



PRAYER NEEDS, MAY 2017

*Jesus said "All authority has been given to me. Go and make disciples of all nations.....And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
Matt.28.18-20*

Let us thank God that as Jesus ascended to heaven he reassured his disciples that he would still be with them as they carried on his mission.

Let us thank God for all Steve and Vicky's ministry in our church during the time they have been with us, and **Pray** for them to be greatly blessed in their future careers. **Pray** for the one of God's choice to be appointed to our church. **Pray** for further growth in our church with those who want to follow Jesus. May we be led by the Holy Spirit to opportunities in our mission locally including outreach to Lucerne Drive and other areas. 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 and especially for those who attended an evangelistic meeting for all the clients in the Canterbury area and for the positive response of several including four from Whitstable. Pray that they will find encouragement from Joyce and local Christians and that they may grow in their faith. May those who need the help of CAP get to know of this provision, and that the new drop-in session on Friday mornings will attract new clients.

Thank God for Norman Critchell and other Hospital Chaplains and all the work that they have done there, and **Pray** for great blessing on their continuing work. **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, Matthew Barrett and Paul Franklin.

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. May they have been encouraged by fellowship with the YWAM team.

Pray for the YWAM in their future ministry.

Old Church Thank God for planning permission from Canterbury City Council for the new toilet and storage building, and that a Faculty has been received from the Diocese. Thank God also for the result of the Gift Day and Pray for Astral Ltd who have been appointed to carry out the work.

Refugees Let us pray that all people who have had to flee from their homes

will find a place of safety, will be treated with compassion and that their needs will be met. 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, Donald, 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 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 **Pray** especially for "The Pulse" reaching out to children outside the church. **Pray** for "JellyBeanz" group (formerly Parents and Toddlers) **Thank God and Pray** for Christians in many countries of the world who face opposition and persecution, especially at this time Christians in Egypt, India and Nigeria who were attacked during their Easter services. **Pray** for Cells led by Ann Flemming, Myrtle Stroud; Lizzie Hales, Katherine Brunger and Jo Hampton and the Youth Cell.

WEDNESDAY Pray for the men's group meeting 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 especially this month for Christian Aid and Tearfund as they provide emergency and long term aid to those in need across the world. Pray also 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 all ages. **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.

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 for 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 Caroline Close, Nightingale Avenue and Jayne Walk.

Pray for Cells led by Phil and Vanessa Farnham; Emm Adamson and Alex Andreae; 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 patrol the town each Friday evening supported by the Prayer Teams. **Pray** for Vicky Coneyes, 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 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. May the aid agencies be able to reach all in need and be kept in safety.

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 11am service the children's groups and their leaders and for Jayne's new venture on the 3rd Sunday each month for children up to 6 called "Hydr8" when these children will come together for an hour and worship, pray learn and have fun in one single group.

LONG TERM PRAYER NEEDS June (following a stroke; Brian Coleman; Diane Lollisom (Beryl Davis's daughter) who has fluid on the lungs; Linda Shrubbs and family, on the death of her husband Eric; Pat Martin's friend John having treatment for cancer; Angela; Terry Chapman having treatment for prostate cancer; Tess; Rosalind Dewitt that the doctors will find the right way to help her with the recurrence of her heart problem; 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 as she has chemotherapy.

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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