



## Prayer Diary – September 2023

<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	Look back over the summer months and <b>find three things to praise God for</b> , one personal or family related, one to do with church, and one to do with sharing the gospel with others.
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Give thanks for Growth Groups.</b> Pray that any who haven't joined one in the past give one a try this term.
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Spend some time <b>praising God that he is your Father.</b> Express your thanks to him that today you will meet with your brothers and sisters in Christ.
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Most children and teachers <b>go back to school this week.</b> Pray that Christians in schools would live for Jesus this term, and have plenty of opportunities to share the gospel with their colleagues and classmates. Pray that children would be protected from the increasing sexualization of the curriculum.
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Praise God for the ministry of <b>Friendly Community Spaces</b> at St Luke's each Tuesday. Pray that Christians who attend would be intentional about praying for and taking opportunities to share the gospel with non-Christians who also attend. <b>We meet to pray at 7:45 for 8pm at the Memorial Hall this evening.</b> Ask God to increase our churches' commitment to gathering for corporate prayer during the coming year.
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Praise God for the <b>10:30am BCP communion service.</b> Give thanks for the new people he has drawn to us through it. Pray that he would continue to add to our number.
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Pray for <b>those who work behind the scenes</b> to make the churches and the benefice run smoothly. Pray that they would always find joy in their part in the ministry.
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Pray for a <b>meeting Sally and John have with the new head teacher of Carr Lane and the new RE lead.</b> Pray for good working relationships to develop quickly.

	<b>LaunchPad, Rockets and Impact all restart this afternoon and evening.</b> Pray that all those who attended last term would return and perhaps bring a friend with them.
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Pray that <b>Adam Young would continue settling into life in Japan.</b> Pray especially for his language learning.
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	We begin a <b>new series in Genesis 10-20 today.</b> Pray that through it God would teach you and the whole church family about his wonderful plan to build a people for himself, and that we would all grow in our confidence as his people.
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	The <b>Open the Book team are in St Andrew's School today and Carr Lane School on Thursday.</b> Pray that the new term begins well with children and teachers engaging well with the Bible and the team. There is a <b>meeting between the Archbishop of York and those who are opposed to the blessing by the Church of England of same sex relationships</b> this evening. Pray that Stephen Cottrell would genuinely listen to and hear the grave concerns very many in the diocese have.
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Praise God for <b>Little Stars that restarts today.</b> Pray that relationships with families would continue to develop and that there would be plenty of opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with many. <b>Growth Groups meet today, tomorrow and Thursday,</b> many of them for the first time after a summer break. Pray that each gets off to a good start and that all new members find a warm welcome.
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Pray that the <b>St Luke's Toddler Group team</b> has a great morning welcoming families back today.
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Give thanks for our <b>Staff Team.</b> Pray that they would work hard and yet pace themselves wisely for the long term ahead.
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Give thanks for <b>Sally Hopkinson (LaunchPad), Pete Hopkinson (Rockets) and Ash Carter (Impact)</b> as they head up each of these ministries among children and youth. Pray for energy, inspiration and continued diligence in prayer and practical matters for them this term.

<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Today is the <b>Benefice Away Day to Filey</b> . Give thanks for the opportunity we have to spend a day together, and pray that we are blessed thinking about the glory of the new creation in the morning, and spending time together in the afternoon.
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	We <b>meet today around God's word and his table</b> . Pray that as he teaches us from Genesis 10 and 11 that we would put our trust in him alone, even when, humanly speaking, that seems unwise.
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Pray for <b>St Andrew's PCC meeting this evening</b> . Pray for continued unity in the gospel, and for continued wise decisions.
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Pray for our work among <b>older people</b> . Pray that we would increasingly find ways of reaching them with the gospel and serving practical needs where appropriate.
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Give thanks for all those who look after our buildings and oversee their good order, cleanliness and management. Pray for ongoing wisdom as to how to use each one to its potential for the gospel.
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	Give thanks for the <b>Women's Christian Book Club</b> meeting this evening at St Luke's. Pray that it would continue to be an encouragement to those who attend, and a welcoming place for newcomers.
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Pray that <b>Friendship</b> Club would be a source of genuine, Christ centred friendships this afternoon. Give thanks for all the <b>helpers in our children's and youth work</b> across all ages, both churches and in the local schools. Pray that God would help them in their work, and that new helpers would be raised up from among the church family.
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Pray that many would attend the <b>Barn Dance at St Luke's this evening</b> , and that it would be a great opportunity to invite people to our Harvest Festivals on 1 <sup>st</sup> October.
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Pray that we as church families would <b>remember to always trust only God even in a sometimes very messy world</b> . Pray that as we meet together God would minister to each one of us as we need.
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Ash and John are at the <b>ReNew Conference in Leeds today and tomorrow</b> . Pray that the conference would fulfil its role in advancing Anglican Evangelical ministries for the salvation of

	England by pioneering, establishing and securing healthy local churches. Pray for the <b>Open the Book Team</b> in St Andrew's School today and Carr Lane School on Thursday.
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Growth groups meet today, tomorrow and Thursday.</b> Pray that each member would gain a deeper understanding of and love for God as they encounter Jesus in his Word.
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Praise God for <b>St Andrew's Flower Guild and those who make St Luke's look beautiful with flowers.</b> Pray for them this week as they prepare the church buildings for Sunday's Harvest Festivals.
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Give thanks for the <b>various groups that hire St Luke's Hall and the Memorial Hall.</b> Pray that members would see information about church activities and that some would begin attending on Sundays or midweek.
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Pray for the <b>children and youth at LaunchPad, Rockets and Impact who haven't yet made a commitment to Christ.</b> Pray that they would come to faith this term.
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Pray that many visitors would come to <b>tomorrow's Harvest Festival and Bring and chare lunch at the Memorial Hall.</b>

*The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 'I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.'* (Genesis 12:1-3)

**Our Benefice Vision Statement**

*We are one people with all kinds of pasts and backgrounds, graciously forgiven at the cross and called together by God encouraging one another to be faithful to our risen Saviour Jesus in the power of the Spirit by living our*