



## **NEW CREATION PRAYER DIARY**

**OCTOBER 2021**



*"Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him." Proverbs 30:5*

Friday 1st October

**Psalm:55**

### **Youth Group**

We pray for all those who are starting a new chapter in their lives especially those starting university.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 10: 13-16**

Saturday 2nd October

**Psalm:76**

Dear Lord, we pray for the new pattern of worship across New Creation beginning tomorrow, particularly for the new Explore@4 service and the Messy Church style 'Growing in God's Love'. We pray that those worshipping find new ways to engage with Your message and we all learn and grow as Your disciples. Amen.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 10: 17-24**

Sunday 3rd October—18th Sunday after Trinity

**Psalm:26**

St. Francis of Assisi Day (4th October)

Francis of Assisi is one of the most well-known and much-loved of the saints in the Christian tradition. He seems to capture people's imaginations, whether it be to do with his love for the simple things of life and for creation, his devotion and care of the outcast and the leper, or his deep love for God and for Jesus often leading him to tears of both great joy and also to tears of deep lament and sadness. Francis lived it all, and he lived to the full. Let us pray then for a Franciscan-like spirit in these days, not a spirit of timidity and caution, but a spirit of foolish abandonment to God and unself-conscious offering of ourselves for love of the world.

**Lectionary Reading: Mark 10: 2-16**

Monday 4th October—World Dyslexia Day

**Psalm:80**

### **Gemma Stocker**

Dear lord we pray on this momentous day as we acknowledge and celebrate Dyslexia. May we highlight the joy of being dyslexic and cherish that it makes us who we are and part of our identity. Amen.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 10: 25-37**

Tuesday 5th October—World Teacher Day

**Psalm: 89**

### **Ruth Wratten**

Around the world teachers are working hard to deliver education to the young people who are the world's future. We all understand how important education is in opening up opportunities and helping to fight poverty. Lord, we pray for all teachers striving to make a difference – sometimes against the greatest odds and with very few resources. At this time, especially, the focus must be on teachers in Afghanistan where education has been disrupted and the question of girls' and young women's education may be in jeopardy. Please let the light of understanding and tolerance shine through this dark time.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 10: 38-end**

Wednesday 6th October

**Psalm: 119**

William Tyndale lived at the chaotic time of the Reformation of the Church in the fifteen and sixteen hundreds. Although the Bible had previously been translated into English before Tyndale, William Tyndale was the first person to provide the world with an English translation direct from the original languages of Hebrew and Greek rather than through the lens of Latin. His translation of the Bible was so influential it led to the invention of the printing press and became the foundation stone for what later became known as the "King James Bible," from which most other Bible translations in the English language have evolved. His deep desire to be faithful to Scripture led to his execution on this day in 1536. We pray for all those involved in translating the Bible in today's world, both on paper and digitally. And we pray for all those who commit to be likewise faithful to God's word, seeking it's inspiration, guidance, and the voice of God in its pages each day.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 11: 1-4**

Thursday 7th October—National Poetry Day

**Psalm: 92**

To celebrate National poetry day, here is a verse from one of Aylx's poems :  
In times as uncertain as these,  
It is important for us to be sure,  
That Jesus will always be with us,  
If we reach out and open the door.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 11: 5-13**

Friday 8th October

**Psalm: 88**

**Lewis Walker**—World Space Week 4th-10th October

Thank You for the amazing vastness of space, the beauty of stars and planets and the wonder of the night sky. Thank You for astronauts who discover the moon and technology like the Mars Rover that teach us about other planets. Amen.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 11:15-26**

Saturday 9th October—World Hospice and Palliative Care Day **Psalm: 97**

The Modern Hospice Movement is usually attributed to Dame Cicely Saunders who founded St Christopher's Hospice in London in 1967, although more general end of life and hospice care had been offered since the 1800's. Today there are over 220 Hospices in the UK alone and a vast network of both adult and children's Hospices in many communities across the world. We give thanks for the Hospice movement, for all the care it offers both on-site and through so much of its care in the community in

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 11: 27-28**

Sunday 10th October— Harvest Festival **Psalm: 126**

**Sonya Stocker**

Dear Lord. We thank You at this time of the year for our farmers and their tireless work in preparing the fields in order to grow crops for food and to allow animals to graze. We know that we are so lucky in this country that although the weather is not always favourable and that there are other challenges, farmers and others working in the food industry can provide food for us.

We think of other countries whose crops are often destroyed by weather or lack of machinery and millions face starvation. Please Lord help us to help them in being able to have plentiful food.

**Lectionary Reading: Matthew 6: 25-33**

Monday 11th October —World Mental Health Day **Psalm: 98**

Dear Lord we pray for all those suffering with their mental health and struggling in difficult times. Please be with them in their despair and grant them the courage to seek the help that they need. Amen.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 11: 29-32**

Tuesday 12th October **Psalm: 106**

**Ruth Wratten**—Challenge Poverty Week 11th—17th October

Let us pray for the poor, hungry, and neglected all over the world, that their cries for daily bread may inspire works of compassion and mercy among those to whom much has been given. Let us pray for all nations and people who already enjoy the abundance of creation and the blessings of prosperity, that their hearts may be lifted up to the needs of the poor and afflicted, and partnerships between rich and poor for the reconciliation of the world may flourish and grow. O Lord hear our prayer.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke: 11: 37-41**

Wednesday 13th October **Psalms: 111**

Today sees the withdrawal of the extra £20 per week payment under Universal Credit paid to struggling families and households during the Pandemic. The withdrawal of the extra payment is likely to throw hundreds of thousands of families and children further into poverty and for many the gap will mean a near permanent reliance on "Foodbanks" and handouts from charities just to make ends meet. The Bible has a lot to say about caring for those at the margins, especially the widow, the orphan, and the foreigner. Let us pray for a day when the world will be a kinder, more compassionate place and in the meantime may we double our efforts to support organisations like the Foodbank, Homeless Shelters and Day Centres, and Marcus Rashford's campaign for Free school meals.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 11: 42-46**

Thursday 14th October **Psalm: 115**

**Natalie LeGrange**—Baby loss Awareness Week 9th—15th October

Dear Lord, During this baby loss awareness week, help us to walk beside others in their journey of grief. Allow us to show them Your love and mercy in the midst of their most vulnerable moments. Lord, lend me Your strength and Your compassion to reach out to a grieving parent and be there to support, to listen and to try to understand, let my actions and words reflect Your love and bring comfort. Give me the strength of mind to really hear their stories, to recognise the life and loss of their child and to say their baby's names aloud. Help them to find peace and solace in the knowledge that although their child could not stay, they are safely held and loved by You Lord until they meet again. Amen

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 11: 47-end**

Friday 15th October—Feast of Teresa of Avila **Psalm: 139**

St. Theresa of Avila lived in Spain in the middle of the 1500's. She became one of the Catholic Churches key spokeswomen on the spiritual life, not unlike Julian of Norwich in this country. Along with St. John of the Cross, she formed the Carmelite Order, which still continues to this day, and is devoted to 24/7 prayer for the Church and for the wider world. She was the first woman to be made a 'doctor' of the Church, meaning a person of great influence regarding the spiritual life. Her book the "Interior Castle" is still often read today. Let us pray for all those engaged in the spiritual life, for Retreat Houses and Places of Contemplation, and for those who are Spiritual Directors and Guides, in a noisy and busy world that finds it increasingly hard to hear the still small voice of God.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 12:1-7**

Saturday 16th October

**Psalm: 121**

Dear Lord, today we ask You to bless the Harvest Fayre in Banwell. May it be a time of fun and fellowship as people gather in the church to see local crafts and produce. Amen.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 12: 7-12**

Sunday 17th October—20th Sunday after Trinity

**Psalm: 104**

**Maggie McCarthy**

God of harvest, gardener supreme, You place us at the centre, feed us, equip us and, having provided for us, look to a different harvest, a fruitfulness of lives in service to You, and others. God of harvest, feed us, prune us, harvest us, that our lives might bring glory to You.

**Lectionary Reading: Mark 10: 35-45**

Monday 18th October—Feast of St Luke

**Psalm: 147**

St. Luke is traditionally known to have been a physician as well as the writer of the third Gospel of Jesus and so is known as the Patron Saint of Doctors and the Health Care and healing professions. Please pray for all those involved in the Healing Ministry, physically, emotionally, spiritually – for doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, for care staff in Nursing Homes and out in the community, for counselling and mental health services, and for our Prayer Chain and Healing Prayer Ministry teams who faithfully pray with and for so many. May today and every day be a day of outpouring of God's healing love.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 10: 1-9**

Tuesday 19th October—Anti- Slavery Day (18th October)

**Psalm: 132**

Dear Lord, You demand justice for those who have been wronged. Give strength to those who investigate and prosecute traffickers. Encourage and support them when they are weary. Give courage to survivors when they are asked to testify against their former captors.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 12: 35-38**

Wednesday 20th October

**Psalm: 119**

**Romany Poppitt-Price**

Heavenly Father we ask You to bless and watch over the return of our coffee and chat mornings in Banwell village in the new gifted Scout Hut. May Your Spirit guide new members to join us and help us to pass on this wonderful new get together each week on a Wednesday

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 12: 39-48**

Thursday 21st October—World Singing Day

**Psalm: 143**

**Sonya Stocker**

Dear Lord, today is World Singing Day. We give thanks for the beauty of singing, whether as personal or in a choir or worship group. We thank You Lord that we have a voice to sing about You, Your word and for the beauty of all people and the world in which we live in.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 12: 49-53**

Friday 22nd October

**Psalm: 144**

**Barbara Ruffle**

Heavenly Father, I lift before You the needs of the children of this world. The homeless, the refugees, those in war torn countries, those who are suffering because of the pandemic. I ask for peace in their hearts, for Your hand to protect and provide for all their needs. Thank You, Heavenly Father, Amen .

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 12: 54-end**

Saturday 23rd October

**Psalm: 147**

Dear Lord, we pray for all those undergoing hospital treatment and tests at this time. Please be with them as they go through this difficult time and give them Your strength and healing. Amen.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 13: 1-9**

Sunday 24th October—Bible Sunday

**Psalm: 19**

Almighty God, We thank You for the gift of Your Holy Word. Help Your Church throughout the world to read Your Word, to pray Your Word and practice Your Word. Amen.

**Lectionary Reading: John 5: 36b-end**

Monday 25th October—World Opera Day

**Psalm: 1**

**Sue Cruze**

Dear Lord, You gave us the gift of music to entertain, enliven and relax us. Give us the grace to appreciate how much this one of Your gifts can affect your world. Amen

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 13: 10-17**

Tuesday 26th October

**Psalm:5**

**Rosemary Bailey**

Lord, we give thanks that our church gardening community is growing. Guide us, as we plant and care for the church grounds, so that we may delight in Your creation, grow in love and fellowship and enjoy each other's company. You are the vine, we are the branches, keep us abiding in You. Amen.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 13: 18-21**

Wednesday 27th October

**Psalm: 119**

Heavenly Father, today we pray for all those receiving the flu vaccine and the COVID vaccine booster. We pray that the side effects are minimal and that this protects people from the seriousness of these illnesses. We thank You for granting Your wisdom and perseverance to those who have developed these vaccines and we pray that these vaccines will be readily available to all people throughout the world, even in the poorest areas. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 13: 22-30**

Thursday 28th October—Festival of Simon and Jude

**Psalm:116**

Today is the feast day of two of the lesser known of the disciples – Simon the Zealot and Jude, otherwise known as Thaddeus. In the Gospels they are really only mentioned by name, where much more is known about some of the others, Peter, James, John and Andrew for instance. After Pentecost, legend has it that Jude and Simon went first to Egypt to share the Good News of the Gospel there and then turned north to share the Gospel in modern day Syria and Turkey, possibly founding what became an important Christian community at Edessa, not far from Syrian Antioch. Let us pray today for all those who are maybe but names to us, in Churches, graveyards, and war memorials but who are a person, with a name and a story, and are just as much known and valued by God. And may we be thankful we follow a God whose love extends not just to the few, but to the many. Help us to see with Your eyes, Lord, the little people.

**Lectionary Reading: John 15: 17-end**

Friday 29th October

**Psalm:19**

**Romany**

Our Father above be with our lorry drivers in spirit as their job has become more difficult with the shortage of trained staff. We are eternally grateful for the long hours

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 14: 1-6**

Saturday 30th October

**Psalm:23**

**Romany**

Lord Jesus watch over the homeless as the dark and cold nights draw in and let us remember to drop groceries to Foodbanks. Amen

**Lectionary Reading: Luke 14: 1 & 7-11**

Sunday 31st October—All Saints' Day

**Psalm:24**

Today sees the first of our two All Souls' Day services, today being in Banwell. Please pray for all those in Banwell who have lost loved ones over this last year, and in previous years. Some will come from families that may go back generations in Banwell, others will see Banwell as but the latest place in their journey to rest their heads. Thank You, Lord, that You hold and value each of those who have gone before us with the same commitment and love, without fear or favour. And we bring before You all those who will gather today to remember their loved ones. May Your compassion and love surround them and support them and may Your promises give them hope in their remembering.

**Lectionary Reading: John 11: 32-44**



If anyone is interested in joining the prayer diary team or would like to submit a prayer, please contact the Church Office on 01934 833 126 or email SAC-Admin@newcreationchurches.org.uk