

Weekly Prayer Diary

27th November 2020



Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. - Hebrews 4:14-16

- The Deacons will meet via Zoom on Monday 14th December in the evening.
- 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.
- Covid-19, Let us pray for all those suffering with physical and mental ill-health that they may know God's sustaining presence amidst their pain. Let us pray for all who are stretched beyond their own capacity to cope and remain hopeful, that God would bring a sense of coherence, comfort and strength (adapted from a CoE prayer).
- Alpha on-line (alpha.org) will start on 4th February at 7:30pm (*registration - tinyurl.com/y6cvu7ek*). Please pray for:
 - all the practical arrangements, in particular that more team members would volunteer.
 - the training sessions on the 7th and 21st January at 7:30pm
 - our community, neighbours, friends and family that we might consider who to invite this.
- Advent and Christmas
 - Please pray that as restrictions are eased slightly around Christmas that people would be sensible, that wise decisions would be made, that vulnerable people will be protected and that hospital cases will not rise.
 - Give thanks that lots of activities celebrating Jesus' birth can take place this year despite the restrictions. Please pray that Advent may be an opportunity for people to focus on celebrating Jesus' birth.
 - Please pray for our Advent services starting on the 29th which will include in-person services at 10:30am (the online pre-recorded service continues) and a Family Service at 2pm. In particular, pray for the organisation of the services both for the content and for the practical arrangements to minimise the potential for virus transmission.

Whilst Covid-19 is uppermost in our minds, there continue to be other situations for our prayers such as climate change (thesanctuarycentre.org):

For the sake of those facing rising temperatures, drought and water shortages, unpredictable weather, disrupted seasons and failed crops,

Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

For the sake of those facing flooding, land loss and salination of vital water supplies, who fear the changing climate,

Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

For the sake of the poor, the vulnerable, and the refugee and for the sake of us all,

Creator God, in your mercy, recreate our hearts that we might partner with you to renew this damaged world.

Amen

Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you.
In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster.
Do it again, we pray.

Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,
Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our
frontline workers.

Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all
who grieve.

Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days,
turn your face towards us,
have mercy upon us,
and heal our land, we pray.

Amen.

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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.