

# Christ Church Prayer Life

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

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*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24*

## Personal Prayer Needs

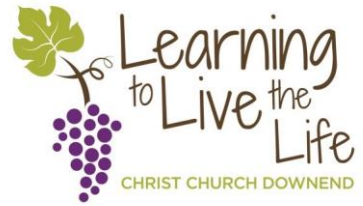
If you would value prayer, we would be delighted to pray with you, please speak to one of the service leaders or preachers after any service. Our Prayer team are available after the 10.30am service by the monkey bars in the CCJ hall.

If you would like to receive deeper prayer ministry, please contact Pauline Pearce for an appointment on 01 17 9563917.

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**September/October 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 17th July & Tuesday 21st August at 9.30am at 39 Cleeve Hill. An hour of prayer with material from Open Doors.

Mahabba Prayer meet monthly at 2pm on a Thursday. 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

Sermon series on the theme of "Open" beginning with the re-opening weekend on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>.

Night of prayer on the eve of the re-opening Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September (worship time at 7pm and prayer begins at 8 pm. Prayer together at 7.30 – 8 am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct followed by breakfast.

For Messy Church and Jigsaw that we will manage the transition well when the church is re-opened. (Messy Church will continue in the hall but worship time will return to the church). Jigsaw will return to the church. How will we lay the space out to best welcome and protect the children? I am on holiday for 2 weeks in October: my first holiday in term time for a long time! Do pray that I can delegate effectively so that the teams will flourish and be well supported.

For the night of prayer, that we will draw closer to the Father heart of God and be open to whatever he wants to say to us.

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

## **Youth**

Give thanks for a wonderful time of worship, teaching and fun on the youth team away day.

Please pray for a deep sense of God's presence and guidance as the Youth Team pray, plan and prepare for the new term.

Please pray for the Youth Alpha beginning on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, particularly that young people will have the courage to invite their friends and that hearts will be open and ready to receive.

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

## **Leadership Development and Worship**

### Thanksgiving and Answered Prayer

For some inspiring teaching and worship over the summer

### Significant Events

28<sup>th</sup> September – Contractors hand over of church (FINISH of B4L Project!!)

### Specific Needs

For a great spirit of celebration and thankfulness for God's goodness & faithfulness.

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

## **Mission and Outreach**

Please pray for the upcoming Alpha Course, with the supper taking place on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Do pray for a good number of participants and for a powerful work of God in people's lives. Paul Peterson and Angie Moller will be leading the course.

We are also planning a youth baptism/confirmation prep series, in advance of celebration services in late November at Christ Church. At least 6 young people have already expressed an interest and sessions will start in early October.

We hope to welcome our friends Misa and Ina Hiorescu from Moldova to Downend in early October to coincide with our church re-opening and dedication weekend. Pray that Ina's visa will be granted and that practicalities can be worked out.

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

## **Children**

Pray for our families to invite their friends along to our Autumn events which includes our Fun Afternoon at the grand Opening weekend Saturday 6 October, 2-4pm and Trunk or Treat, Wednesday 31 October 5.30-6.45pm.

Pray for the Junior SOUP on Tuesday 2 October 6.30pm. For our 3 teams to be brave enough to speak to the gathered room about their plans and answer questions. Pray for the subsequent putting ideas into action of these 3 teams. Pray for Helen /Jenny Rawling / Ian Browne to guide the teams. Pray for significant impact to our SOUP community, the soup makers, the audience, parents, as they see Christ Church making a real, tangible difference in our community by supporting & empowering these children.

Praise for children/families who have attended midweek Church events (Messy Church / Jigsaw / Tuesday Move It) who have started to come to Sunday worship. Pray for more children & their families to be drawn to God, that they will come regularly and have a deeper knowledge of Him.

Helen Buick, [children@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:children@christchurchdownend.com)

## **Building 4 Life**

Give thanks for the project work done so far, the contractors and their workmen that they may be blessed for their hard work and commitment to the reordering of the church. We thank God for the generosity of so many people and pray that the remaining funds needed will be supplied in God's time.

Pray for the new season of moving back into Christ Church building that it will go smoothly and those in the leadership team will be blessed with wisdom strength and energy in all the decisions and planning required to make the move and the opening happen.

## **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](mailto:ianandmaryfreestone@gmail.com) or 0117 9566630 Pray for our Care Co-ordinators, they pick up messages from [carecoordinators@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:carecoordinators@christchurchdownend.com) Pray too for Kathy Prosser, [chaplain@christchurchdownend.com](mailto:chaplain@christchurchdownend.com) our Chaplain on her home Communion visits, Communion services to our residential homes and hospital visits.