



Prayer Diary – September 2023

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

	LaunchPad, Rockets and Impact all restart this afternoon and evening. Pray that all those who attended last term would return and perhaps bring a friend with them.
Saturday 9th September	Pray that Adam Young would continue settling into life in Japan. Pray especially for his language learning.
Sunday 10th September	We begin a new series in Genesis 10-20 today. 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.
Monday 11th September	The Open the Book team are in St Andrew's School today and Carr Lane School on Thursday. Pray that the new term begins well with children and teachers engaging well with the Bible and the team. There is a meeting between the Archbishop of York and those who are opposed to the blessing by the Church of England of same sex relationships this evening. Pray that Stephen Cottrell would genuinely listen to and hear the grave concerns very many in the diocese have.
Tuesday 12th September	Praise God for Little Stars that restarts today. 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. Growth Groups meet today, tomorrow and Thursday, 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.
Wednesday 13th Sept	Pray that the St Luke's Toddler Group team has a great morning welcoming families back today.
Thursday 14th September	Give thanks for our Staff Team. Pray that they would work hard and yet pace themselves wisely for the long term ahead.
Friday 15th September	Give thanks for Sally Hopkinson (LaunchPad), Pete Hopkinson (Rockets) and Ash Carter (Impact) 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.

Saturday 16th September	Today is the Benefice Away Day to Filey . 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.
Sunday 17th September	We meet today around God's word and his table . 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.
Monday 18th September	Pray for St Andrew's PCC meeting this evening . Pray for continued unity in the gospel, and for continued wise decisions.
Tuesday 19th September	Pray for our work among older people . Pray that we would increasingly find ways of reaching them with the gospel and serving practical needs where appropriate.
Wednesday 20th Sept	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.
Thursday 21st September	Give thanks for the Women's Christian Book Club 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.
Friday 22nd September	Pray that Friendship Club would be a source of genuine, Christ centred friendships this afternoon. Give thanks for all the helpers in our children's and youth work 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.
Saturday 23rd September	Pray that many would attend the Barn Dance at St Luke's this evening , and that it would be a great opportunity to invite people to our Harvest Festivals on 1 st October.
Sunday 24th September	Pray that we as church families would remember to always trust only God even in a sometimes very messy world . Pray that as we meet together God would minister to each one of us as we need.
Monday 25th September	Ash and John are at the ReNew Conference in Leeds today and tomorrow . 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 Open the Book Team in St Andrew's School today and Carr Lane School on Thursday.
Tuesday 26th September	Growth groups meet today, tomorrow and Thursday. Pray that each member would gain a deeper understanding of and love for God as they encounter Jesus in his Word.
Wednesday 27th Sept	Praise God for St Andrew's Flower Guild and those who make St Luke's look beautiful with flowers. Pray for them this week as they prepare the church buildings for Sunday's Harvest Festivals.
Thursday 28th September	Give thanks for the various groups that hire St Luke's Hall and the Memorial Hall. Pray that members would see information about church activities and that some would begin attending on Sundays or midweek.
Friday 29th September	Pray for the children and youth at LaunchPad, Rockets and Impact who haven't yet made a commitment to Christ. Pray that they would come to faith this term.
Saturday 30th September	Pray that many visitors would come to tomorrow's Harvest Festival and Bring and chare lunch at the Memorial Hall.

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