

Christ Church Prayer Life—June

Times to pray and monthly prayer points to pray specifically for each area of Christ Church



Collect for Pentecost Sunday

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

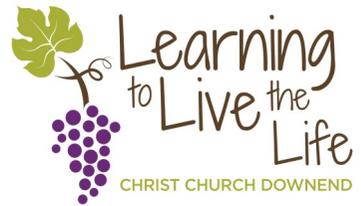
Personal Prayer Needs

If you would value prayer, we would be delighted to pray with you, please speak to one of the service leaders or preachers after any service.

If you would like to receive deeper prayer ministry, please contact Pauline Pearce for an appointment on 0117 9563917.

How can we pray and when can we pray?

Each week we have lots of opportunities for prayer
Mondays at 9.15am Morning Prayer
Tuesdays at 9.15am Silent prayer
Wednesdays 7am ThyKingdomeCome prayer



Once a month there is a meeting for **Prayer for Persecuted Christians, our next one is on** Tuesday 20 June 9.30am at 39 Cleeve Hill. An hour of prayer with material from Open Doors.

There is prayer before each service & at Messy Church, before Jigsaw and before /after each youth evening too. Anyone is welcome to join in these times of prayer.

In June we also have our **student exam prayer** timetable running, with each day's exams listed. There are GCSE, A level and University exams throughout most of June. Paper copies are available from the welcome space, or if you prefer to receive a weekly email with the list for that week, you can request this email via Sue Richardson on life@christchurchdownend.com

And every 2 months each Ministry Head shares some prayer points for their area of ministry. These prayer points have been shared weekly in Christ Church Life up until May, but with a monthly edition of Christ Church Life, there wasn't room for all the information, so these prayer points are listed here to enable more of our Church family to be a partner in prayer and bring before God the different areas of ministry in our Church.

Discipleship - Anita Dobson

Pray for us to pray persistently and passionately for those we know and love to come to faith, as we continue in the Thy Kingdom Come prayer following our early morning prayer in May.

Pray for many to come to our "Come and See" course on sharing faith., on 4 Tuesdays in June. Pray for people to be inspired and encouraged and gain a practical difference in how much and how effectively we share Jesus.

For the "Keep Connected" initiative where we seek to connect up everyone to a small group informally if not actually attending any group, for the purpose of pastoral support but also mutual encouragement to mission and prayer.

Youth—Diane Paddon

Please pray for God's clear answer to prayers for an experienced youth leader/couple to take our youth work to the next level.

Please pray that all our young people will choose at least one prayer partner and that those relationships will prove transformational in the building up of their faith.

Please pray for a successful Heatree residential on Dartmoor Fri 30 June – Sun 2 July, for all the practicalities around transport, food, teaching and activities and that all the young people will take at least one step closer to Jesus.

Resources - Nigel Stowe

Give thanks for our wonderful resources teams who are utterly dedicated to supporting the work and mission of the church. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance as they do so much to practically support our administration, buildings and finances.

Parish Office – Elissa Murphy, Maggie Nicholls, Charlie Walker, Miranda Mingay

Giving4Life – Jamie Paddon (Chair), Sally Coates, Martin Brown, Sally Bartram, Dave Tooby, Nigel Stowe

Church Wardens Christ Church – Andy Smith, Roger Cholmondeley

Deputy Wardens Church Centre – Mary Massey, Sally Green

Church Centre Finances – Chris Green

Cleaning & Grounds Maintenance Christ Church – Steve Powell

Maintenance Church Centre – Pete Board

Cleaning Parish Hall & Church Centre – Ineta Vecmuktane

Parish Hall Management Committee – Bill Robbins (Chair) Elissa Murphy, Ray Hackney, Norman Low, Diane Paddon, Andy Smith.

Church Centre Management Committee – Sally Green (Chair), Barbara Shore, Robert Southgate, Chris Green, Elissa Murphy, Bill Robbins.

Children's Ministry – Charlie Walker

We thank God for the excellent results from both SIAMS and OFSTED inspections of Christ Church Infants School in April. They have both stated that the school is GOOD. God is answering prayers as we are seeing a strong desire across this community to develop Christian values and have them at the heart of school life.

Please pray for the Wonder Week event happening at the end of May in the Infants school, that the children, staff and parents experience refreshment and joy in learning creatively.

Please pray for new leaders for Crèche, Connected and Sparklers. God has a big heart for our children and we are a church that seeks the heart of God. It's my ongoing prayer that many more people, young and old, catch that heart for children. Pray too, for an assistant for Childrens' Ministry to work alongside Charlie.

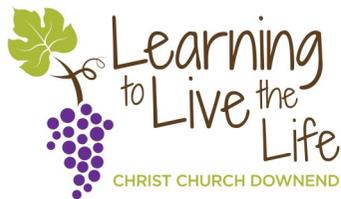
Creative Media - Helen Barnett

Give continued thanks for the amazing blessing of Downend Voice, sharing our news to the local community.

Pray for us all to take every opportunity to communicate the good news we have, in every small and big way possible. Pray for strength to invite others, for opportunities to tell others about what happens at Christ Church, for ways to engage with our friends, through social media, or meet ups over coffee.

Pray for our continued Church presence on local and national social media. As people see our photos and news from Christ Church in their daily diet of social media, many in our community are getting to know Christ Church, we are becoming part of their virtual lives. Pray for opportunities to bring face to face contact with those we currently reach through social media. Particularly at Mangotsfield festival on 10 June, and at Heathfest on Sat 1 July, and at C in the Park on Sunday 2 July.

Worship & Leadership Development - Jo Vickery



Give thanks for rapid progress in Building4Life and a growing excitement about the impact this will have on our creativity in worship and our connections with the local community.

Pray for deepening faith in God as we each give sacrificially so that this work can be completed.

Pray that Christ's church might be flooded with the love and power of the Holy Spirit at this time of celebration for the outpouring of God's grace and gifts.

For the sustaining of leaders in their current ministries and the calling of others into fresh leadership roles; Please continue to pray for Martin and Myra Brown through all the changes they are experiencing.

Mission and Outreach - Paul Peterson

Pray for the India team as they continue to prepare for their visit to Haven Home this Summer. For a strong sense of unity and purpose.

Thy Kingdom Come is an initiative strongly endorsed by our Archbishops, which encourages focussed prayer in the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost (25th May-4th June), for those who we long to see coming to faith. Pray that the prayer bands and the Thy Kingdome Come Family kits may help church members focus their prayers for friends who don't yet know Christ, and that many will find faith.

Pray that CAP clients might not only benefit through the practical support offered but might also discover the true riches only found in Christ.

Pastoral Care—Kathy Prosser

Pray for the pastoral leaders and Kathy Prosser as she steps down from the MH role and moves into a new role of Chaplain.

Pray for the PCC/Clergy/Ministry Heads as together they discern the future vision for pastoral care at Christ Church and, facilitate communications about pastoral need/concerns in the future.

Pray for the appropriate person to take up the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer, to build on the depth of work already achieved and to support Elissa Murphy in her lead recruiter role, as she manages the DBS referrals and renewals.

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