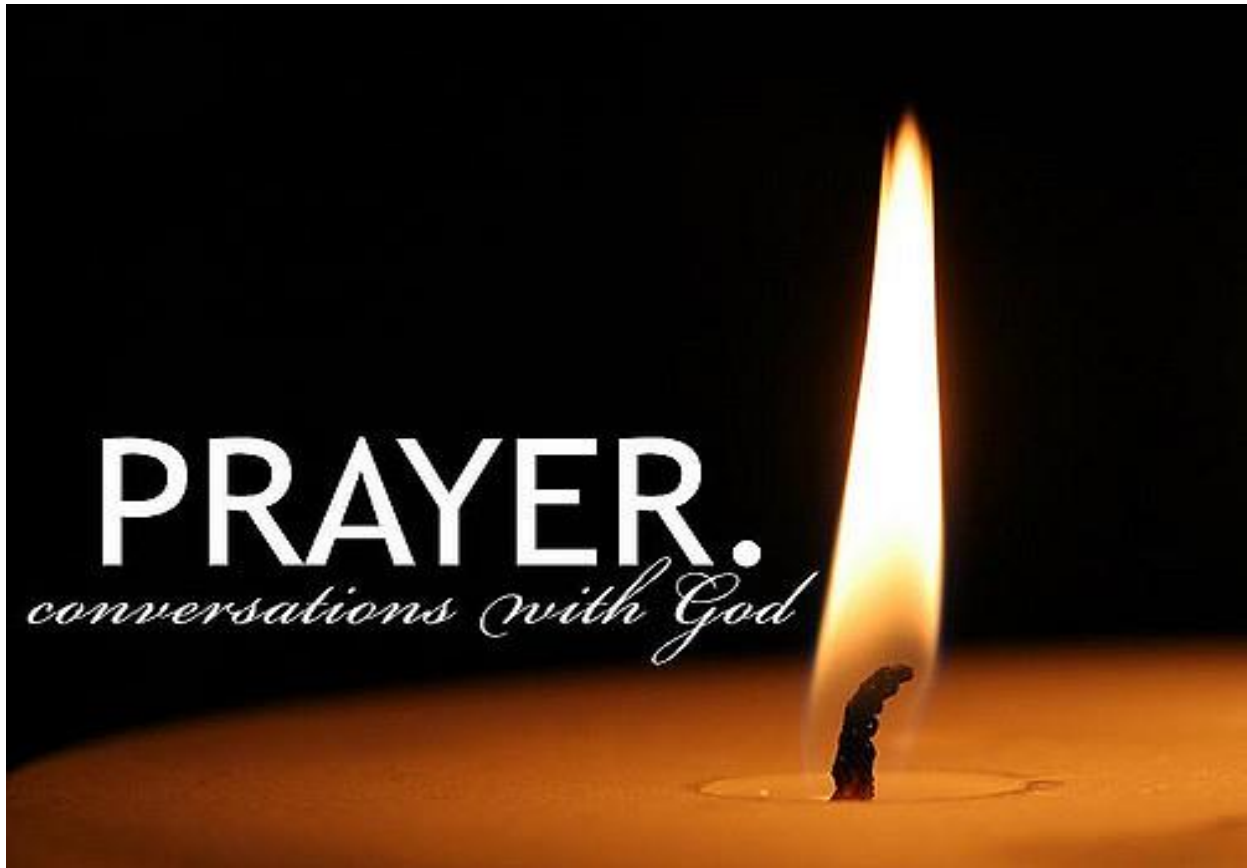


Christ Church Prayer Life

Pointers for prayer from across the church



March/April 2019

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions
with all kinds of prayers and
requests

Be alert and always keep on
praying for all God's people.

Ephesians 6:18

Opportunities for prayer with others, to which all are welcome:

Mondays at 9.15 – 9.45am Morning Prayer - a simple form of prayer and reflection on a Bible passage following the Church of England's liturgical year. Each week 4 members of our church family are remembered in prayer, responding to specific needs they have highlighted. (Held in the Trinity Chapel).

Wednesdays 7am – 7.30am #ThyKingdomCome prayer – Open prayer for the issues facing our society and the needs of our world. (Held in the Youth Hub)

Once a month - Prayer for Persecuted Christians, Tuesday 19 March & Tuesday 16 April at 9.30am at 39 Cleeve Hill. An hour of prayer with stories of specific situations highlighted by *Open Doors*.

Mahabba Prayer - monthly at 2pm on a Thursday. Please contact the Office if you would like to come to this meeting to pray for Muslims in our locality.

Before Worship and other events- There is prayer before the 10.30 service from 10.10 – 10.25am in the Trinity Chapel to seek to listen to the Spirit. Gatherings for prayer happen before Messy Church, Jigsaw and before and after each youth evening too. Anyone is welcome to be part of these times.

Prayer chain - If you have a specific prayer request you can have it included on the prayer chain via Mary Freestone: ianandmaryfreestone@gmail.com or 0117 9566630. These requests will be circulated to a number of trusted church members who will hold them in prayer before the Lord.... and then rejoice as prayer is answered!

Prayer and care – requests for prayer and practical support can be given to our Care Co-ordinators on carecoordinators@christchurchdownend.com
Kathy Prosser may be contacted on chaplain@christchurchdownend.com in relation to home Communion and hospital visits.

Personal Prayer – we want to encourage everyone to be open to praying for one another after our services or in our Life groups etc. There are a number of people with some experience and training ready to pray with anyone after 10.30am service. They have PRAYER badges on and will usually be near the Trinity Chapel.

If you would like to explore deeper prayer ministry, please contact Pauline Pearce for a confidential appointment on 0117 9563917.

Discipleship

- **Matthew 25 Challenge:** a week of daily challenges helping us to focus on Jesus' love for the poor. Pray that this will be inspiring to families and groups as we try out practical challenges and discuss them at home, at work and on social media. Pray it sparks fruitful conversations with others about God's love for the world and how we can play our part.
- **Quiet Day at Llangasty March 13** Pray that it will be a time of refreshing and deepening of faith for all who come.

- Pray for our monthly Frontline Focus, that people will engage with this way of thinking about their lives as their unique daily mission trip into their own corner of God's world. Pray that we will have a curiosity about what it's like to be in each other's shoes and a fresh desire to act like Jesus wherever God has placed us. Especially pray for all those who work or live in a place with no other Christians.

Anita Dobson: anitadobson@christchurchdownend.com

Youth

- Give thanks for Debbie, Eloise and Ellis offering to help with the Ignite+ Group.
- Please pray that there will be a great response to 'The Noise,' that lots of the Church family will sign up by the 17th March, and please cover the event itself 4th-6th May in prayer as we bless our community by showing God's love in practical ways.
- Please pray for protection of the team and for an openness in those we meet, in the Christ Church Detached (street) and Christ Church Outreach (Downend School) Youth Ministries.

Diane Paddon: youth@christchurchdownend.com

Leadership Development and Worship

- Give thanks for the many people of all ages who have been coming to worship at CCD for the first time and are beginning to feel at home as part of this community.
- That we may all make gathering together for worship each week an absolute priority in our lives.
- For all our worship over Holy Week and Easter

Rev Jo Vickery: vicar@christchurchdownend.com

Mission and Outreach

Mission

Please pray for the provision of 2 volunteer debt coaches to work alongside Leyla in our CAP Centre. Interviews take place on Monday 18th March.

Pray for everyone who is part of the Alpha follow on group. Give thanks for God's work in their lives and pray for deep rooted faith to develop.

Pray for the Defying the Odds CAP event on Friday 5th April. For clients who attend and for a successful fundraising element to the evening.

Resources

Please pray for the ongoing release of funds to support the mission and ministry of Christ Church going forward, and to help repay loans taken out as part of the Building4Life Project.

The Annual Church Meeting takes place on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm. Pray that it will be a real celebration of what God is doing and that the right people will come forward for key roles in the life of the church.

Pray for the staff and volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our buildings and grounds are kept clean and in good order

Paul Peterson: paulpeterson@christchurchdownend.com

Children

- Pray for our families to grow in faith, that in the midst of busy lives they would manage to find times to pray and encourage faith at home, in the car, while walking to school, at meal times, at bed times & whenever they can.
- Give thanks for many new families coming to Christ Church, for new families at Messy Church, new families at Jigsaw, & new families at our 10.30am service.
- Pray for these family outreach events, Downend SOUP Tuesday 5 March 6.30pm, Family Easter Afternoon Tea Tuesday 9 April 2-4pm & Family Bounce at Pendennis with the Tuesday Move It Club, Wednesday 10 April 10am -12pm.

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CAP

- Dear Lord, we give great thanks for the levels of commitment that we've witnessed in nearly all the clients I have seen over the past 6 months. Thank you for bringing us those individuals who are truly ready to walk the often difficult path to becoming debt free. We ask that you continue to place committed clients before us.
- Dear Father, we pray for your wisdom and guidance as we begin the process of recruiting two additional volunteer Debt Coaches. Please place a calling in the hearts of those individuals who are ready and able to step into these important roles.
- We give thanks for Rod Williams who will be visiting us for our upcoming fundraising and client event. Please place your hand upon every aspect of this event: please encourage clients, members of our congregation and newcomers to attend, befriender support, publicity and for the necessary volunteers. Most of all, we pray that those who come will be inspired by Rod's testimony and their minds may be opened to the possibility that through You the odds that are stacked against us in life, can be defied.

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