

Christ Church Prayer Life

Pointers for prayer from across the church



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

May/June 2019

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, . 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 Coordinators 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

- There are lots of newcomers arriving at the moment, give thanks that they are either dipping their toe in the water with faith and CCD, or already settling and making it home. The last welcome evening saw 10 new people finding out more and starting to feel at home. Please pray that we connect effectively and appropriately with them all and that they are able to put down roots, grow and flourish in their faith here.
- As a result of the Defying the Odds event, several people responded by expressing a desire to find out more, to commit themselves to Jesus or to re- commit themselves. Pray for those who need nurturing and encouraging in faith and those who might

explore coming to church for the very first time. Pray that we as a community will be ready to welcome people whatever their experience of church or none, and from whatever background. Pray for the confidence to share faith with them.

- May and June Messy Church – pray for more home cooks to come forward to prepare a dish of something to bring. Pray for deepening relationships and for faith to flourish among the children and young people. Pray for wisdom about how we encourage that and give people opportunities to make a commitment.

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Youth

- Having experienced many IT problems, including losing data when a Computer crashed, we are so grateful to a couple in the Church who responded with joyful generosity when God prompted them to purchase a youth ministry laptop.
- Please pray for the Noise 4th-6th May, that this will have a huge impact on the community as together we make God's love visible
- Please pray for the young people as they take their exams throughout May and June. Please contact Diane youth@christchurchdownend.com if you would like a list of the young people who have asked for prayer.

Diane Paddon: youth@christchurchdownend.com

Leadership Development and Worship

- Give thanks for the prospect of Aidan Watson coming as curate here in July with his wife Cathie and their first child who is expected on June 10th.
- C in the Park: 23rd June. Christ Church music group leading worship.
- For Paul and all the leadership and worship teams as Jo and Shahne take time out on Sabbatical.

Rev Jo Vickery: vicar@christchurchdownend.com

Mission and Outreach

- Pray for a deep rooted and living faith to grow in those who responded to the gospel message at 'Defying the Odds'. Pray for effective follow up and support.
- Pray for all of the arrangements for C in the Park where Christ Church will be leading worship and running the prayer tent. Pray for new connections to be made and a strong sense of community to be present.
- Pray that we would all grow in our confidence and ability to share of the difference Jesus has made in our lives.

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Children

- Thank you Lord for The Football & Faith Experiment which we started in March (10-10.30am on Sunday mornings). Help us Lord to work out how best to run these sessions, we pray that new families will come to Church having started with the football. Lord, please bless the young leaders who are leading this initiative.
- We pray for the Connected Children's Team planning meeting Wed 1st May 7.15pm. Thank you Father God for our talented team and their commitment to teaching the training our children & supporting our families.
- Thank you Lord God for the Family Fun afternoon at the NOISE on Monday 6 May. We pray that many families will come along and be really blessed by Christ Church for the Bank Holiday Weekend. WE pray that our local community will be hugely impacted with your Love.
- We ask Lord God for a great outpouring of your blessing on our families who will be joining in with our Forest Day, to Brecon on Saturday 15 June 2019. Please give us good weather & safety too. We ask Lord that you would bring as many families as possible to join in with our Forest Day and for faith & friendships to be deepened.

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CAP

- For Rod Williams who visited us for "Defying the Odds". Give thanks for the incredible support this event received from the Christ Church family. Pray that those who were inspired by Rod's testimony and responded to his message, may be opened to the possibility that through You, the odds that are stacked against us in life, can be defied.
- Pray for our prospective new Debt Coaches as they submit their application forms to CAP Head Office and prepare to attend a Selection Day in May.
- Pray for all are clients who are facing seemingly insurmountable problems. Please pray that they may be released from the shackles of relationship breakdown, addiction and mental health issues to achieve their goal of becoming debt free and find freedom in You.

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