

Christ Church Prayer Life



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

July/August 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 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

- The summer – lonely for some, stressful for some, a time of joy and peace for others. Pray that each person will find a way to live for Christ during this time whatever their circumstances.
- Jigsaw tea members as Emily Culverwell steps down at the end of term, and Harriet Jolly concentrates on the new baby.
- Messy Church craft and general helpers needed urgently so there are enough adults as friendly faces and a Christ like presence among the many visitors. Otherwise we are just controlling crowds and not able to have time for fruitful conversations. We have a huge blessing in having so many people coming to worship or to explore faith for the first time, so we pray that the whole church will support us in prayer and practical ways.

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Youth

- A huge thanks to everyone who prayed the young people through their exams. One grateful GCSE student expressed how knowing that the Church was praying made them feel more a part of the Church.
- Please pray for the Outreach Youth Ministry in Downend School. Please pray for further fruitful conversations in the lunchtime Drop-In, for more opportunities to arrange social action projects with the students and for an openness to the new Flourish and Courage Courses we are hoping to run at the school.
- Thousands of young people have experienced powerful encounters with God at Soul Survivor. Please pray for the youth team in our preparations for Soul Survivor and for our young people during the event 3rd-7th August.

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Leadership Development and Worship

- We give thanks for Aidan Watson's ordination and look forward to welcoming him and Cathie and baby Reuben into the life of Christ Church.
- Sound team – more members and training needed. Blessing upon Simon Clark who has been holding this since we moved back in to the building
- Music team time to devote to training, prayer and worship together – pray that we can carve out time for this vital aspect.

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Mission and Outreach

- For the team flying out to Uganda in August to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Diocesan Uganda link – from Christ Church: Chris Dobson, Andrew Peterson, Jonathan Peterson and Sam Ewins, together with other adults and young people from across the deanery.
- This month we'll be starting to publicise the autumn Alpha course. Pray that the right people would be drawn towards the course, and that God would use it to draw people to himself.
- Pray that the Sunday morning 'Game Changers' teaching series and the Talking Jesus course might help equip us to speak confidently to our friends, neighbours and work colleagues of what Jesus has done for us.

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Resources

- Give thanks that almost 70 church members have signed up for the Parish Giving Scheme, and pray that the PCC might be wise stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.
- Pray for Aidan Watson as he begins his ministry with us following his ordination on 30th June. Give thanks for the safe arrival of baby Reuben, and pray for Aidan, Cathie and Reuben as they settle into their new home.
- Give thanks that our halls and church not only provide a centre for our services of worship and outreach activities, but also a welcoming space to community groups. Pray for all the groups that use our buildings, and for the volunteers who lead them.

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Children

- Thank you Father God for the spectacular weather for our Forest day & that 59 people attended & had a fun time. Thank you for the way families were able to relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery but also were able to deepen friendships with other CCD families. Please bless Phil and Kathy who welcomed us to their farm for the day.
- Father we commit to you our Summer Sundays, please bless our regular leaders with some good well-earned rest, and please give us the right number of adults to help inspire our children over our summer Sundays.
- Father God, we thank you for the good things you have planned for each one of us for the summer holidays. We pray for those who don't have much to look forward to over the summer. Thank you for the Tuesday Move it Club Summer Bounce on Tuesday 6 August 2-4pm & the Summer Family Cream Tea, with children's crafts & stalls on Friday 30 August 2-4pm. We pray that these will be opportunities for families to get a taste of Christ Church and that many new families will be drawn to worship with us in the new September term. Amen.

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CAP

- Give thanks for our two new Debt Coaches, Rosie Brydon & Philip James. Pray for them as they embark on their training and get ready to take up their new roles in September.
- For our new Client Video project which aims to celebrate and share the experiences of our clients with others. Pray that clients will be willing to participate, filming will go smoothly and that the final product will help to inspire others about the work of CAP.
- For commitment and perseverance for those clients who are currently working with us. Pray that they have the dedication and resilience to stick with their journey out of debt and are able to ask for help when they need it. Pray that the new clients who are booking their first visit are also ready and willing to commit to the process.

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