



PRAYER NEEDS, MARCH 2017

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 1 Cor. 13.13.

Let us thank God for all we have learnt about the Gifts of the Spirit, and pray for this greatest gift of love for God and our neighbour.

THANK GOD that the presence of God has been known, and guidance received during *the SHIFT* and **PRAY** that as this time of prayer continues the spiritual atmosphere of our church and our town will change, and enable things to happen.

SUNDAY Thank God that we are free to join together for worship today, and pray for fellow Christians across the world, especially those where worship may cause difficulties or danger. May we all be aware of God’s presence with us.

Thank God for church growth, and **Pray** for further growth with those who want to follow Jesus. May we be led by the Holy Spirit to opportunities in our mission locally including the planting of new congregations. May God’s kingdom come across our town through the ministry of all the churches, and may the financial needs be met including the provision of youth ministry.

Thank God for Churches Together in Whitstable and blessing on our shared activities, including Beach Pastors and Christians against Poverty for Joyce Mitchell the leader and the volunteers who help. Thank God for those who have been helped and who have heard the Gospel message. **Thank God** for Norman Critchell and others in the Chaplaincy Team at Whitstable and Tankerton Hospital and all the work that they have done there, and **Pray** for great blessing now that they have been able to restart the work there. **PRAY** for all in full time ministry who have had fellowship with us – Carl Rudd, Paul Ratcliff, Richard and Lorna Braddy, Paulette, Chris Maclean, Steven Sivyer and Matthew Barrett.

PRAY for our Youth Ministry Leadership team and all involved in Youth Ministry in our churches. Pray for our **Youth Congregation Y** that this would grow in numbers and be a Christ centred congregation of young people learning to make God Number One. Pray for them as they look at the Gifts of the Spirit and for those leading them. **Thank God** for the success of their panto.

Old Church Thank God for planning permission from Canterbury City Council for the new toilet and storage building, and pray that a Faculty will also be received from the Diocese. Pray for the right contractors with the best balance of quality and cost, that the Lord will provide the resources we need at the right time.

Refugees Let us pray that all people who have had to flee from their homes will find a place of safety and will be treated with compassion. Pray especially for children on their own, remembering the boys who were at Ladesfield, and those who will be arriving.

MONDAY PRAY for the Wood Carving group meeting on Monday evenings as they make carvings for the Children's Garden at St Alphege, Whitstable.

Thank God and Pray for Karen Billington, the leader and all the staff and children at Abbot House Nursery School. **Thank God and Pray** for The Forge and those who lead. **THANK GOD AND PRAY** for the Holy Spirit's guidance on the ministries of Steve, Fabian, Denise, Ann and Chris and all who serve in our church. **Pray** for Tom Houston our "Ministry Student" in his year of ministry experience in our church. **Thank God and Pray** for Donald Lugg's ministry. **Thank God and Pray** for the Ministry Leadership team as they discern what is next under God for our church, and pray for others who have responsibility to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Pray for Cells led by Joan Moss, Ann Shuttle; Ann Moreton; the Cell for young Adults led by Emma Short.

TUESDAY Thank God for the success of the Third Agers Holiday at Home last month. **Thank God and Pray** for those taking part in the Emerging Leaders Training in conjunction with Riverside Church. **Thank God and Pray** for Jane Myhill in her role of Children and Families Minister and for all the activities each week. **Pray** for people to consider serving among the Children and Families ministries as almost every group needs new leaders and helpers. **Thank God and Pray** for Georgina Hedley-Smith in her role of Youth Leader, and Dan Ralph in the youth worship leader role. **Pray** for preparations for trips to Carroty Wood in June and Soul Survivor in August, as the young people decide whether to come or not and for the leaders. **Pray** for the New Ground ecumenical project training young adults for Youth Ministry. **Thank god and Pray** for blessing on the Mum's group in the morning and on leaders and members of the Parents and Toddlers Group. **Pray** especially for "The Pulse" reaching out to children outside the church.

Thank God and Pray for Christians in many countries of the world who face opposition and persecution, especially at this time let us continue to pray for the three Christians in Sudan - Rev.Abdumawla, Rev.Hassan, and Mr Jasek, who have been sentenced to lengthy prison terms.

Pray for Cells led by Ann Flemming, Myrtle Stroud; Lizzie Hales, Katherine Brunger and Jo Hampton and the Youth Cell.

WEDNESDAY PRAY for the Deanery meeting at All Saints on 22nd March. **Pray** for the men's steak and curry nights held each month in Wetherspoons. **Thank God** for continued contact with Joy Lane School through the ministry of Jane and Fabian and pray for them in this opportunity. **Pray** for the other

schools in the town especially St Alphege Infants and the Endowed School. **Thank God** for the Christian Centre and all who use it and **pray** especially for Dan Ralph and Becky Whittaker in their work as part-time Administrators. **Pray** that the presence of God will be known there, and that the right balance is maintained between commercial interest and community activities. **Thank God** for all our Cells and **Pray** for supervisors, leaders and members. **Pray** for Graham Goldstraw in his role of Cell Leader without Portfolio. **Thank God and Pray** for the Foodbank, for the staff and volunteers. May those who are helped know the love of God reaching out to them. **Thank God** and Pray for all the missions and charities we support – pray especially this month for Bishop John and Elizabeth Wilme in the diocese of Toungoo in Burma, for their safety and the blessing of the Holy Spirit on their ministry. Thank God and Pray for The Haven Project seeking to provide light refreshments, laundry and shower facilities to rough sleepers in Whitstable at St Johns Methodist church. **Pray** for Nick Russell and his colleagues at the Greenwich Centre of Mission, preaching the Gospel in all age groups and circumstances especially as they seek to support vulnerable children and young people. Audrey Yates and her colleague Julie continuing to minister to their contacts in Burma. Davis Manama at the Bungoko Rural Development Centre in Uganda. **Pray** for the continuing work of Onespace in Kidbrooke in their varied work as Paul Franklin and his wife Liz move on with Paul becoming vicar of Christ Church, Newark supported by Liz. **Pray** for Cells led by Stan Smith; Pam Atherton, Danny Hales; Lise Jennings; Barbara Barker, Denise Critchell; The Youth Cell set up following Youth Alpha.

THURSDAY Thank God and Pray for the Open Door coffee morning and the many non-church members who come. May they know the Lord's presence there and be drawn by the Holy Spirit to learn more of him. **Thank God and Pray** for members and leaders of Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, and give thanks for the thriving community at Alphies, the preschool lunch and service. **Thank God** that he is at work in the world, and **pray** for the Holy Spirit to use us as witnesses to his love. **Pray** for the non-Christian friends we pray for in our Cell witness section (and any using Oikos cards for the same purpose). **Pray** for those living in Sceptre Way, April Rise and Sandpiper Road. **Pray** for Cells led by Phil and Vanessa Farnham; Emm Adamson and Alex Andraee; Denise Fasulo and Paula Dean; Cell for year 10 (age 14) and above led by Dan and Natalie Ralph.

FRIDAY Pray for the Social games afternoon. **Pray** for all who have been baptised in our church and those who will be baptised in the coming year that they will be brought up in the fellowship of the church and grow up knowing and loving our Lord Jesus. **Thank God and Pray** for the Beach Pastors and their Prayer Teams as they have a break from this service for the winter months. **Pray** for Vicky Coneys, Rob Tugwell and John Huffman as they train

for ordination. Also for John Glass training for lay ministry roles. **Pray** for our nation and government as the policy of Brexit is worked out, that all people in this country will live together in harmony and understanding. **Pray** for God's kingdom of love, justice and peace to come across the world, especially in Iraq, Nigeria and other countries experiencing war and terrorist attacks, thanking God for a ceasefire in Syria, and praying for a just and lasting peace there.

Pray for the Cell led by Helen Prettyjohn and David Kemp; the Cell for years 7-9 (aged 11-13).

SATURDAY Pray for the Day of Healing at SCC, "What in me is in Chains" on 4th March. **Pray** for the Diocesan synod meeting in Ashford on 11th March.

Pray for the Abbot House Nursery Wine and Wisdom night on 4th March, and the Christian Aid Quiz on 11th March. **Thank God and Pray** for Mike Barnett and all who use the audio/visual equipment. **Pray** for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and John Sentamu, Archbishop of York to proclaim the ways of God in our country and for Bishop Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover to know God's guidance. **Pray** for the Closer to Home building project – Bishop Sylvestre and the new Bible School at Bukavu, Congo; the Grass Roots Trust (Romania) building good housing; and schools in Guatemala building classrooms and supporting teachers and students. **Pray** for the Lighthouse Team as they explore the idea of "Outreach Sundays" a couple of times a year as people are encouraged to invite friends and neighbours to join them at church. **Pray** for God to bless all our services tomorrow and all who take part. Pray especially for the 8.45 am service and the children's groups at 11 am.

LONG TERM PRAYER NEEDS Jim Shuttle; Bev's mum, Margaret and her family; Paul and Rachel; Beryl Clarke to make a steady recovery following her operation; Helen Maya (aunt of Keiren) suffering with cancer; Gill Campbell to recover from the bug she is suffering from; Linda Hill; Angela, Stella's daughter to make good progress after her operation; Rosalind Drewitt to continue to improve following her heart operation; Bob (Yvonne's father-in-law) who is very ill; Beth Williams awaiting results of tests on her heart and lungs.

If you would like any topic included in future Prayer Needs please contact Joan Moss on 275522, j.moss370@btinternet.com or 08.45am Ann Moreton (277140), 11.00 am Carol Judge (277752) or David and Lynda Kemp (272470); 11.15am (Old Church) Ann Moreton (277140).



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