



PRAYER NEEDS, FEBRUARY 2017

"Every good and perfect gift is from heaven above" James 1.17.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit, and pray that we may grow in the depth of our knowledge of God and in the use of our gifts in his service, so that through them we may be built up into the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAY for *the SHIFT* that through this time of prayer the spiritual atmosphere of our church and our town will change, and enable things to happen.

SUNDAY Thank God for this day when we can spend time together in worship, and pray for fellow Christians in this town and across the world, that we may all know the presence of the Lord among 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, helped by volunteers. **Pray** for those who have been helped and those 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 they have done there. Thank God for the opportunity to restart this ministry. Pray for Carl Rudd's ministry as vicar of St Joseph of Arimathea, Wolverhampton, Paul Ratcliff's ministry in King's Wood, Richard and Lorna Braddy in their ministry in Minster, Paulette in her ministry in Boughton, Chris Maclean in his ministry in St Mary's Walmer, Steven Sivyer in his ministry at St Michael's Marden and Matthew Barrett in his ministry in St Peter Port.

Pray for our Youth Ministry Leadership team and all involved in Youth Ministry in the 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 all the performers in their panto, Cinderella, being held on Saturday and Sunday 4th and 5th February.

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 balances of quality and cost, and that the Lord will provide all 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.

MONDAY Pray for the Family Fun Morning on 13th February. 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 and Pray** for the Third Agers "Holiday at Home" on 14th February. **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 the new Youth Cell and the young people who have taken part in the Youth Alpha course and 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 three Christians, Rev. Abdumawla, Rev. Hassan, and Mr. Jasek, in Sudan facing trial on seven charges, two of which carry the death penalty, **thanking God** for the release of Rev. Kuwa, one of the four we prayed for last month. Pray for Cells led by Ann Flemming, Myrtle Stroud; Lizzie Hales, Katherine Brunger and Jo Hampton.

WEDNESDAY Pray for the second day of the Third Agers "Holiday at Home" on the 15th February. 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 will be found 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 Christ Church, Bangkok as they support Burmese refugees on the Thai/Burma border, especially the Noh Bo Academy who have just celebrated 25 years of providing education for the refugees up to secondary level, opening up the opportunity for further education. **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. Bishop John and Elisabeth Wilme in the Diocese of Toungoo. Audrey Yates and her colleague Julie continuing to minister to their contacts in Burma. Davis Manama at the Bungoko Rural Development Centre in Uganda. Paul Franklin, Director of Onespace in Kidbrooke in their varied work and for Paul and his wife Liz in their curacies. **Pray** for Cells led by Stan Smith; Pam Atherton, Danny Hales; Lise Jennings; Barbara Barker, Denise Critchell.

THURSDAY Pray for the Family Film afternoon on 16th February. **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 Osprey Close, Hawk Close and Britannia Avenue.

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 Syria and Iraq and other countries experiencing war and terrorist attacks. **Pray** for the Cell led by Helen Prettyjohn and David Kemp; the Cell for years 7-9 (aged 11-13).

SATURDAY Pray for the Quiet Shift – Inner Space 2 – on 25th February, an afternoon of quiet contemplation. **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 11.15 am service in the Old Church on the 1st Sunday of the month and the children's groups at 11 am.

LONG TERM PRAYER NEEDS Beryl Clarke having treatment for cancer; Gill Campbell to recover from the bug she is suffering from, and for Vince who is also unwell; Linda Hill; Angela, Stella's daughter who has breast cancer; Rosalind Drewitt as she recovers from her heart operation and the viruses she has suffered since; 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).

