



## A Prayer for September

‘See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not see it? For I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.’ Isaiah 43:19

As we enjoy the beauty of the new panels in St. Nicholas, let us reflect on the changes over the last year. Not only the tangible features, but the spiritual life of the church. Let us rejoice in the enthusiasm for the Bible project, Alpha, Pilgrim courses, Spring Harvest, Week of accompanied prayer. May we continually be aware of the Holy Spirit at work within the church and be constantly willing to embrace the ‘new thing’. Our God wants us to move forward in His name and for His Glory.

As we remember what God has done for His people throughout history, let us be ready to put our trust in God to lead us into new things: ‘forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead.’ Ephesians 3v 13

We pray particularly for all those going to University, College, new schools, new classes, new jobs. We ask that the Lord will go before them to prepare the way, that they will have peace in their hearts and be confident in God’s love and concern for them.

May we remember also those who have not achieved their goal, let them not be discouraged and believe the lie that they are failures. We are all made in God’s likeness and are precious to Him. We hold up to the Lord all those who are struggling to see themselves as God sees them. The ways of the world are not God’s ways, He looks at the heart not achievements.

There are constant reminders in the news of the struggles Christians in so many countries are facing, please lift up in prayer all the families who are persecuted for their faith. Pray for a change of heart in those who are blinded to the truth of the Gospel. ‘God is not willing that any should perish, but everyone to come to repentance.’ 2 Peter 3:9

We are told to pray for our enemies....those who are enemies to the family of believers are our enemies too. Let us join in praying for a breakthrough in the hearts and minds of all those deceived by false religion.

Finally, let us thank and praise God for His great goodness and mercy towards us. All we have comes as a good and perfect gift from him.