

# Christ Church Prayer Life

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

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"Sow righteousness for yourselves,  
reap the fruit of unfailing love,  
and break up your unploughed ground;  
for it is time to seek the LORD,  
until he comes  
and showers his righteousness on you."  
Hosea 10:12

## **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.

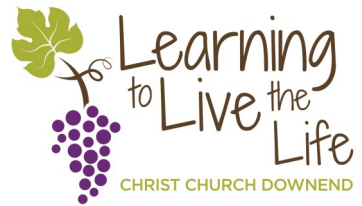
If you would like to receive deeper prayer ministry, please contact Pauline Pearce for an appointment on 0117 9563917.

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Sept / Oct 2017

## How can we pray and when can we pray?

Autumn opportunities for prayer:  
Mondays at 9.15am Morning Prayer  
Wednesdays 7am #ThyKingdomeCome  
prayer



Once a month there is a meeting for **Prayer for Persecuted Christians, our next one is on**

Tuesday 19 September at 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.

### Discipleship

Pray for the Harvest service on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> with the uniformed groups: pray for Lord's guidance in the planning stage, and that the day will draw people of all ages and stages of the journey to be close to the Lord.

Pray for home groups and triplets as a new term begins and as there are many changes to leaders and groups, with newcomers wanting to join. Pray for wisdom to place people where they will flourish. Pray for the groups with no leaders currently, that God will help them to work well together and raise up new leadership.

September Faith on the frontline focus is education. We pray for those who study and work in education.

Anita Dobson, [anitadobson@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:anitadobson@christchurchdownend.com)

### Resources

Praise God that we have been able to replace all the hiring slots at the Church Centre vacated this summer as the pre-school moved to new premises, and for Chris Green who has been instrumental in making this happen in addition to regularly managing our Church Centre finances.

Pray for meetings with the leadership group of Christ Church Junior School to plan for our use of their premises for our Sunday 10.30 service and children's activities during the reordering.

Pray for our Parish Office team of Elissa, Charlie, Miranda and Maggie as they support the mission of the church looking after our administrative needs; manage the use of our different buildings and welcome visitors to our church.

Nigel Stowe, [nigelstowe@gmail.com](mailto:nigelstowe@gmail.com)

## **Creative Media**

Praise God for the wonderful ways we can creatively reach our community, through posters in our Parish Halls and articles in Downend Voice, as well as tweets on Twitter, photos on Instagram and posts on Community groups on facebook. Pray that these things will all continue as Helen Buick steps across to lead the Children's ministry, and that God will raise up a new army of communicators, who will take photos, create posts, compile our CCD news on the screens at Church and generate news for our community through Downend Voice.

Pray for our communication of the Alpha Course on Mon 25 Sept, the next Downend Soup on Tue 3 Oct, and our plans for the Building4Life project, so all in our community are aware of the opportunities to join in and where our services will be held.

Pray for our Communications Team, Simon Clark, Jon Tooby, Mike Parsons, Dave Green, Sue Richardson & Ian Browne. We are so thankful for those who bring us our Church website, Church facebook page, Christ Church Life, projection during our services and all our posters & flyers.

## **Youth**

Praise God and give thanks for the hugely successful Team India 2017 Mission Trip.

Please pray for smooth transition as young people move between groups.

Please pray for more youth leaders, specifically for Tuesday Drop-Ins and Sunday mornings, but also for Thursday Ignite Groups and Wednesday Elev8 Home Groups.

Diane Paddon, [dianepaddon@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:dianepaddon@christchurchdownend.com)

## **Leadership Development and Worship**

Pray for us to grow as we start a worship/teaching series 'Whole life worship' (LICC) on Sunday 8 October.

Pray for more grants to be applied for and for a positive response to the grant funding bids already submitted. That God's provision for B4L will be 'immeasurably more than all we can think or imagine!'

Pray for the music and technology to be sorted for when we worship at Christ Church Junior School.

Rev Jo Vickery, [vicar@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:vicar@christchurchdownend.com)

## Mission and Outreach

Pray for God's leading as we look to appoint a new Centre Manager/debt coach for the Bristol North East CAP Centre; and pray for successful grant applications to fund the ongoing work.

Pray for the Messy Church team as Shaun takes over leading the catering and Helen joins the planning team. Pray for more washer-uppers, more craft helpers and a few who could make a dish for 8 people at home to bring in.

On November 5<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting an adult baptism service at Christ Church in the morning, with a confirmation service at St Michael's Stoke Gifford in the evening. Pray for anyone considering marking their faith journey through baptism/confirmation, that it will be an incredibly meaningful and affirming experience.

Paul Peterson, [paulpeterson@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:paulpeterson@christchurchdownend.com)

## Children

Praise God for all our children's team. Pray for Helen Buick as she lets go of the Comms and Creative Media in order to lead the Children's ministry.

The Crèche team for our 0-3s and the Sparklers team for our 3-5's are being overseen by Belinda Stowe. Praise God that we have a talented and willing group of leaders for our younger ones, with toys, games and Monty Mouse & Jack in the Box to inspire our smaller members of the congregation. Thank God for all the behind the scenes organising and time given to make sure our groups are safe.

Praise God too for our Connected team. Join with us in praying for more leaders in our Connected team and pray for the transition time for the children, for Helen & for the Connected leaders.

Helen Buick, Children [helenmbuick@gmail.com](mailto:helenmbuick@gmail.com)

## Pastoral Care needs:

Pray for our Care Co-ordinators, they pick up messages from [carecoordinators@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:carecoordinators@christchurchdownend.com) and

Pray too for Kathy Prosser, our new Chaplain. She co-ordinates home Communion visits, Communion services to our residential homes and hospital visits. She can be contacted on [chaplain@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:chaplain@christchurchdownend.com)