the good relationships they have will continue to develop and that they might spur one another on in pursuit of Jesus.

## 29th

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Today, please pray for our Gap Year Luke as he explores his gifts and considers his future.

## 30th

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Christmas is fast approaching, pray for all the preparations in schools, churches and people's homes.