

## Daily Prayer Diary

November 2020 – February 2021



SOMA ministers across the Anglican Communion for the transformation of individuals and churches and the healing of communities and lands by the renewing power of the Holy Spirit through intercession and short-term mission teams.

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### NOVEMBER

- Sun 1** Thanksgiving for Finance Administrator, Steve Fincher, his attention to detail and faith in God's provision for SOMA.
- Mon 2** For good communications with Bishops and other SOMA friends as we continue to pray with Dioceses and Provinces throughout the Anglican Communion in this time of restricted travel.
- Tue 3** For SOMA's friends in Karamoja, Uganda, where massive swarms of locusts have caused devastation this year.
- Wed 4** For SOMA's sister organisation ReSource, enabling UK churches to engage with the Holy Spirit for renewal, discipleship and mission. National Director Kevin Roberts.
- Thu 5** For SOMA Trustee Lesley Cooper; with thanksgiving for her commitment to SOMA intercession, and for her family.
- Fri 6** For the youth leaders of Western Equatoria Internal Province, South Sudan, who had expected to attend a SOMA mission this year – postponed due to Covid-19.
- Sat 7** For SOMA Australia Director, Liz Rankin, her parish ministry, and for her family.
- Sun 8** For Rector, Ven Helen Philips, and those SOMA met and prayed with during the missions in Mornington and Mount Martha parish, Melbourne in 2019.
- Mon 9** For discernment and wisdom as plans are made for SOMA's UK Conference in May 2021 in the light of the ever changing pandemic situation.
- Tue 10** For Pete and Judy who ensure the smooth running of SOMA's website and email provision, vital for our communications.
- Wed 11** For SOMA team members missing the opportunity to travel, share and learn due to postponement of missions.
- Thu 12** For Parish Mission Partner St Jude's Plymouth, with thanksgiving for their commitment to sending team members, prayer and intercession, and finance for SOMA.

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- Fri 13** For all involved in the recruitment and induction preparation of our new National Director to replace Stephen when he retires in Summer 2021.
- Sat 14** For SOMA Administrator, Judy Deegan, for wisdom in her communications with team members, intercessors and supporters.
- Sun 15** For Bishop Moses and clergy in the Diocese of Maridi, South Sudan, as they work tirelessly to mitigate the effects of the pandemic in their community both practically and spiritually.



Maridi - prayer

- Mon 16** For National Director, Stephen Dinsmore, for wisdom and discernment as he makes decisions about when and how to resume sending out mission teams.
- Tue 17** For David Kereto, Maasai Land, Kenya, and those who had hoped to host a SOMA mission this year; for successful coordinated communications between pastors George, Stephen, Amos and David as they wait for the "right" time.
- Wed 18** For understanding for those Bishops for whom the answer is "not yet", when they request a SOMA mission in their Diocese.
- Thu 19** Thanksgiving for those individuals and churches who support SOMA UK financially – enabling us to bless the "places less visited".
- Fri 20** For SOMA Trustees, for discernment and wisdom as they go through the process of recruitment of a new National Director, staff members and all the practical issues involved such as the location of the office.

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- Sat 21** For the encouragement of SOMA team members who had prepared for missions this year, postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Sun 22** For Bishop Jackson and the clergy, Mothers' Union and youth, in the Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam, for continued fruit from our 2019 mission.
- Mon 23** For SOMA UK Trustee Matt Beer, with thanksgiving for his commitment to encourage younger people to become involved in cross-cultural mission with SOMA.
- Tue 24** For all involved in planning the Lambeth 2022 conference and SOMA's participation in intercessory prayer before, during and after it.
- Wed 25** For SOMA Ireland Director, Henry Blair, as he builds contacts at home and abroad, and for his family.
- Thu 26** For the SOMA International Board Chair the Most Revd Justin Badi Arama, Primate of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.
- Fri 27** For the many women who rise early and sleep late to ensure food is provided and prepared for family members; for their protection as they continue to visit often crowded markets during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Sat 28** For SOMA Trustee Merisa MacInnes and for her family.
- Sun 29** Thanksgiving for the clear, continuing, prophetic Call to SOMA to, "care for the nervous system of the body of Christ".
- Mon 30** For all involved in the planning of the SOMA International Board meeting – for discernment of the right time and place to hold it with current travel restrictions.

### DECEMBER

- Tue 1** For Bishop Chakupewa and the Diocese of Tabora, Tanzania, as they struggle with the economic impact of Covid-19, "we eat what we collect daily, you either die of Corona or of hunger!"
- Wed 2** For National Director Stephen Dinsmore, his wife Janet, and for their wider family.

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- Thu 3** For SOMA's sister organisation *ReSource* as they facilitate UK 'sanctuary days' to refresh wearied leaders by the power and fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
- Fri 4** For opportunities to encourage more churches to commit to being Parish Mission Partners – enabling more to be involved and encouraged in mission, intercession and giving.
- Sat 5** For SOMA Finance Administrator Steve Fincher, with thanksgiving for his careful attention to detail.
- Sun 6** For DR Congo, the resolution of ethnic conflicts between tribal groups, good governance and wisdom for Church leaders as they teach about reconciliation and peace.
- Mon 7** For Archbishop Moses Deng Bul, Northern Bahr el Ghazal Internal Province, South Sudan, his bishops and clergy; with thanksgiving for the missions to clergy and youth over recent years and prayers for plans for a mission to the Mothers' Union.
- Tue 8** For SOMA US Director, Glen Petta as he navigates the complexities of Anglicanism in North America, and for his family.
- Wed 9** For SOMA UK Patron Bishop Graham Cray, with thanksgiving for his involvement in SOMA missions and his advocating for SOMA.
- Thu 10** For SOMA intercession co-ordinator Sue as she co-ordinates communications between teams and intercessors.
- Fri 11** For SOMA Administrator, Judy Deegan, for wisdom in her communications with team members, intercessors and supporters.
- Sat 12** For Bishop Bertin and all involved – as team and delegates – in the mission to the Dioceses of Katanga and Kalemie, DR Congo, in 2019, and for recovery and restoration after the floods there this year.
- Sun 13** For the Diocese of Kinkiizi, Uganda, for unity as they pray and fast during the pandemic, for those lacking food and those who have lost 'dear ones' and for church leaders as they minister without their normal weekly offertory income.

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- Mon 14** For continued ways to keep in touch with Bishops and other leaders in the Dioceses to which we have been and have planned to go – that we may share together in prayer during this season of being separated due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Tue 15** For Stephen Dinsmore as he leads SOMA UK, for clear vision, discernment and boldness to follow the Spirit's prompting.
- Wed 16** For Parish Mission Partner All Saints Weston, Bath, for more opportunities for the congregation to "catch the SOMA vision" and for more to be involved in missions as team members and Intercessors.
- Thu 17** For Bishop William and all in the Diocese of Boga, DR Congo, as they, with SOMA, pray for clarity for the right time for a team to travel.



Bishop William and his wife, Boga

- Fri 18** Thanksgiving for SOMA Trustee Jenny Brown; for the clarity of thinking that she brings to the Trustees, and for her work with Christian Aid.
- Sat 19** Thanksgiving and blessing for those who give financially to enable SOMA to minister in the places less visited and to assist our invaluable overseas team members.
- Sun 20** For SOMA New Zealand Director, Andrew Allan-Johns, for his church, and for his family.
- Mon 21** For Archbishop Masimango and congregations in the Diocese of Kindu, DR Congo.
- Tue 22** For SOMA Intercession co-ordinator Kate Brankin, for discernment in her communications with teams and intercessors.

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- Wed 23** For The Most Rev Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and leader of the worldwide Anglican Communion; for continued wisdom in his leadership. Thanksgiving for his support of SOMA.
- Thu 24** In the words of SOMA Intercessor Amos “May the Lord God of all the earth make a way where there seems to be no way and create a future and a place for all of us and keep us walking in the way of heaven!”
- Fri 25** **Christmas Day**, thanksgiving for the Incarnation – the ultimate pattern for cross-cultural mission.
- Sat 26** For Archbishop Ezekiel as he leads the Episcopal Church of Sudan; for continued fruit from the 2019 mission to the Province.
- Sun 27** For clergy and congregations in the Diocese of Boga, DR Congo, where Bishop Cyrille reports that people are being killed every day.
- Mon 28** For Key Travel and Diversity Travel – advising SOMA on best routes as they plan teams’ travel to and from their home country, particularly with travel restrictions due to Covid-19.
- Tue 29** For Bishop Kosea, Diocese of Soroti, Uganda, and those who had expected to attend the postponed SOMA mission this year.
- Wed 30** For all those who were expecting to host a SOMA team this year where the mission has been postponed because of the current restrictions. For patience and wisdom in deciding when the rescheduled mission should take place.
- Thu 31** For Bishop Vithalis and leaders in the Diocese of Biharamulo, Tanzania, that they would keep trusting God even in the storm.

## JANUARY

- Fri 1** For SOMA Intercessors – for opportunities to reflect and learn from their part in missions so that they too get “every good thing” the Lord has for them from each mission.
- Sat 2** Thanksgiving for God’s continued financial provision through our donors; enabling SOMA to bless places less visited and to support overseas team members who have so much to contribute to missions.

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- Mon 25** For Bishop Sabiti, the clergy and congregations of the Diocese of Kamango, DR Congo, for resolution of the ethnic conflict between the Banande and Batalinga, for God’s protection and provision for the community, and for the health of Bishop Sabiti.
- Tue 26** For the encouragement of SOMA Intercessors as they focus on the places less visited during this time of restricted travel.
- Wed 27** For the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, with thanksgiving for the leadership of Primate Most Revd Justin Badi Arama – Chair of SOMA International – and his great encouragement of SOMA.
- Thu 28** Thanksgiving for the clear, continuing, prophetic Call to SOMA to “care for the nervous system of the body of Christ”.
- Fri 29** For SOMA UK Trustee Matt Beer, with thanksgiving for his involvement as a SOMA team leader.
- Sat 30** For Verité, SOMA’s publisher and printer, their designers Pete and Karen, staff, and director Chris Powell.
- Sun 31** For clarity for National Director, Stephen Dinsmore, and others as they decide when teams may be able to travel as borders reopen.

## FEBRUARY

- Mon 1** For Bishop Evariste Nijimbere, Diocese of Buhiga, Burundi, and those he had invited to attend the postponed SOMA mission this year.
- Tue 2** For Bishop Pontien and the Diocese of Rutana, Burundi, as they start their 5-year plan to evangelise and establish new churches in a new area of the Diocese, Giharo.
- Wed 3** For SOMA sister organisation *ReSource* as they face the challenges of ministry during the pandemic.
- Thu 4** For Chair of the SOMA UK Trustees Patrick Whitworth, for his ministry, writing, and for his family.
- Fri 5** For SOMA intercession co-ordinator Kate Brankin as she co-ordinates communications between teams and intercessors.

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- Sun 3** For Finance Administrator Steve Fincher, with thanksgiving for his diligence in managing the SOMA finances.
- Mon 4** For the Diocese of Boga, DR Congo; for Bishop Cyrille and those who had expected to attend the postponed SOMA mission this year, as the security situation has deteriorated.
- Tue 5** For SOMA Nigeria Director, Archbishop Tunde Adeleye, and for his family.
- Wed 6** For SOMA’s sister organisation *ReSource* as they support church leaders and ‘re-Source them so that they are able to re-Source the churches that they to serve’.
- Thu 7** For Archbishop Bernard Oringa and Bishops Charles, Martin, Gabriel & Isaac, Eastern Equatoria Internal Province, South Sudan; for wisdom as they minister to their congregations in the absence of any medical facilities and with rising food prices due to the pandemic.
- Fri 8** For SOMA Administrator Judy Deegan, with thanksgiving for her gifts, skills and experience.
- Sat 9** For Bishop Rueben and the congregations of the Diocese of East Ruwenzori, Uganda.
- Sun 10** For SOMA Trustee Treasurer Barry Hampson, with thanksgiving for his skill and knowledge, and for his family.
- Mon 11** For the SOMA office – for the smooth running of equipment enabling our communications with team members, Intercessors and inviting Bishops.
- Tue 12** For SOMA team members who had prepared for missions, postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, for encouragement as they wait for the right time to go.
- Wed 13** For Parish Mission Partner St Stephen’s, Twickenham; with thanksgiving for their commitment to supporting SOMA financially, in prayer, and by sending team members.
- Thu 14** For National Director, Stephen Dinsmore, as leader and vision bearer, for continued wisdom and boldness.
- Fri 15** For the SOMA UK Trustees as they meet together; that they walk in step with the Spirit as they advise and make decisions.

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- Sat 6** For Primates, Archbishops and Bishops as they lead the churches in their Provinces and Dioceses during the global Covid-19 pandemic – for wisdom and discernment in the messages they preach.
- Sun 7** For Finance Administrator Steve Fincher, for continued faith as he manages the Lord’s provision for SOMA – always “just enough”, though sometimes arriving at the last minute!
- Mon 8** For SOMA Singapore Director, Joel Leow, thanksgiving for the many contacts with emerging churches, and for his family.
- Tue 9** For those Dioceses which we had planned to visit in 2020 – that the Lord will open the door to visits in His time.
- Wed 10** Thanksgiving for our National Director, Stephen Dinsmore, his vision and leadership.
- Thu 11** For The Most Rev Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, with thanksgiving for his great encouragement of SOMA.
- Fri 12** For SOMA Intercession co-ordinator Helen, for discernment in her communications with teams and intercessors.
- Sat 13** For SOMA Administrator Judy Deegan, for good communication with SOMA team members, supporters and Intercessors.
- Sun 14** For Archbishop Ezekiel, Primate of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, as he and Stephen Dinsmore plan the anticipated SOMA mission for 2021.
- Mon 15** For clergy and congregations in the Diocese of Goma, DR Congo as they grieve for Bishop Désiré.
- Tue 16** For the Diocese of Katanga, Manano Area, DR Congo, for Diocesan Secretary Stephané and those who had expected to attend the postponed SOMA mission this year.



*Katanga, delegate*

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- Sat 16** For continued fruit from the mission to the Episcopal Church of South Sudan’s Internal Provincial Youth Coordinators in February 2020, especially that the Strategic Plan for Youth would be finalised and then implemented throughout the nation.
- Sun 17** For SOMA Intercession co-ordinator Sue, for discernment in her communications with teams and intercessors.
- Mon 18** For the Diocese of Kibondo, Tanzania; for Bishop Sospeter and those who had expected to attend the postponed SOMA mission this year.



*Kibondo, delegate*

- Tue 19** For Chair of the SOMA UK Trustees Patrick Whitworth, with thanksgiving for his involvement as a SOMA team leader.
- Wed 20** For SOMA Southern Africa Director, Christian Viljoen, thanksgiving for his wise leadership, and for his family.
- Thu 21** For all involved in the writing, proofing and printing of the next edition of our *SHARING* newsletter and *Daily Prayer Diary*.
- Fri 22** For SOMA Parish Mission Partners St Mary’s, Marlborough and St George’s, Preshute.
- Sat 23** For Bishop Achille and the clergy, parishes and congregations in the Diocese of Kinshasa, DR Congo; also for Mr Nathan Chinedu and members of the Nigerian congregation at Kinshasa Cathedral.
- Sun 24** For clarity on when to start preparing for future missions in line with travel and other Covid-19 restrictions throughout the world.

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- Wed 17** For SOMA Intercessors covering the Lambeth 2022 conference preparations.
- Thu 18** For Parish Mission Partner All Saints, Merriott; Rectors Julia and Bob, the supportive home church of National Director Stephen Dinsmore and his wife Janet.
- Fri 19** For Kate Brankin co-ordinating regular communications to SOMA Intercessors and updating the *Daily Prayer Diary* for our website, Twitter, PrayerMate and Facebook.
- Sat 20** For Bishop Dan Zoreka, clergy and congregations in the Diocese of Kinkiizi, Uganda, as they minister at a time of increased gender-based violence due to the lockdown.
- Sun 21** For the Diocese of Katanga, DR Congo, as the church works to help the towns of Kabalo, Ankoro, Muyumba and Kalemie after they were devastated by floods last year.
- Mon 22** For the Diocese of Biharamulo, Tanzania; for Bishop Vithalis Yusuph and those who had expected to attend the postponed SOMA mission this year.
- Tue 23** For SOMA UK Trustee David Rowe, thanksgiving for his long association with, and continued contribution to, SOMA, and for his family.
- Wed 24** Thanksgiving for team members who step out in faith each time they go on mission.
- Thu 25** For SOMA Trustee Lesley Cooper; with thanksgiving for her involvement in, and contribution to, SOMA missions.
- Fri 26** For intercession co-ordinators worldwide: Rose-Marie Tasker-Edwards, Geoffrey, Debbie, Pam.
- Sat 27** For those receiving our latest *SHARING* newsletter – that hearts are stirred to pray as they read news from our friends abroad.
- Sun 28** For Chair of the SOMA International Board, Most Revd Justin Badi Arama, as he speaks for SOMA and in his leadership role in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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