Hinckley United Reformed Church.
Weekly Prayers for week beginning Monday October 2nd 2023

Heavenly Father you have given us a beautiful earth and we thank you for it. In the hymn "The day thou gavest" we sing 'as o'er each continent and island the dawn leads on another day'. As dawn rises on each continent there are people who need our prayers.

We pray for the people of the islands of the South Pacific who worry about the melting ice caps causing a rise in sea levels which could wipe out their low lying islands.

We give thanks for Bangladesh, one of the poorest countries in the world who have taken in thousands of Rohinga refugees from Myanmar.

We ask you to love and protect refugees and migrants everywhere as they leave their homes to seek safety, freedom from persecution and a better life. Africans, Afghans, Mexicans, Sudanese, Iranians, Syrians, Ukrainians. The list is endless Lord but you hold each of them in the palm of your hand. Help us to have welcoming hearts.

We give you thanks for our families, large or small, near or far and give special thanks for our church family.
We pray for Sue in Loros and her family as they come to terms with her situation and give thanks for her faith and good humour. We remember also Alan as he adjusts to the loss of Charlotte. Lord comfort everyone who feels her loss.

There are others in the church struggling with ill health, caring for loved ones, being cared for and generally finding life difficult.
Help us to support one another - to be always looking out for one another - reaching out in Christian love as Jesus would have done. Knowing that what we do for one another we do for him too.

We pray for Andrew our Minister and Candid and Tavonga as they struggle with the challenge of work and childcare. Please bless them.
We also bring Kate and Paul to you. We give thanks for their commitment and willingness to serve. Please lead, protect them and support them in their ministry among us and the wider community. Help us to help them Lord.

We pray in Jesus Name.