

WELL STREET UNITED CHURCH

PRAYER DIARY

25th Give thanks for the new leaders who have agreed to help at Proteens. Pray for the continual issues with space and how that affects the group dynamics and creativity.

Give thanks for the recent new young people who have started attending React. Pray for continued growth - both spiritual and physical, and for the young people to feel able to transition from React into wider church activities.

26th Give thanks for all the leaders who give up their time to help with Chill'n'Chat. Pray that this group will become a real place of support, challenge and teaching for the youth who attend.

27th 17th Mar - For a joint venture with SSPP 'Mums day off', an event for Dads to bring their children to, to prepare for Mothers day. This will be a chance to get to know the Dads around. Pray for the Dads to be bold and come!
26th Mar - For the Y6 children who are coming to WS and SSPP for an Easter experience. This is a new event, so please pray for its organisation! For the leaders to be clear in how they present the Easter story to the children. For the children to see the passion they have for this special time of year and to meet with Jesus. Thank God for the relationship and trust we have built up with the teachers that they will bring their children knowing we will explain our faith rather than evangelise. Please help us to do this!
For 'Hill End at Home' at the end of April. That the children that come will have fun, hear the Gospel and be prepared to seriously consider make a commitment to Jesus!

28th For the leaders who faithfully teach on a regular basis on Sunday mornings. For them to get fed regularly and to then be able to use their gifts to bring the Bible alive.
For more people to step forward to offer to help!

29th For Heroes, who this term are looking at the emotions that Jesus felt and that they are the same as ours, it's just that He handled them better than we do! Pray for the children who are new to the group to feel welcomed. For the children as they grow to know God, and for the team who lead them to maintain their enthusiasm especially in the face of some challenging behaviour.

30th For those who have non-Christian partners or family members. For any of your family who are not Christians yet.
For families with children who have difficulties 'fitting in', it can be a very lonely place.
For the youngster who has read the whole Bible since September, and wants to go on with God but is not quite sure how!

31st For those making decisions about the future of Hill End (Youth weekend away) as they consider possible new sites and dates. Pray that people will be inspired and excited about coming.

We believe that great things can be achieved when we pray together. Whilst we can't meet together every day, we can join together in prayer. This diary has been produced to enable us to pray together. This is a perpetual diary so that it can be used every month.

Please also remember to pray for specific requests made through the prayer chain or mentioned at the various services.

Last updated: February 2012

1st For Steve our Minister's continuing good progress physically and looking carefully at his own responses to stress.

2nd For Nick our Youth Minister to remain open to God's word. For opportunities for refreshment & teaching. Please also pray for a healthy balance in all areas of his life.

3rd For Erik. That he may have a servant heart and that the office will be a sanctuary to come to in order to have fellowship and spirit-filled and honest conversations. As the Administrator sees mostly the wrong or annoying or selfish or imperfect side of a church, please pray against a spirit of judgement, frustration and anger.

4th For the church as we move towards a new leadership structure, for wisdom and unity. That during interregnum we can ensure continuity and depth of preaching and worship.

5th For those people who take part in our services in any way, from the service coordinators and musicians to the people who serve refreshments, that their part in the services will help people to worship. Also that people will fill the rota slots.

6th For a unity of thought and of action between all the churches involved in Churches Together in Buckingham and Maids Moreton. For blessing for those who take the time out of busy schedules to attend and contribute to the meetings, and all those who then commit to carrying out the plans agreed.

7th That the Leadership Team are able to build stronger links with house groups and through that increase the support they are able to give members of the church. Pray that more people join those house groups and get the support and encouragement they need, as well as having the opportunity to study God's word more effectively.

- 8th For wisdom for the mission team, as they make decisions about which mission to support financially.
For World Vision as they respond to human need and work with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. Help them especially as they tackle growing food shortages in Niger, where babies are suffering from malnutrition.
-
- 9th For the Prayer Team as they prepare a 24 hour prayer event jointly with the Parish Church. For unity of purpose & vision & all the practicalities involved.
-
- 10th Thank God for the work of First Steps, for the team who work with the mums on a week by week basis, for the children who have such fun, and for the care and support that everyone gives to each other. Ask for more helpers - this would free up Sharon & Caroline to work with the children and parents. That the team can express the love of God in such a way that they would want to come along to other Church activities, and they can identify people in need of assistance. For the safe arrival of two babies to First Steps mums.
-
- 11th For those in charge of planning Holiday Club - for wisdom, creativity and inspiration. For the groups forming to get specific details sorted. That enough leaders and helpers register earlier - this makes the planning process easier! That we will continue to spread the word of God round Buckingham. For children and young people to be excited about coming!
-
- 12th For the work of UCCF in the Christian Unions operating in universities and colleges throughout the UK, and for Tom Murray who is working for UCCF in Exeter. He is going to Hungary to attend the European Leaders Forum, where he will meet evangelists from all over the world. Pray that they will share fellowship and learning with each other and that any cultural barriers will be broken down.
-
- 13th For Steve planning his sabbatical. He will be doing some reading on the Christian response to the new Atheism (Dawkins etc); going to Wales in June for a prayer retreat and one or two other events (like the URC summer school for ministers). He would appreciate prayer for getting everything organised in time!
-
- 14th Thank God for each and every girl that comes to Girls House Group for Year 7-8 and for the wonderful sharing that takes place. Thank God for the parents who bring the girls each week. Please pray for more girls to come on a regular basis. Pray for Sharon & Claire who lead the group.
-
- 15th For Liz & Emma as they lead the Year 9-11 Girls House Group and we discuss some difficult issues. That the girls will understand God's love for them and his guidance in making tough decisions. That the girls will feel able to invite their friends.
For leaders to help with the older boys group and starting up a group for younger boys.
-
- 16th Thank God for the young people who serve on the children's team, especially at Heroes. They are such an example to the children and it's great to have them. Pray they manage the school /team balance!
-
- 17th For Dave and Preeti How working in Bangladesh. For good health and protection from harm, particularly on the roads as Dave travels great distances.
-
- 18th For families to come to Church more regularly, to see the importance of their children week on week spending time with Jesus, to form the relationship that will last a lifetime!
-
- 19th For Steve's future. There are some opportunities on the horizon for a pastorate but no nearer than that. Please pray for guidance during February/March as to how to progress these opportunities.
-
- 20th For those who are facing illness, financial worries, loneliness.
Several people in Andrew Brazell's house group are facing challenging work situations or are looking for new jobs. Pray for anyone in a similar situation. Those who are befrienders and those they befriend.
-
- 21st For the work of Scripture Union, that they will receive good bookings and volunteer teams for their holiday programmes. Pray that they will respond effectively to the opportunities presented by the Olympics, especially for the activity days.
Please pray for the work of PSL, for the young people who come along, that they might have fun in a safe environment; for the frontline team, for wisdom and sensitivity as they work with the teenagers, and that they would be good role models.
-
- 22nd For those who prepare meals for those in crisis and those who act as voluntary drivers. That others might be led to offer themselves in this way.
-
- 23rd Steve's son Ant and wife Claire and the grandchildren are under a lot of pressure (looking to sell the house and rent; Claire's mum recovering from surgery; Ant working in London etc.)
-
- 24th Praise for the relationship with the schools, for the assemblies we are doing (Bourton Meadow on fortnightly Mondays, Grenville on monthly Mondays, Buckingham Primary School every Thursday), for the relationships with staff, they take in as much as the children sometimes. For the children who are often going home and telling parents what we have been doing. Most of all, that the children are hearing the Gospel message. Pray we will continue to be clear in what we are saying.
Thank God for the opportunities that have opened up through assemblies at the RLS & Buckingham School. Pray that we can build on those and gain more opportunity to share God's word with the schools.