

Christ Church Prayer Life

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



"I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."

Psalm 121:2

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.

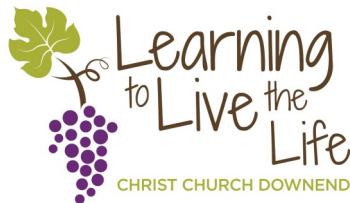
May / June 2018

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 19th June at 9.30am at 39 Cleeve Hill. An hour of prayer with material from Open Doors.

Mahabba Prayer time is at 2pm on Thursday 24th May. Please contact the Office if you would like to join this group to pray in love for local Muslims.

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

Discipleship

Thy Kingdom Come in May at Pentecost: pray for a hunger for prayer! Last year we were able to encourage people to attend prayer times and to pray for 5 people to come to faith. Several families tried creative "Kingdom Kits" to help them pray together as a family. Pray that people will be re-energised in their prayer again this year.

Messy church needs supporters once a month on the 3rd Wed:-

- ◆ Home cooks prepared to cook a dish each for messy church- we could do with 2 more.
- ◆ Washer- upper/ kitchen helpers who could cover for the current team in case of illness or holidays – could come at 6 pm – 7 pm
- ◆ Admin supporter and someone to take the register and welcome people on their arrival. Could serve from 4.15 – 5.15 pm.
- ◆ Regular prayer supporters to cover the work in prayer so we see lasting fruit.

Prayer for prayer!

Pray for a hunger to pray, giving our own lives and the church's mission fully to God, that we may experience greater riches and deeper contentment and joy, and that God's power will be released in ways we can only begin to imagine. Pray for many to attend our times of prayer at 7 am Wednesdays and 9.15 Mondays. Pray for many to seek prayer after services or to ask for prayer appointments. Pray for the confidence of the body here at CCD, that we will pray for each other and for people we meet. That prayer will be as natural as breathing. That those afraid or unsure how to pray will be given the encouragement to learn.

Anita Dobson, anitadobson@christchurchdownend.com

Youth

Please pray for deeper commitment of the adult church, that they might set an example to the young people.

Please pray for one more leader for the younger Ignite group on Thursdays.

5th May – The Downend Noise – Give thanks for all those involved in the Downend Noise and that it was received as a beautiful expression of God's love by the community.

8th-10th June - Youth Weekend – Please pray that all those who attend will have a wonderful time drawing closer to the Lord.

Outreach & Detached Work – Please pray for a small team of us who are going out to engage with young people who hang around Downend on a Friday night. Please pray that the young people will engage and that our conversations will be fruitful. Give thanks that our first night out, serving alongside PC Paul and PCSO Hannah, was very successful – praise God!

Diane Paddon, youth@christchurchdownend.com

Leadership Development and Worship

Give thanks for the joy and power of the recent baptisms, both adult and infant, the testimonies to what God has done in their lives, and the way each of the candidates is becoming increasingly part of the Church family.

9th June – Pray for the Family Forest Day of worship and activities in Brecon Beacons.

Pray for the music group as they balance the pressures of work and family with serving in the team and for new musicians to be raised up for the group with a worshipping heart for the Lord.

Rev Jo Vickery, vicar@christchurchdownend.com

Mission and Outreach

Pray for Jane White as she retires from her role as CAP Centre Manager. Give thanks for her faithful service and pray for wisdom as to how she uses her time going forward. Pray for Leyla Fellows as she steps into the role and takes this vital ministry forward; and pray for God's provision of additional funds to support this work.

C in the Park on 24th June provides a tremendous opportunity for the churches to engage with the local community and be a blessing to many. Pray that God will use this event to draw people to himself.

Alongside Christian Aid week we're encouraged to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' as we bring before God friends and family members who don't yet know him.

Paul Peterson, paulpeterson@christchurchdownend.com

Children

Give thanks for the Children's work grant from Mr Willatts Charity, which now means that Helen is paid 20 hours per week.

Give thanks for the Messy Church Disco on 11th May and many events we have to look forward to: the families Lunch at the Vicarage on Sunday 20 May & the Forest Day on Saturday 9 June. Pray that many families will join in , and that families will be drawn closer to one another and deeper in their faith.

Pray for the new afterschool **Tuesday Move It Club** meeting outside the Staple Hill Community Hub 3.30-4.30pm. This outdoor active club will be run by Nic Barnett, Pendennis Good News Church and Helen Buick to reach and bless children who live near the Pendennis flats in School years 3, 4 & 5 . Starts on Tuesday 5 June. Pray for the first Junior Downend SOUP on 2 October 2018. Local Schools are being invited this term to get a team of pupils together who want to participate.

Helen Buick, children@christchurchdownend.com

Exam Prayers

If you would like to be included in our weekly email reminder of who has what exam that week please email life@christchurchdownend.com to be added to the Sunday 6pm reminder emails.

Pray the night before or on the morning of the exam.....during exams, after exams, in your coffee break, your lunch break, when you are driving/cycling to work.
...for good sleep, and for calm hearts, to remember all the equipment they need for each exam, for pens to work, for brains to remember facts, for good health,
...for no headaches, for helpful friends, for buses to be on time, for alarm clocks to go off at the right time, for phones and gadgets not to distract,
...for family homes to be calm places, for worries to go and parents & students to feel God's peace, for the right amount of revision, for energy & good nutrition.

Building 4 Life

Please pray for the grants that we have applied for, to have successful outcomes. Pray for God's provision in the dedicate a chair project and for wisdom for the PCC in their decision making and leadership in the remaining months of the building project. Pray for the right solution to the short term funding gap we are facing.

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 on her home Communion visits, Communion services to our residential homes and hospital visits. She can be contacted on chaplain@christchurchdownend.com