

# Christ Church Pitsmoor

## Prayer Diary May 2016



*Please use this to help you pray for our church, community and mission. Help us to be SALT and LIGHT in the world.*

- 23 Pray for the Northern Lights Management team as they meet this morning and guidance in making plans for the future growth of our three churches
- 24. Pray that more and more church members will be part of a home group or other fellowship group in which they can develop their faith and discipleship.
- 25. Pray for Pye bank School to be a distinctively Christian School while respecting the faiths of all the children. Pray especially for Hannah Singleton who co-ordinates RE and collective worship in the school. Also for Brian and other governors as some of them meet today.
- 26 Pray for the **Northern Lights Mission Partnership Hub meeting** which **Rev John Hibberd** will be attending. Pray **Susan's work** she develops good management systems to run the day to day business more efficiently and create space to develop the missional work better. Pray also for **Maureen's work** in the CCP church office to keep things running smoothly.
- 27 Pray for the **Food Banks at Fir Vale and on Carlisle Street**. Pray too for **Archer Project** and other projects who help them to sort out their lives and get back on their feet after a time of crisis.
- 28 Pray for the **children's teams both here at CCP, at St Peter's and St Cuthbert's** . Pray for the joined up work across Northern Lights and for our application(which has to be in this week) for a children and families's worker to head up our plans for church growth

### **Sunday 29** Pray for **9.30am Holy Communion and 11am Family Worship**

- 30 Pray for **Philip as he prepares to go to Malawi on 6th June** with a focus on supporting the Young Offenders Prison work being carried out by Christians in Lilongwe. Pray that we will be able to raise funds to buy sacks of maize to feed them better.
- 31 Pray for the work of ASSIST and the Night Shelter, especially for Nick and Victor as they co-ordinate what happens at Christ Church.



*Remember also those who continue to be unwell or struggling at this particular time: Dorothy Radley, Peggy, Vera, David & Jane Skinner, June, Eileen, Kath Midwood, Irene, Ethel, David and Pat White, Walter, John Newton, Vi Brailsford, Robert Platts and...*

*...and those who have been recently bereaved: Precious and her family on loss of her brother; Iyke also from Nigeria who lost his sister and family and friends like Liam, of Jane Marshall affected by her tragic accident.*

*Please pray throughout the month for those with particular **leadership** roles: **Philip Ireson** as vicar, **Jill Hancock**(Church Army); **Nick Edmondson, Chris Limb, Brian Vivian, Roger Walters, Frances Ireson** as Readers. Wardens (**Derwent, Brian, Howard & John**), **Julie Walters, Huw & Kate Thomas, DAS** and **musicians** leading worship, **Maureen** (admin assistant), **Michael Jude** (treasurer), **David Reid** and **Charlie McQuaid** (Readers in training) **Northern Lights Mission Partnership : administrator Susan Vinall, Rev Monica Sutton** at St Cuthbert's and **Rev Mark Goodhand** at St Peter's*

**Mondays: Prayer in church 6.30-7pm (Singers alternate weeks)**

**Tuesdays: Limb's home group at 7.30pm**

**Wednesdays: Toddler Group in the Welcome Centre Hall 9.30-11.30am**

**Thurs: Communion at 9.45am followed by coffee, chairiobics & Lunch Club, Conversation Club, Fir Vale Food Bank 7pm Community Choir The Sitting Room/ International meal**

**Mon-Fri: Night Shelter**

**Fri/Sat Street Pastors**

**FOCUS: PENTECOST** Between Ascension and Pentecost, we are asked to focus on ten days of prayer across the Diocese. Please pray especially for united act of worship on Ellesmere Green 4pm on Pentecost Sunday, 15th May

**Sunday 1 9.30am Holy Communion and 11am All Age services**

**Teatime worship at 5pm**

- 2 DEAF AWARENESS WEEK Pray for those who find life difficult because of hearing impairment and other communication difficulties. May God help us to speak clearly and to communicate well with each other in spite of the barriers
- 3 Pray for **approval from the Diocesan committee** who meet today about **plans for mending the roof above the war memorial**. Pray that the numerous maintenance jobs can be sorted out and the funds become available .
- 4 Pray for **Nick** leading worship at **Pexton Grange** today and for the **Dementia Welcome Café** which he and others run each Wednesday at The Furnival.
- 5 **ASCENSION DAY** Pray for the **International meal** tonight. Try to think of 5 friends you can pray for intentionally over the next 10 days. Pray for the elections for Brightside MP and local councilors.
- 6 Cuthbert's are holding **24hrs of prayer**. Try to get along at some point in the day or night
- 7 **Bereavement Café** opens from 4-6pm today at the back of church. Pray for Ingrid and her team organizing this and for the adverts to reach the people who can benefit from it.

**Sunday 8 9.30am Holy Communion and 11am Family Worship**

- 9 Pray for **Chocolate Box** for **Jill H, Debbie** and volunteers as they support vulnerable women. Pray for Brian, Margaret, DAS and team leading worship at **Rosebank Nursing Home** this afternoon. Pray for the **new PCC as they meet** in church tonight.
- 10 Pray for local schools especially for those pupils doing **SATs tests and other external exams such as GCSEs and A levels** around now.
- 11 Pray for **Toddler Group** to continue to grow. Praise God for the new mums and tots coming along who are getting more involved and for opportunities to show God's love to those who come

12. Pray for the continued growth of **The Sitting Room** as a place for asylum seekers and church member to relax and socialize together.
13. Pray for **Street Pastors** as they work around Burngreave and Page Hall on Friday evenings and in the City Centre on Saturday nights.
- 14 Thank God for the ministry of Readers in the Church of England and for the 204 Readers in Sheffield Diocese as they **celebrate 150 years of Reader ministry** at the Cathedral this afternoon

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK FROM 15TH –21ST MAY**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY 15 9.30am Holy Communion and 11am Family Worship**

**Today we will be celebrating Pentecost on Ellesmere Green from 4pm** with a service and a picnic together with neighbouring churches. Pray for Rev John Hibberd and all those involved. Pray for fine weather. (Charlie and David R at Reader training today)

- 16 Pray for **neighbourhood groups** to help build our diverse community. Pray for the **Neighbourhood Watch** group (meeting tonight), **TARA, Richard our local police officer and others like Spaces and YWCA** working with vulnerable groups around Pitsmoor
- 17 Pray for **GIG (Grow In God) group** tonight and **John O'Brian** as he leads it along with Philip, Frances and, Jane. Pray too for members of **St Philip's Order** who are joining us to encourage older teenagers to join a cell group to develop their discipleship.
- 18 Pray for the **Men's Group and After Eight Group** (for ladies) who both meet tonight.
- 19 Pray for those who come to the **Sitting Room** and those who help run it. Praise God that it has provided a valuable space for people moving into Pitsmoor to find a listening ear, to relax and to find help with issues that have been causing anxiety.
- 20 Pray for **Yvonne** and team at the **SAFAR shop** in Crookes. Also as she helps lead **After Eight** in church this evening.
- 21 Pray for the **Christian Aid Walk** around the three parishes of Northern Lights. TEDX talks in church will invite people from around Sheffield to into our church. Pray that they will find it a welcoming place.

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