

“Lord, teach us to pray....”

Our passion as a church is that we will deepen our relationship with God, learning to enjoy being in his presence at all times. This is prayer. We want to learn from Scripture and from others how to pray: in other words, how to develop that relationship. For those who are seeking, the hope is that they will find the One who is seeking them, and start a relationship through prayer.

This 8 week series comes out of our exploration of what it means to be Christ Church (as God intends). First and foremost we are called to be a house (oikos) of prayer, for it is through prayer that our relationship with God begins and grows. One of our 4 values is PRAYERFULNESS. If we are to learn how to live this out we need to be asking the same question that Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Lord, teach us to pray.” Therefore, the series will be based on the pattern of the Lord’s Prayer and will draw on Pete Greig’s recent book **‘How to Pray – a simple guide for normal people,’** as well as the accompanying free on-line material www.prayercourse.org created by 24/7 prayer. These contain a range of stories, illustrations and analogies to amplify the key points and models of praying that are memorable. The section at the end of each chapter tells the story of a ‘Hero’ of each aspect of prayer and brings us into contact with the ‘saints’ in whom we see the prayerful life embodied.

- Jan 5** **Why pray?** A people made for prayer
- Jan 12** **Adoration** Enjoying God’s presence
- Jan 19** **Petition** Learning to ask in faith
- Jan 26** **Intercession** We are invited to change the world
- Feb 2** **Contemplation** The journey into God
- Feb 9** **Unanswered Prayer** Your will be done
- Feb 16** **Listening** A two way relationship
- Feb 23** **Spiritual Warfare** Deliver us from evil