

Weekly Prayer Diary

16th October 2020



²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

- Our Leaders will meet on Monday 19th October in the evening.
 - Please pray for the deacons as they discuss and make decisions about the way forward.
 - As there is a change in who is on the diaconate, please pray that they may work well together.
- The Office Bearers and staff meet most **Tuesday** mornings for prayer. The admin team meet to primarily discuss the day to day functioning of the Church. Please pray for them in this important task.
- As we continue to see a rise in coronavirus cases, please pray:
 - that the current restrictions will reduce the spread of the disease.
 - that our hospitals will not be over whelmed.
 - for protection for those on the front line.
 - for protection on care homes and vulnerable people.
 - for those working on a vaccine and other drugs to reduce the severity of the virus.
 - that God in His sovereignty would grant wisdom and insight to those making decisions.
 - for those with concerns about jobs, paying the bills and looking after family.
- Alpha on-line (alpha.org). We are proposing to have alpha online January 2021, please pray for our community, neighbours, friends and family that we might consider who to invite this.
- Give thanks that a Christian ministry in the Middle East has reported that the Covid-19 lockdown has resulted in far more people attending their internet worship services, many questions about Christianity have been emailed by viewers, New Testaments have been requested and people have been making commitments. Many from other religious backgrounds who would have been fearful to enter a church building, feel safe interacting with Christians on-line. Please pray for more to commit their lives to Jesus and those that have will blossom and grow.
- Nagorno-Karabakh conflict (European Baptist Federation). Let us pray for a de-escalation of this conflict by all countries involved and a peaceful way forward that has eluded this region for so long. We also pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the four Baptist churches there.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving and healing God,
We turn to you in prayer,
confident that you are with us
and with all people in every moment.
We stand before you as a people of hope,
trusting in your care and protection.
May your faithful love support us
and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.
Generous God,
fill us with compassion and concern
for others, young and old,
that we may look after one another
in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick
and all who work in our medical facilities.
Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance
that they may make the right decisions
for the well-being of people.
We pray in gratitude for all those in our country
who will continue to work in the days ahead
in so many fields of life for the sake of us all.
Bless them and keep them safe.
O God of creation and life,
we place ourselves in your protection.
May the mantle of your peace
enfold us this day and tomorrow.
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If you have any suggestions for what we could be praying for then please email: - or phone David Stewart on 01383 860476.