



PRAYER NEEDS, APRIL 2017

"It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Luke 24.34.

Let us thank God for the witness of the disciples to the resurrection of Jesus and that he lives in the hearts of all his followers through the work of the Holy Spirit.

THANK GOD for *The Shift* and all the lessons learned and pray that our church will continue to wait on God and move forward taking part in the weekly **Shift**.

THANK GOD also for those who first put their trust in Jesus when Roger Morgan preached, and **PRAY** for them as they start their journey of faith. **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 where Joyce Mitchell is the leader with the help of volunteers. Thank God for those who have been helped through their ministry and who have heard the Gospel message, to which some have responded positively. **Thank God** for Norman Critchell and other Hospital Chaplains and all the work that they have done there, and **Pray** for great blessing on the continuing work there. now **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 experiment with meeting at SCC rather than St Andrew's. **PRAY** for the **YWAM** team led by Georgie Taylor, Sam Dunton and Clare Heffer as they work in our town, and for our young people linking with them, learning what they have been doing and going out with them to do some outreach.

Old Church Thank God for planning permission from Canterbury City Council for the new toilet and storage building, and that the Diocesan Advisory committee has formally approved the plans. **Pray** for a generous response to the Gift Day for the Old Church restoration on 16th April, following the Evening of Prayer on Saturday 8th April. Pray for Astral Ltd as they undertake the work.

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.

PRAY for the Family film on Sunday 9th April.

MONDAY PRAY for the ADCM on 10th April for collective discernment as we build on *Shift* and specifically consider outreach in Lucerne Drive. May those chosen by God to be appointed to serve on the DCC and other bodies.

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 as they learn the Easter story. **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, Donald, 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 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 PRAY for the Easter Holiday Club on 11th and 12th April. **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 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 Christians in Sudan - Rev.Abdumawla, Rev.Hassan, who have been sentenced to lengthy prison terms, giving thanks for the release of Mr Jasek. **Pray** also for Christians in Iran.

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

WEDNESDAY PRAY for the Family Fun morning on 5th April. **Pray** 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 Nick Russell and his colleagues at the Church Army Centre of Mission in Greenwich, whose work has been expanded to cover more estates and who support, encourage and preach the Gospel to people of all ages and with many needs, also encouraging young people to stop drug taking and drug dealing. **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 Bishop John and Elisabeth Wilme in the diocese of Toungoo in Burma; 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 have moved as Paul becomes 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 Norview Road, Swallow Avenue, and Linnet 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 will be baptised in the coming month 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 start work for the coming summer months, patrolling the town each Friday evening supported by

the Prayer Teams. **Pray** especially for those newly trained being commissioned on 31 March – Mike Barnett, Helen Prettyjohn, Michael Page, Mark Arnold and Elaine Oakley. **Pray** for Vicky Coneys, Rob Tugwell and John Huffman as they train for ordination. Also for John Glass in 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 all who were injured and the families of those who were killed in the terrorist attack in London last month. **Pray** for God's kingdom of love, justice and peace to come across the world, especially in Iraq, Syria, Nigeria and other countries experiencing war and terrorist attacks. **Pray** also for the countries experiencing famine in the Horn of Africa, South Sudan and Nigeria. **Pray** for the Cell led by Helen Prettyjohn and David Kemp; the Cell for years 7-9 (aged 11-13).

SATURDAY 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 10.10 Lighthouse service and the children's groups at 11 am.

LONG TERM PRAYER NEEDS Angela; Terry Chapman having treatment for prostate cancer; Tess; Rosalind Drewitt whose heart has gone back into atrial fibrillation; Jim Shuttle; Bev's mum, Margaret and her family; Paul and Rachel; Beryl Clarke to make steady progress after her operation; Helen Maya (aunt of Keiren) suffering with cancer; Angela, Stella's daughter to make good progress after her operation. **Pray** for the family and all those mourning for Linda Hill.

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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