Knaphill Methodist Church

“Let us pray”

A Prayer Diary for

September 2021

*“**Save your people …*

*Care for them; carry them*

*like a Good Shepherd.”*Psalm 28:9 a,c,d TM



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| The Bible Society is creating a community garden, themed on Psalm 23, for RHS Chelsea, between 21 & 26 September 2021. It is designed by Sarah Eberle to ‘engage people’s emotions’, to allow ‘God’s word to be experienced with all our senses,’ & to change the conversation about the Bible in society’. After the show, the garden will find a new home at Winchester Hospice in Hampshire, opening later this year.  This month’s Prayer Diary is inspired by themes from Psalm 23. | | | | |
| **Day/**  **Date** | **Theme/**  **Event** | **Pray for …** | **✔** | **Notes**  **Thoughts**  **Action** |
| ***“God, my Shepherd!”* Psalm 23:1a TM** | | | | |
| 1st  Wednesday | The Good Shepherd | Reflect on what it means to have God as your Shepherd: how does the image work for you? It’s all about the relationship between Shepherd & sheep… |  |  |
| 2nd  Thursday | Rev George Quarm | * … George’s welcome service today, as he takes ‘pastoral charge’ at Merrow, Stoughton & West Horsley: for him to know & feel God’s hand on his ministry; for new friendships & mission together. |  |  |
| 3rd  Friday | Our Minister | * … Dave: that he will look after & take care of his KMC ‘flock’ – ‘bringing back’, & ‘strengthening’. |  |  |
| ***“I don’t need a thing.”* Psalm 23:1b TM** | | | | |
| 4th  Saturday | *‘Jehovah Jireh …* | * *… my Provider, His grace is sufficient for me … My God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory; He cares for me.’* (SoF 1 284 Ref. Genesis 22:14) Pray these song words over your life. |  |  |
| **5th**  **Sunday** | Thanks-giving | *‘Count your blessings, name them, one by one …’ And then ‘Give thanks, with a grateful heart …’* |  |  |
| ***“You have bedded me down in lush meadows,”* Psalm 23:2a TM** | | | | |
| 6th  Monday | The ‘Busy’ | * … those who have not been able to ‘take a break’ over the summer: opportunities for rest & refreshment; renewal; inspiration to keep working. |  |  |
| 7th  Tuesday | Haiti –following earth-quake | * … shelter, food & water to reach those still in need: medical support for the injured; comfort for the bereaved; safety of aid & rescue workers from armed gangs; more stability for the country’s future. |  |  |
| ***“… you find me quiet pools to drink from.”* Psalm 23:2b TM** | | | | |
| 8th  Wednesday | Water Aid | * … the successful work of those providing clean water & good sanitation to those communities in need: for funding; for cooperation; for good health. |  |  |
| 9th  Thursday | Preachers &Leaders  of Worship | * … the renewed inspiration & empowered spirits of all those who preach the Gospel & lead worship in fresh, relevant, ‘connective’ & enabling ways. |  |  |
| ***“True to your word, you let me catch my breath …”* Psalm 23:3a TM** | | | | |
| 10th  Friday | God’s Word in Scripture | Make time to read God’s word for yourself: read it aloud; let it dwell within you; let it speak into your life. Pray for its inspiration to ‘give you breath’. |  |  |
| 11th  Saturday | The ‘Breath-less’ | * … someone you know who needs to feel God’s breath upon them at this time: for knowledge of His presence; for peace; for reassurance; for hope. |  |  |
| ***“… and send me in the right direction.”* Psalm 23:3b TM** | | | | |
| **12th**  **Sunday** | KMC Covenant Service | * … KMC members to wholeheartedly rededicate themselves to God’s service, & to understand, & fulfil, what that means for the direction of their lives. |  |  |
| 13th  Monday | KMC Vision | * … a clear revelation of God’s plans for KMC: for those in any authority to hear His voice, discern His will & have the courage & faith to act upon it. |  |  |
| ***“Even when the way goes through Death Valley …*” Psalm 23:4a TM** | | | | |
| 14th  Tuesday | Afghans in Afgh-anistan | * … all those in ‘hiding’ from the Taliban: for safe shelter & resources; for strength & courage; for ‘good’ friends; for safe passage & successful escape. |  |  |
| 15th  Wednesday | Covid-19 sufferers | * … those sick, in hospital, or on ventilation due to Covid-19: for timely medical interventions; for physical strength; for healing; for restoration. |  |  |
| ***“… I will not be afraid when you walk at my side.”* Psalm 23:4b TM** | | | | |
| 16th  Thursday | Refugees | * … all those literally ‘running for their lives’: for their protection; for the compassion & action of those in positions to help; for safe refuge & a ‘home’ |  |  |
| 17th  Friday | The  ‘recently diag-nosed’ | * … anyone you know of who has had a ‘far-reaching’ medical diagnosis: for clarity of understand –ing; for compassionate care; for the best treatment for support from, & for, family & friends; for peace. |  |  |
| ***“Your trusty shepherd’s crook makes me feel secure.”* Psalm 23:4c TM** | | | | |
| 18th  Saturday | Security person-nel | * … those whose job involves putting their lives on the line to keep others safe: for vigilance: for discipline; for good judgements; for their own safety |  |  |
| **19th**  **Sunday** | Christian ‘Security’ | Reflect on what this verse really means for you:  *“The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.”*  1 Corinthians 1:18 NLT |  |  |
| ***“You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies.”* Psalm 23:5a TM** | | | | |
| 20th  Monday | ‘Grace’ | Do you thank God for all you eat? At every meal?  Make an effort to ‘give thanks’ before you ‘break bread’ - pray for those without sufficient food today. |  |  |
| 21st  Tuesday | Afghans in the UK | * … those resettling here: for suitable homes, school & work; for acceptance into communities; for help with language, ‘systems’, culture & trauma. |  |  |
| ***“You revive my drooping head;”* Psalm 23:5b TM** | | | | |
| 22nd  Wednesday | The ‘Low’ | * … anyone you know who is ‘down’ at present: lift them up before God, by name; ask that they may feel His love around them. How can YOU bring joy & support into their life & situation? Then do it! |  |  |
| 23rd  Thursday | En-courage! | *“Therefore* *encourage one another and build each other up…”* 1 Thessalonians 5:11a&b NIV  Ask God to reveal how you can fulfil this verse today. |  |  |
| ***“my cup brims with blessing.”* Psalm 23:5c TM** | | | | |
| 24th  Friday | Too much? | What do you have ‘more-than-enough’ of? Ask God to show you what, where, how & with whom you need to share out of what He has blessed you with. |  |  |
| 25th  Saturday | Students | * … those beginning the new university & college year: for hard work; for good life learning & new skills; for new friendships; for independence; for appreciation towards those supporting them. |  |  |
| ***“Your beauty & love chase after me every day of my life.*” Psalm 23:6a TM** | | | | |
| **26th**  **Sunday** | Praise:  Responding to God’s Love | Make these song words both your prayer & practice:  *Unfailing love from heaven’s throne,*  *That sought me out, and brought me home.*  *My song of praise shall ever be:*  *The Father’s love for me.*  Chorus *Love of God* by Stuart Townend  Find your way to ‘sing praise’ to God on His Day. |  |  |
| 27th  Monday | Non- Christ-ians | * … those you know & love who don’t yet know Jesus as Lord & Saviour: for open hearts & minds; for the preparatory working of the Holy Spirit; for YOUR words & life of witness; for their salvation. |  |  |
| ***“I’m back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.*” Psalm 23:6b TM** | | | | |
| 28th  Tuesday | ‘Church’ | * … the community with whom you are currently worshipping: for fellowship & ‘unity in Christ’; for growth in faith & understanding; for boldness to tell the Good News; for God’s hand upon the mission. |  |  |
| 29th  Wednesday | ‘Going to Glory’ | Pray Jesus’ words for those who are dying in faith:  *“I tell you for certain that everyone who hears my message, & has faith in the One who sent me, has eternal life & will never be condemned. They have already gone from death to life.”*  John 5:24 CEV |  |  |
| 30th  Thursday | … & finally … | * … that 1 person who God has especially placed on your heart: that they may come to faith in Jesus. |  |  |



Remember …

Psalm 23 was “written by a shepherd,

who became a king,

because he wanted us to know about

a King who became a Shepherd.”

Max Lucado in *Safe in the Shepherd’s* Arms