

## ***Prayer Diary, February 2012, Trinity Churches***

*Wed 1* Pray for an open and responsive heart to the 'Ready, Steady, Go' letter sent out to the church in January. That members would own the vision and put into practice James' exhortation to 'walk the talk'. Pray for those who have signed up to take part in the guided prayer during Lent. That their's would be a journey made truly in the Lord's company. When God is at work, we know that there will be opposition. Pray for the protection of our church buildings and property. Pray for the team serving at today's Radbrook Community tea.

*Thu 2* Pray that all those on the 'Y'-course will not just find answers, but will find a God who deals with them gently and pours out His grace upon them. For Maria, Phil and the team in their preparations. Pray for those church members whose spiritual home is the Thursday communion service in church. For meeting God through their fellowship together. Pray for 'First Steps', meeting with pre-school children and their carers on Radbrook. That for many their first steps would be following God's way.

*Fri 3* Pray for the senior citizens meeting in the Meet Place today for 'Bible and Bingo'. Pray that the message may be just right for each of them and that they would all have fun together. Pray for all the hard work going into the planning of the Church Weekend away at Cefn Lea, in July. For those still unsure about booking to go. For speaker Martin Cavendar. For the staff of Cefn Lea in their ministry to the many other groups who use the venue. Pray with thanks for the many people who bless us with musical talents through our many worship teams.

*Sat 4* Pray for the Street Pastors movement and its national parent charity the Ascension Trust. For the 18 trained volunteers, working in Shrewsbury, and for the seeds sown already in their sessions prior to Christmas. For Ian Horne in his oversight of the project. Pray for those attending today's New Wine training day, for prayer for healing. Pray for all who go out to administer Holy Communion at our residential and nursing homes, The Ferns, Maesbrook and Radbrook, and for those who take out Home Communion. For the residents in each of those places.

*Sun 5* As members of the Church in the Meet Place meet today for their monthly service, pray for them and for Simon and Kim Mason, as they minister to folk on the Estate. Pray that this beacon of light and hope may be kindled into a mighty flame for God's Kingdom in that area, fanned by the 'cloud of witnesses' represented by church members over the years. Pray for a refreshing encouragement for members of Christ the King as they continue to search and pray for the right person to lead the ministry in the Radbrook area.

*Mon 6* Pray for Steve Kelly and his work with the River Church in Dawley, and for his recent appointment as Assistant Area Dean of Telford Deanery. Pray for Steve and Area Dean Andy Smith as they are Commissioned this evening at a service at Meeting Point House in Telford. Please keep Andy and Steve in your prayers as they take up their new responsibility. Pray for the youngsters of Trinity Tots and their leaders, meeting at the Trinity Centre today. Pray that the Radbrook Quest Club, meeting today, might reach out to members and staff at the school. Give thanks for all those who work with our local young people as the Youth Oversight Group meet today.

*Tue 7* Pray for the opportunities that present themselves through conversations and meetings at the Open Coffee morning and Trinity Table, as the community join together at these events. Pray for all those who are training for lay and ordained ministry, remembering Ana Lawrence, Maria Smith and Shirley Stevens. That they may know, without limit, God's

sustaining, strengthening, equipping and encouragement as they step out of their comfort zones for Him.

*Wed 8* Pray for Charles Ruxton and the team leading the 'Beer and Spirit' session tonight. That through difficult questions they would glimpse the simple truths of God's unfailing love and faithfulness. Pray for the ongoing work and equipping of Shrewsbury Youth for Christ, as the team lead a yr 11 focus day at Meole Brace School today. Pray for the small group, Wednesday Welcome, meeting today and on 22nd, "Exploring God's Mercy", through images of salvation in the Bible. Pray blessing through the work of TMAC as the management team meet today, that good ideas would flow. Pray that the team members will hear God's call and be renewed in body, mind and spirit to bless others, for the glory of Christ. Pray for Denise Angus, TMAC's benefits champion, as she works with clients to ensure they receive their full financial entitlement.

*Thu 9* Continue to lift the leadership of CTK as they meet for prayer this evening. Bless their time together with fruitful answers to prayer. Pray for all our wardens, Keith and David at CTK, Andy and Gary at Holy Trinity. Pray safety and wisdom for the work of Marc and Helen Gallagher, working with World Horizons in Niger. For the people and leaders of Niger and Aid Agencies working there. Pray a great time for today's Family Feast "Love your neighbour". Give thanks for the great team leading this ministry.

*Fri 10* Pray for those meeting in Friday Flourish, a group of young mums joining together for fellowship in the Trinity Centre. Pray for the young children and for Judith Clarkson and the team as they teach the Little Buds church in the main building. Pray for conversations and opportunities in the various 'Meet the vicar' sessions. For the Cansdale family, Phil, Tracey, Lottie, Hamish and Barney, that they would continue to grow with us in the Lord and be blessed, as they themselves bless us.

*Sat 11* Pray for Catherine McBride as she approaches the time to move to Surrey. For facilitation in the practical issues of moving. Pray for her as she comes to terms with the transition from training curate to an incumbent with her own 'patch'. Pray for the church members preparing to work with her in Hambledon. Pray for the church's work with the bereaved and for those families who have recently lost loved ones, and for all who still mourn a loss, the anniversary of which falls at this time of year.

*Sun 12* Pray for the members and leadership of the 9am congregation, especially for its plans to formally start a crèche. Pray for the members of young families who attend this service. Pray for the team working with young families on Radbrook Green through the monthly Refresh(CTK) sessions in the Community Hall. Pray for the work of the Ark, its volunteers, its manager and the families it works with. For all who do not have a permanent place to live. Pray for today's Marriage Launch event for couples getting married in Holy Trinity this year. Pray for those couples and their preparations for weddings this year.

*Mon 13* Pray for the special and valuable conversations that take place through the weekly Office hour, as staff meet members of the community. Pray for all who work with people with learning difficulties, remembering the work of York House at Bayston Hill and the Causeway group meeting in Holy Trinity. That they would share a precious and enjoyable time together. For Ian Langstaff and the team who lead them in worship. Pray refreshment and rest for children and teachers alike during this week's half term break. Pray also for Judith Clarkson and Carol Booles, in their respective ministries with children and pre-school groups.

*Tue 14* Pray for seeds to be sown and watered at the Radbrook open Youth Club. For wisdom for those who lead. To know the right words and the right time to speak them. Pray for Church in the Meet Place leadership team as they ask for wisdom as they explore the formation of a mid-week worshipping community and a healing prayer ministry on the estate.

*Wed 15* Pray for the outreach of Cafe Connect, manager Ollie Abbott and the super team of volunteers. Pray that God would continue to make the Cafe an open channel of His love and grace, bringing peace and encouragement through the meetings and conversation that take place there. Pray for a growing togetherness at the monthly Village afternoon tea. For the ministry team who serve and prepare. Pray for Valerie Pitt and Charles Ruxton in their respective and unique ministries in our joint journey to bring in the Kingdom.

*Thu 16* Pray for an increase in the many opportunities for personal and corporate prayer in our fellowships. That we may each grow through prayer as we seek to join in with Jesus as He intercedes for us. Pray for the many who are blessed and released through the work of the Celebrate Recovery sessions. Pray for the 3Gs – God’s Growing Group- as they meet every Thursday, this term using a course on “sharing faith with children”. Pray that we may all share our faith with one child this month.

*Fri 17* Pray that today's 'Bible and Bingo' might be the means that many in our circles of community would take steps towards faith this coming year. Pray for all those areas of our world that are still struggling to recover lives and homes, following natural disaster. For all churches that seek to be agents for support and rebuilding in these areas. Pray for those in the horn of Africa, struggling to feed their families and water their lands.

*Sat 18* Pray for the work of the Hospice movement and the peace and comfort that it gives many people, particularly remembering the Severn Hospice. Pray for Harry Edwards and the chaplaincy team. For the staff and volunteers. For the patients themselves. Pray for those who work in the church office, Isabel, Gloria and Annette, and also the many who help out at different times. That they would know God's presence and reflect His character through their contacts with the community. Pray for Kevin Lawrence and the many tasks he juggles in his role as Operations Manager.

*Sun 19* Pray for the leaders and membership of the 10.45 congregation. Pray for the group who meet pre-service - or perhaps join them! Give thanks for our Lay readers, Gareth, Kevin and Martin and pray that God would continue to raise up servants for training in this area of ministry. In this vein pray for today's 'Re-invigorate' session on preaching, giving thanks for preachers, that they may continually be renewed and refreshed.

*Mon 20* Pray for Chaplain David Farley and all who serve in any capacity in the prison. For volunteers who go in to help, for the SORI and 'Circles' schemes and for the prisoners themselves. That God might come along each of them through these many contacts. Pray for each of our Small Groups, as people draw closer to God and each other and their faith begins to blossom. Pray for our church treasurer, Jill Withington and all who are involved in the Standing & Finance committee. Give thanks for some wise decisions and good work last year. Pray for them as they continue to discern God's direction in the stewardship of our resources.

*Tue 21* Pray for our CMS mission link, Jill Ball, working with the disabled and disadvantaged in Ecuador. Particularly pray for the development of the work with abused

women. For the right person or persons to head up this vital work. For Jill's appointment as leader of the Prayer, Worship and Service Direction Ministries. Pray for the ongoing work of the Trinity Centre. For manager Helen Hinton and her team of welcomers, cleaners and others who contribute to the smooth running of this important community service.

*Wed 22* As Lent begins today on Ash Wednesday, may each of us seek God's guidance as to how we spend this important lead up to Easter. That we would create time in our diaries to spend with Him who so longs to give us good things. Pray for those who begin their guided prayer journey today, for Lent. For members, in their 20s and 30s, who come to church or have contact with us. That deepening of relationship with God and each other would continue. Pray for those who serve on our PCC and DCCs.

*Thu 23* Pray for the leaders and children at 'Open the Book Explored', an after school club for Meole Brace primary school children. Pray that God, by His Spirit, would reach out through the leaders of Trinity Youth Club, to the young people meeting on Thursday evenings.

*Fri 24* Pray for continued enjoyment and outreach through the Open Mic session tonight. Pray for Will and Tania Morris and Phil and Tracey Cansdale as they prepare to lead the Marriage MOT event on 3rd March, and for those who have signed up. Pray for anyone whose marriage is going through difficult times, particularly at a time when many struggle with financial decisions.

*Sat 25* Pray for the work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide, the Barnabas Trust and Open Doors as they reach out to Christians persecuted in many areas of the world. Pray for the country of Nigeria and its Christian president, Goodluck Jonathan. Pray for the Pat Wedge bursary students, studying at the school in Fiwila. For the trustees of the Shropshire Fiwila Partnership, as they make decisions for the future support of the school.

*Sun 26* Pray for the members and leaders of the 6.30 pm congregation. For local schools, Meole Brace and Priory Secondary, and Meole and Radbrook Primary, and for all teachers and those who serve as school governors. Pray for those who lead Christian Unions at school. Pray protection for youngsters who speak out for their faith in schools.

*Mon 27* Pray for all who work to highlight issues of Justice and Fair Trade as today is the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight. Pray for the exploitation of child labour to be reduced and for legislation to reduce tax evasion by large international companies.

*Tue 28* Pray for leaders of O3 and Pathfinders. For wisdom in teaching and encouraging young minds to follow Christ and not be distracted by worldly pressures to conform. Continue to pray for CTK's CMS mission link, the Currans, as David recovers from hip surgery and as they seek to hear God's voice for their future ministry in Pakistan. Pray for the many tensions and conflicts in Pakistan and its neighbouring countries. Pray for the country's leaders.

*Wed 29* Pray for those on the 'Sharing faith with your children' course, which started last week, seeking to improve the confidence of parents and carers of children aged 0-12 to communicate faith. Pray for today's Lent lunch as people share time and food, and raise funds in aid of Bishop's Lent appeal for CPAS work with young people at home and abroad. Pray for those meeting today for Worship & Waiting.

*Thank you for praying*

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