

Christ Church Prayer Life

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



"See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up;
do you not perceive it?"

I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland."
Isaiah 43 : 19

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. Our Prayer team are available after the 10.30am service by the monkey bars in the CCJ hall.

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

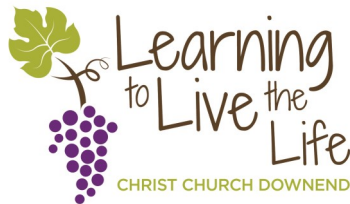
March / April 2018

How can we pray and when can we pray?

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 20 March 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.

Discipleship

Pray for our Good Friday 10.30 am Journey to the Cross walk. Pray that as we walk around the parish hearing the Easter story it will be a powerful witness to the community that the events of Easter are relevant today. Pray for safety, practical arrangements and permissions, for good conversations with people who pass by, for some to meet the living Jesus through the story of his death and resurrection.

Please pray for the Life groups to be a focus for the year as it is so crucial to people's spiritual growth to be part of a group. Pray for the variety of groups to be suitable for different personalities and life situations. Pray for new leaders and hosts.

Praise God for our prayer triplets and pray that these small groups thrive and go forward with a clear purpose and commitment.

Anita Dobson, anitadobson@christchurchdownend.com

Resources

Please pray for our Annual Parish Church Meeting on 29th April and the appointment of a new PCC and Church Wardens.

Pray for a resolution with South Gloucestershire council over the issues of responsibility for the fallen tree and repair of the broken wall in the churchyard.

Pray for the planning process as to how we use and manage the new Parish Church once we take occupation again in September.

Nigel Stowe, nigelstowe@gmail.com

Youth

We have lost amazing youth leaders this year due to Martin going home to be with the Lord, Janet's grandchildren commitments and Sonia's struggle with health. Debbie L has had to step back due to other commitments and Leyla has had to step back from Ignite due to her new CAP role. Pray for more leaders to come forward.

Please pray for Prayer Partner relationships to strengthen and for the Young People to become more and more aware of the power of prayer.

Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in planning the Summer Programme and in planning for our residential to Heatree (Yrs 6-11) which is 8-10 June.

Diane Paddon, dianepaddon@christchurchdownend.com

Leadership Development and Worship

Praise God for the way the leadership of B4L is being exercised; for top quality communication through our website, local press and in church updates; for a growth in engagement and excitement about the project; for increased generosity over the past two months and for 'surprising' interest from two grant making bodies whom we had discounted; for PCC approving contract so that work can continue without a break.

Pray for worship and prayer to be the heart of our life as a church and to become at the heart of the whole of life for everyone.

Rev Jo Vickery, vicar@christchurchdownend.com

Mission and Outreach

23rd March -8th April Several folk from Christ Church will be joining Jan and Richard Bacon in Uganda with Mission Direct. Please pray for Mark, Carole and Abi Wilson, and Marilyn Cameron as they serve in Kumi.

At our evening service on 25th March, Ahmad Taii, Leyla Fellows and Frank Green, will be baptised by full immersion. Pray for them as they mark their faith journey and for God to draw others to himself as a result of their witness.

Pray for our students at University as they seek to live out their faith and share the good news of Jesus with fellow students. Many of the university CUs have recently run mission weeks, so pray for effective follow up.

Paul Peterson, paulpeterson@christchurchdownend.com

Children

Give thanks for an amazing first Pancake Brunch with over 70 coming along and a lovely team of helpers.

Pray for the Easter Events which families might come along to, Easter Messy Church, Wednesday 21 March 4.30pm. the MU Easter Afternoon Tea, with Easter bonnet, Easter garden & egg decorating, Tuesday 27 March 1.30-3.30pm, the Good Friday morning walk: "Journey to the cross" & Easter Day celebration with our Egg hunt.

Pray for our CGT Sundays. (Children's Groups Together Sundays) which are replacing any All Age Worship Sundays in the calendar. Our regular Children's leaders have a Sunday off, but all children (and any parents who want) get to go out and have toys, worship, Bible story fun and crafts. Pray for feedback to know if these Sundays work for families & the whole congregation.

Pray for "God time at home" for our families. We shared some Family devotions books which we are lending out to families to "test run". Pray families are blessed by these books as they try them and pass them from family to family, and they enable families to make regular family time with God at home part of their week.

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Communications

Pray for our Communications Team meeting on 12 March Give thanks for Jenny Rawling, who is now leading the Comms Team. Pray too for Jon Tooby as he creates the Annual Report.

Pray for us all to have boldness to invite our families, friends & neighbours to our Easter outreach events.

Give thanks for Downend Soup 3 which was a great evening with many there who have no other connection to CCD. Pray for the planning of the next Soup which may be a Junior Soup. (Just like Junior bake-off or Junior Apprentice) Pray for the right School or Youth organisation contacts.

Pray for preparations on how to communicate the re-opening of CCD. What events to hold and how to make the most of opportunities to invite our whole community in.

Pastoral Team:

We have a prayer chain. If you have an urgent prayer request you can contact the prayer chain via Mary Freestone: ianandmaryfreestone@gmail.com or 0117 9566630 Pray for our Care Co-ordinators, they pick up messages from carecoordinators@christchurchdownend.com

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