

Knaphill Methodist Church

“Let us pray”

A Prayer Diary for

August 2021

*“Everyone who competes in*

***the games***

*goes into strict training.”*

1 Corinthians 9:25a NIV























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| **Day/****Date** | **Theme/****Event** | **Pray for …** | **✔** | **Notes****Thoughts****Action** |
| **1st****Sunday** | ‘Opening Ceremony’ | *“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.”* Genesis 1:31a&b NIVSpend today noticing, praising & thanking God for all that He has made that is ‘very good’. |  |  |
| 2ndMonday | ‘Archery’ | *“Keep your eyes open for God, watch for His works; be alert for signs of His presence.”* Psalm 105:4 TM* … your focus – literally & spiritually - to be on God, at all times & in all places. ‘Aim’ for His will.
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| 3rdTuesday | ‘Weight-lifting’ | *“(God) says, "I removed the* *burden from their shoulders;”* Psalms 81:6a NIV* … anyone you know of ‘weighed down’ at the moment: for God to meet them & free them from their burdens. How can YOU help with the lifting?
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| 4thWednesday | ‘Sport climbing’ | *“Then you will go on your way in* *safety, and your foot will not stumble;”* Proverbs 3:23 NIV* … any that you know of who are ‘out & about’; for safe journeys; for ‘wise’ behaviours; for common sense; for good companionship & encounters.
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| 5thThursday | ‘Fencing’ | *“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. “* 2 Corinthians 10:4a NIVGive thanks for the gift of prayer – the opportunity to speak, & listen, to God. Commit to exercise it: *“Pray continually.”* 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV |  |  |
| 6thFriday | ‘Wrestling’ | ***“****Fight the good fight of the faith.”* 1 Timothy 6:12a NIVSpend some time doing a ‘health check’ of your faith. Where are you being asked to defend God’s Truth? Take heart & courage to do so, in His strength. |  |  |
| 7thSaturday | ‘Triathlon’ | *“… all who would enter the temple of the Lord to perform the daily duties of their various tasks, according to their responsibilities …”* 2 Chronicles 31:16part NIV* … all those fulfilling ‘roles’ at KMC: for strength, wisdom, discernment, persistence & faith. Remember to thank them, & give thanks for them. How can YOU help?
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| **8th****Sunday** | ‘Olympic Flame’ | Pray these song words for KMC, & for yourself:‘*Consuming fire, fan into a flame, a passion for your name. Spirit of God would you fall in this place; Lord have your way, Lord have your way with us.’*  Refrain *Consuming Fire* by Hillsong UNITED |  |  |
| 9thMonday | ‘Wind-surfing’ | *“The* *wind blows wherever it pleases. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."* John 3:8a&e NIV* … an open heart & mind, to allow the wind of the Spirit to fill you & direct you where He wants you to go.
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| 10thTuesday | Gymnastics: ‘Balance Beam’ - KMC Leader -ship Team | * … our church leadership, & members:

*“Take a new grip with your tired hands & strengthen your weak knees.’ ‘Make level paths for your feet’, ‘so that those who are weak & lame will not fall but become strong.”* Hebrews 12: 12 & 13 NIV & NLT |  |  |
| 11thWednesday | ‘Sailing’ | *“…they…untied the ropes that held the rudders, then…hoisted the foresail to the* *wind…”* Acts 27:40c&d NIV* … a ‘freeing’ from the past that binds KMC, & a lifting of the whole church into the Spirit’s guidance.
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| 12thThursday | ‘Canoe Slalom’ | *“…no longer be … tossed back and forth by the waves…”* Ephesians 4:14a&b part NIV* … & commit to, becoming a mature Christian- with a strong, stable faith & informed knowledge of God. Read your Bible more often & with greater depth, & let God really speak to YOU through His word.
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| 13thFriday | ‘Diving’ | *“To Him who is able to keep you from falling …”* Jude 1:24a NIV* … those who are ‘falling’, for any reason – literally, emotionally or spiritually: for timely rescue; for help to ‘stand’; for strength & hope; for God’s hand ‘lifting’ their lives.
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| 14thSaturday | ‘Down Time’:Our Minister | *“… find* *rest for your soul.”* Matthew 11:29c NIV* … for Dave, & his family, on holiday: for rest & restoration; for refreshment & renewal; for quality time spent together; for new revelation.
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| **15th****Sunday** | ‘Olympic Village’ 1: Circuit Partners: Cranleigh | * … future use of the redeveloped building as a ‘Community Hub’: for ecumenical links & local groups to have a clear vision of what they can achieve together; for God’s love to be shared there.
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| 16thMonday | ‘Olympic Village’ 2:Covid-19 vaccinations | *“All share a common destiny …”* Ecclesiastes 9:2a NIV*“… be generous & willing to share.”* 1 Timothy 6:18c NIV* … greater international effort to provide

vaccinations to poorer countries & communities; for the breaking of barriers. for true compassion for humanity. |  |  |
| 17thTuesday | ‘’Boxing’ | *“…nor do I box as though beating the air;”*  1 Corinthians 9:26b NRSVWhat difference are YOU actually making to the coming of God’s Kingdom? Pray for Christian discipline – that your personal ‘likes’ & ‘wants’ will not dictate your thoughts, words & actions. Live ‘purposefully!' |  |  |
| 18thWednesday | ‘EquestrianJumping’ | *“… we put bits into the mouths of* *horses to make them obey us … but no man can tame the tongue.”* James 3:3a &8a NIV* … God to guard the words that you say aloud:

*“It’s your heart, not the dictionary, that gives meaning to your words.”* Matthew 12:34c TM |  |  |
| 19thThursday | ‘Football’ or ‘Hockey’ | *“…harness the team…”* Micah 1:13bi NIV“…*work* *together for the truth.”* 3 John 1:8b part NIV* … more participation, by more people, in church life. And YOU? Remember: ‘Success comes in cans. Failure comes in can’ts.’ Anni Gresham-Wakerley
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| 20thFriday | ‘BMX Freestyle’ | *“There are different kinds of* *gifts … of service … of working …” “… there are many parts, but one body.”*1 Corinthians 12:4-6 & 20 parts NIV* … God to show, & help you exercise, your unique gifts & calling as part of the functioning Body of Christ as the church. Do YOUR God-given thing!
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| 21stSaturday | ‘Trampolin-ing’ | *“… faith and love* *… spring from…hope”* Colossians 1:5a NIVWhat exactly is it that you hope for? How is this manifested in your faith, & words & acts of love? |  |  |
| **22nd****Sunday** | ‘Olympic Medals’ | Reflect on your ‘heavenly reward’ from this verse:*“… when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the* *crown of glory that will never fade away.”* 1 Peter 5:4 NIV  |   |  |
| 23rdMonday | ‘Crowd Support’ | *“We are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith,” “all these veterans cheering us on.”*  Hebrews 12:1a NLT 1c TMRemember by name, & give thanks for, all those who started, shared in, taught, encouraged & challenged you in your faith race. To whom should you now be ‘crowd support’?’ |  |  |
| 24thTuesday | ‘Running’ 1‘Fitness’ | *“We’d better get on with it. Strip down, start running - & never quit!”* Hebrews 12:1d&e TM* … God to help you ‘strip off’ what is hindering your life ‘race’. Confess; Repent; (Repeat); & … keep running!
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| 25thWednesday | ‘Running’ 2‘Distraction’ | *“You were running well:” ”who has held you back from following the truth?”* Galatians 5:7a NRSV & 7b NLTKeep to God’s Word. Test all teaching against it. When & where it differs, choose God’s way, not man’s.  |  |  |
| 26thThursday | ‘Running’ 3‘Tiredness’ | *“When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over (Jesus’) story again. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!”* Hebrews 12:3ab&e TMChristian life makes rigorous demands. Keep your focus always, & only, on Jesus: He triumphed, & in His strength, so can we. |  |  |
| 27thFriday | ‘DNF’-ers? | *“… they will run away …”* John 10:5c NIV* … all those who have recently ‘left’, or not returned, to KMC: give thanks for their contributions; pray they will be held in God’s hand; ask that they are valued & able to ‘belong’ to another Christian family.
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| 28thSaturday | ‘Team Kit’ | Would you go out undressed? And ‘spiritually’? Aim to always wear the Christian ‘team strip’:*“And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It’s your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.”*  Colossians 3:14 TM |  |  |
| **29th****Sunday** | ‘Closing Ceremony’ | The Holy City: *‘the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light’* Revelation 21:23b&c 24a NIV* … the Light of Revelation to shine on, in, & through you, & throughout the world; to bring hope, guidance & knowledge of Jesus Christ to all people.
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| 30thMonday | ‘Olympic Ideals’ | These are: ‘Excellence. Respect. Friendship.’How do these ‘fit’ within a life of (Christian) faith?How might YOU reflect them through yours? |  |  |
| 31st Tuesday | … & finally … | … that 1 person whom God has especially placed on your heart; that they might to come to faith in Jesus Christ. |  |  |