Prayer Diary

Sunday 22 to Saturday 28 November

Sunday	Give thanks for all that Iain does working with children & families in our church and local communities, and also for Naomi working amongst our young people. Please pray that God would grant them wisdom, patience, inspiration and energy in their ministries. Pray too for Miriam & Sam as they support them in the work. Please also pray for this afternoon's residents' service at nearby Osbourne Court.
Monday	As colder weather increases the pressures on our NHS, please pray for all doctors, nurses, paramedics, carers and support staff serving in hospitals, surgeries and communities. Give thanks for their dedication, and ask God to grant them strength, wisdom and compassion. Pray for patients waiting for care, and that those working under strain would know His peace, protection and encouragement.
Tuesday	With Advent just a few days away, please pray for all who are planning and preparing our Christmas services and events. Give thanks for their time, creativity and commitment, and ask God to grant them wisdom, unity and energy as they organise, rehearse and welcome. Pray that their work would help many people, especially newcomers, to meet Jesus afresh this Christmas season.
Wednesday	Please pray for the Afternoon Fellowship gathering at the Stoke Gifford Retirement Village, giving thanks for our good relationship with the team and residents there. Pray too for this evening's latest sessions of our Alpha and Practising The Way post-Alpha courses, asking that God would deepen the faith of all who attend, draw those who attend closer to Jesus, and fill everyone with His peace and joy.
Thursday	Please pray for God's ongoing blessing on our Coffee Shop's work as it serves the local community, aiming to offer a place of warmth, welcome and friendship to all who come through the door each day. In this continuing difficult financial climate, ask that God would give wisdom to those overseeing the ministry, and also to encourage our wonderfully dedicated team of staff and volunteers.
Friday	Give thanks for Stacy, our Pre-School & Nursery Manager, and her committed staff team, praying that they would keep on showing God's love and care to every child who attends. Ask that God would surround them with His protection, nurturing their hearts and minds. Pray too for Karen and the other members of the PSN Management Committee.
Saturday	Ethiopia is listed no 36 on the Open Doors World Watch List. Please pray for protection for Christians there, especially those who are at daily risk because the places where they live are unstable. Pray too for hope for converts from Islam, that they would know the love and support of brothers and sisters around the world even if they lose their earthly families.