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** |
| 1stWednesday | 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… |  |  |
| 2ndThursday | 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.
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| 3rdFriday | Our Minister | * … Dave: that he will look after & take care of his KMC ‘flock’ – ‘bringing back’, & ‘strengthening’.
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| ***“I don’t need a thing.”* Psalm 23:1b TM** |
| 4thSaturday | *‘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.
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| **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** |
| 6thMonday | The ‘Busy’  | * … those who have not been able to ‘take a break’ over the summer: opportunities for rest & refreshment; renewal; inspiration to keep working.
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| 7thTuesday | 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.
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| ***“… you find me quiet pools to drink from.”* Psalm 23:2b TM** |
| 8thWednesday | Water Aid | * … the successful work of those providing clean water & good sanitation to those communities in need: for funding; for cooperation; for good health.
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| 9thThursday | Preachers &Leadersof Worship | * … the renewed inspiration & empowered spirits of all those who preach the Gospel & lead worship in fresh, relevant, ‘connective’ & enabling ways.
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| ***“True to your word, you let me catch my breath …”* Psalm 23:3a TM** |
| 10thFriday | 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’. |  |  |
| 11thSaturday | 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.
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| ***“… 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.
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| 13thMonday | 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.
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| ***“Even when the way goes through Death Valley …*” Psalm 23:4a TM** |
| 14thTuesday | 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.
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| 15thWednesday | 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.
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| ***“… I will not be afraid when you walk at my side.”* Psalm 23:4b TM** |
| 16thThursday | 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’
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| 17thFriday | 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.
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| ***“Your trusty shepherd’s crook makes me feel secure.”* Psalm 23:4c TM** |
| 18thSaturday | 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
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| **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** |
| 20thMonday | ‘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. |  |  |
| 21stTuesday | Afghans in the UK | * … those resettling here: for suitable homes, school & work; for acceptance into communities; for help with language, ‘systems’, culture & trauma.
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| ***“You revive my drooping head;”* Psalm 23:5b TM** |
| 22ndWednesday | 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!
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| 23rdThursday | En-courage! | *“Therefore* *encourage one another and build each other up…”* 1 Thessalonians 5:11a&b NIVAsk God to reveal how you can fulfil this verse today. |  |  |
| ***“my cup brims with blessing.”* Psalm 23:5c TM** |
| 24thFriday | 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. |  |  |
| 25thSaturday | 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.
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| ***“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 TownendFind your way to ‘sing praise’ to God on His Day. |  |  |
| 27thMonday | 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.
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| ***“I’m back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.*” Psalm 23:6b TM** |
| 28thTuesday | ‘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.
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| 29thWednesday | ‘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 |  |  |
| 30thThursday | … & finally … | * … that 1 person who God has especially placed on your heart: that they may come to faith in Jesus.
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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