



PRAYER DIARY 2015

# Please pray regularly:

for our Church in all its aspects and for our community, both local and wider.

'Prayer is where the action is'

John Wesley



# On persevering prayer:

'I look at a stone cutter hammering away at a rock a hundred times without so much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the 101st blow it splits in two. I know it was not the one blow that did it, but all that had gone before'

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#### All Saints' Vision

To live with Jesus, like Jesus, for Jesus

#### Our aim is to be:

- a Christ-centred Church
- a God trusting Church
- a Biblical Church
- a Gracious Church
- a Spirit-filled Church
- a Church that reaches out to the community

#### We seek to do this:

by bringing people to Christ and helping them to belong to the church, by helping one another to grow more like Jesus and by being equipped for our ministry in the church and our mission in the world,

- in order that God will be worshipped as he deserves.

# All Saints' Goals

- 1. We will continue with, but go beyond, Alpha, to reach those parts of the parish we are not currently reaching with the good news of Christ.
- 2. To help every member of All Saints to grow as a disciple of Christ, and use their gifts in the promotion of the Gospel.
- 3. To ensure that our church life, including our corporate worship, is increasingly open to the work of the Holy Spirit.

# **Weekly prayer cycle:**

#### **SUNDAYS:**

For John Kirkland, our Vicar.

For all our housegroups, and for all members of housegroups who can't get to the meetings.

For the fulfilment of All Saints' Vision [see inside front cover].

#### **MONDAYS:**

For Ruth Ackroyd, our NSM Associate Minister.

For 'Minis' as they meet on Monday and Friday mornings, and 'Dinkies' as they meet on Monday afternoons. Pray for the leaders and for all who come – children and adults.

#### **TUESDAYS:**

For Sam Durdant-Hollamby our Youth Pastor, his wife Katy and baby Eva. Also for Peri Nightingale, our Schools Drama Worker.

For those preparing services and sermons for next Sunday that they will be listening to the Holy Spirit, in order to bring God's word to the Church.

Please pray also for All Saints' Goal No. 1 [see inside front cover].

#### **WEDNESDAYS:**

For Helen Ellis, our Families work co-ordinator, and leader of Messy Church, Minis & Dinkies.

For the Alpha and Beta meetings tomorrow; for all guests, leaders and helpers, and for the catering.

Please pray also for All Saints' Goal No. 2 [see inside front cover).

#### **THURSDAYS:**

For Helen Dymond, our Church Administrator; also for Chantal Proctor on adoption leave.

For the Senior Residents group as they meet this afternoon. Pray for Rene Peters and the leaders and for all who come.

Also for Elaine Hemmings and the other music leaders as they lead this aspect of our worship each week. For the Music Group as they practise tonight and for the Youth Band.

#### **FRIDAYS:**

For Christina Beveridge, our Church Centre Manager.

For all visiting that will take place in the next week – to the sick and bereaved and for thanksgivings, baptisms and weddings.

Please pray also for All Saints' Goal No. 3 [see inside front cover].

#### **SATURDAYS:**

For the services tomorrow. Pray that we will all come expecting to meet with God.

Also for the children's groups as they meet tomorrow morning and for all the youth work taking place next week.



# **Monthly Prayer cycle:**

# **Day 1** Give thanks and pray for:

the Kirkland family, John, Kate, Rachel, Peter, Helen, Ian and Charli.

the residents of Hoole Rd, Woodfield Grove, Mannings Lane South & Ivy Mews.

our 'Alpha' Courses and 'Beta' groups [follow up groups from Alpha] running throughout the year;

for Ron and Helen Glenn, our Alpha co-ordinators.

for all the *Alpha* and *Beta* group leaders.

for the courses in other churches in the area.

Bob and Pam Toan working in Cambodia with Interserve.

### Day 2 Give thanks and pray for:

Vicki Bulgin, Ron Davies, Bill Holt and Jeff Turnbull our Readers; for Jeff in his demanding job as Diocesan Director of Education.

the residents of Sefton Rd, Greenbank Rd, Fairfield Drive, Knowsley Rd & Charlton Court.

pre-school children in the Parish.

for local projects to help the vulnerable in our community:

- the CAP Debt Centre with Jen Wilson as the manager and Kathryn Jones as our All Saints rep.
- the Credit Union, and Steve Tynegate in his role in this
- the Foodbank based at Wesley Methodist Church
- provision for the homeless, especially for Chester Aid to the Homeless [CATH].
- the Chester Women's Refuge and all who help the women and children who go there, often in distressing circumstances, to rebuild their lives.

# **Day 3** Give thanks and pray for:

Vicki Bulgin and Steve Tynegate our Church Wardens, and for Charles Simkiss, Ian Speechley and Julie Tynegate our Assistant Wardens.

the residents of Knowsley Court, Leahurst Close, Shavington Ave, Oaklea Ave & Elmwood Ave.

Andy Creeth's Homegroup [Wed eve].

- all school children in the Parish; also for Paul North and the team in their work with the Chester Schools Christian Work Project as they work with children in local secondary schools;
  - for Paul North in his part time role as Chaplain at Bishop's High School;
  - also for Andy Avery and others in their work in Chester Primary schools.

# Day 4 Give thanks and pray for:

the Advisory Group [John Kirkland, Ruth Ackroyd, Vicki Bulgin, John Chester, Sam Durdant-Hollamby, Jim Ellis, Rick Hemmings, Fiona Jones, Steve Tynegate] as they seek to discern and help implement God's will for All Saints.

the residents of Newton Lane, Kilmorey Park, Kilmorey Park Ave & Kilmorey Park Rd.

Catherine Willetts' Homegroup [Tuesday evenings].

all the activities which take place on the church premises during the course of a week and those from outside the Church who come in to the Church or the Centre.

# **Day 5** Give thanks and pray for:

members of the PCC in their responsibility for the running of the church. They are: John Kirkland, Ruth Ackroyd, John Chester, Vicki Bulgin, Roy Greenwood, Steve Tynegate, Paul Barnfather, Stephen Batchelor, Reg Bolton, Adam Christopher, Lyn Collins, Jim Ellis, Carole Frost, Rick Hemmings, Bill Holt, Kathryn Jones, Charles Simkiss, Laura Walker, Ken Wood.

PCC Secretary—Alex Lewis

the residents of Woodlands Drive, Fieldway & Sandileigh.

those working in shops and businesses in the Parish.

those in our congregation with disabilities and specific needs and those who are terminally or chronically ill.

Also for 'LifeNow' - the vision to set up a Centre in the North-West for young adults with life-limiting, life-threatening and end-of-life conditions. For David Cottier as our link with this project.

### **Day 6** Give thanks and pray for:

the Prayer Ministry team and for the development of this ministry. For John Benson as he oversees this.

the residents of Flookersbrook, Ashby Place & Old Hall Gardens.

the welcome team, as they greet people each Sunday and all those involved in our 'welcome programme' – welcome lunches, etc. and for all of us to play our part in welcoming people week by week.

single parents bringing up children alone.

### **Day 7** Give thanks and pray for:

- 'Messy Church' meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.
- for the planning team: Helen Ellis, Steve Tynegate, Debbie Wood, Margaret Bell, Angie Underhill, Alex Lewis and Ann Kitchin.

the residents of Springfield Drive, Halkyn Rd & Ermine Rd.

Pam Male's Homegroup [Wednesday mornings].

those living alone. Particularly remember those who are alone for the first time as a result of divorce or bereavement.

# **Day 8** Give thanks and pray for:

Helen Ellis and the rest of the team as they lead 'Minis' (Monday and Friday mornings) and 'Dinkies' (Monday afternoons), for Helen as she leads the once a month 'Toddler Praise'. Also all the other helpers. Pray for all the children who come and for their parents / carers.

the residents of West St, South Ave & Gresford Ave.

Christina Beveridge's Homegroup [Wednesday afternoons].

the impact of the Churches' input into the local "Hoole Roundabout".

#### Day 9 Give thanks and pray for:

all who visit people on behalf of the Church.

the residents of Brookside Terrace & Waverley Terrace.

the hoteliers and for visitors to the many guesthouses and hotels in the area.

the elderly and housebound of the Parish.

#### Day 10 Give thanks and pray for:

the Church Centre Support Group as they seek to support Christina and look for God's direction in developing the Centre.

the residents of Lightfoot St & Thomas Brassey Close.

families who have contact with the church through the thanksgiving or baptism of their children, and for John and Ruth as they visit these families beforehand. Pray for the development of this ministry.

those caring for relatives and friends who are elderly, sick or have specific needs or disabilities.

### Day 11 Give thanks and pray for:

the preaching and teaching ministry in the Church, and for the development of the church's mentoring programme.

the residents of Phillip St, Tomkinson St & Pickering St.

those coming into contact with the church through funerals and those who have recently been bereaved. For John, Ruth, John Patterson, Ron & Vicki as they take funerals and meet with bereaved families.

the congregation of the United Reformed Church as they are without a minister. Also for John Kingsley [from URC], Senior Chaplain at the Countess and Ellesmere Port Hospitals.

### **Day 12 Give thanks and pray for:**

Rick Hemmings as he co-ordinates the Homegroups and for the team of Homegroup Leaders: Ruth Ackroyd & Vicki Bulgin, Alex Black, John & Anita Benson, Christina Beveridge, John & Ann Chester, Andy Creeth, Rick & Elaine Hemmings, Pam Male, Steve & Julie Tynegate and Catherine Willetts.

the residents of William St, Prescot St & Edna St.

our Church School, Hoole C of E Primary School

- their headteacher Cheryl Bullen and the staff and children.
- John Kirkland, Fiona Jones and Steve Tynegate as they act as Foundation Governors on behalf of the Church.

Glyn Jones and the Light Project team in their work in Chester and with local churches. Also for 'Night Church', led by Gill Reeve meeting fortnightly at St Peter's Church in the city centre.

### Day 13 Give thanks and pray for:

Dawne Rendell and all the members of the Care Group as they respond to requests for practical help.

the residents of Walker St, School St, & Ashtree Court.

John & Anita Benson's Homegroup [Thursday evenings].

students and staff at the University of Chester.

- for the Christian witness on campus through the Christian Union and the Chapel.
- for Peter Jenner, Dean of Chapel; Ian Dellinger, Chaplain of Warrington Campus; Gaz Thomas, Robert Clack and the other associate chaplains [including Ruth] and the Chaplaincy Team (incl Vicki).

## Day 14 Give thanks and pray for:

the All Age Worship team – Elaine, Ruth and Sam, plus other helpers, as they plan and prepare the All Age Worship Services through the year.

the residents of Derby Place, Bishopfields Court & Faulkner St.

Our annual Church weekend in Cloverley Hall; for Vicki as she organises this, and for our speaker that he will bring just the right words for us at the time.

- April 24th—26th 2015; speaker Rob Whittaker.

the teenagers in the church, and for the development of youth work in the church.

- Pathfinders Sundays; Leaders: Peri, Rachel Collier, Matt and Becky Hilsden and Matt Henshaw.
- Franks [14-18s], Leaders: Sam and Peri.
- 'Awakening', the youth service on the 1st Sunday evening each month.
- 'Big Time Youth Café' on Tuesday afternoons.

## **Day 15 Give thanks and pray for:**

'C Café on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday lunchtimes for BSF and Thursdays. For Penny Pallet as manager and Sheila Greenwood and Laura Walker as they manage this, and for all the volunteer helpers.

the residents of Stone Place, Law St & Westminster Rd.

the congregation of the Baptist church & their Pastor, Andy Glover.

All Saints' Craft Club, run by Sheila, which meets on Friday afternoons.

### Day 16 Give thanks and pray for:

John Kirkland, in his writing for "Grapevine", our internal newssheet, each month.

the residents of Signal Court, James Place, Matthew Close & Mark Close.

Anne de Reybekill in her work both with the MemberCare Network with Interserve in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and in a consultancy role for Scripture Union.

*'Sunday at 6'* - as we continue to explore an alternative evening service once a month

#### Day 17 Give thanks and pray for:

all those who keep the Church, the Centre and the grounds clean and tidy.

the residents of Hamilton St, Ward's Terrace & Hoole Park.

Ruth & Vicki's Homegroup [Wednesday evenings].

those in our congregation who teach, or who are teaching assistants.

#### Day 18 Give thanks and pray for:

the development and effectiveness of our Church website.

the residents of Panton Rd, Panton Place, Sumpter Pathway & Hewitt St.

Steve & Julie's Homegroup [Wednesday evenings].

the congregation of Hamilton Street Methodist Church and their minister David Ray.

## Day 19 Give thanks and pray for:

the children, and children's work in the Church.

- For Stephen & Cathy Batchelor, our Sunday Club Co-ordinators and leaders, and for the other leaders of the Children's groups:
- *Scramblers* Sarah Cornes, Rachael Guinness, Cathy Batchelor and Katie Millard, assisted by

Suzanne Christopher.

- *Climbers* Geoff Collins, Stephen Batchelor and Charlotte Davenport.
- Explorers Andrew Creeth, Rob Collier, Lyn Collins.
- *All Together Sunday* Stephen and Cathy Batchelor
- Also for the 'Rainbows' group on Tuesdays.

the residents of Vicarage Rd, Gosforth Place & Burges St.

Fathers Groups inc. *Who Let the Dads Out?* Leader Ben Waugh [HBC], helped by Helen Ellis, serving in the kitchen.

### Day 20 Give thanks and pray for:

Roy Greenwood, our Treasurer, Bill Morgan (Honorary Accountant), those responsible for counting the collection and recording the giving each week, the Finance Committee and for us that we may give as God has given to us. Also for a new treasurer to replace Roy when he steps down.

the residents of Clare Ave, Laurel Grove, Lime Grove & Beech Grove.

those working in the 'caring professions' - social workers, doctors and nurses etc, especially those in our own congregation.

the B-It theatre Groups, Sam and Peri as they lead these, and also their teams.

### **Day 21 Give thanks and pray for:**

those leading Marriage Preparation Days; Paul and Michaela Barnfather, Sam and Katy Durdant-Hollamby and Neil and Fiona Jones.

also for those who come into contact with the church through weddings. For John Kirkland & Ruth as they take the weddings and meet with the wedding couples.

the residents of Housesteads Drive, Melkridge Close, Longburgh Close & Houghton Close.

The Tuesday morning Homegroup. Contact person - Rene Peters.

the CWAC Street Pastors, headed up by Mike Meynell [QSCC]. Pray for those in our congregation involved in this ministry [Steve Tynegate, Sarah Cornes, Carole Henshaw, Jim Ellis, Ken Wood].

#### Day 22 Give thanks and pray for:

the Building Committee chaired by Ken Wood as they look after the fabric of the Church and Centre.

the residents of Canadian Ave & Hoole Lane.

#### our Ethiopian links:

- Tesso & Yacob teaching in Mekane Yesus seminary in Addis;
- Bekure in the Head Office Women's Department & heading up our projects
- Demewoz teaching computer skills in Hossana seminary; pray for God's will for Demewoz's future work & location
- for Darara at Addis University & Israel at Awassa University,
- for Loza, Tekledilot and Aksan (yrs 11, 9 & 4; all doing well at school in Addis
- Wogayehu (now ordained) [and Addise, now in the US]
- also for the 5 year project for 18 women studying in Higher Education, that they may work hard, understand well & that heart knowledge of Jesus may keep up with academic theology.
- for all the microfinance projects; that the local communities of women will save money, understand training in running a business & work together effectively & creatively to start and sustain small businesses.

## Day 23 Give thanks and pray for:

the Catering Team, those who serve drinks on a Sunday morning, and those who make biscuits for Sunday mornings. Pray for Sheila Greenwood, Debbie Wood and Penny Pallett in their various roles.

the residents of Bridge Court, Wycliffe Court & Bishopsgate.

'Costa del ---' our 'Holiday at Home activities' for the elderly. Pray for Sheila Greenwood, Pam Male, Elaine Hemmings and Nicky Pickering as they organise these activities for 2015

the residents of Lightfoot Lodge, Lightways Women's Hostel and Crawfords Walk Nursing Home and those who care for them.

#### Day 24 Give thanks and pray for:

the Office Assistants:, Michaela Barnfather, Ann Chester, Helen Glenn, Elaine Hemmings, Pat Pawson and Hilary Shergold.

the residents of Oaktree Court, Ashwood Court, Chestnut Close & Myrtle Grove.

Elaine & Rick Hemming's Homegroup [Wednesday evenings].

The 'Chester Deo Gratias Choir' conducted by Vicki, which meets in Church on Tuesday evenings.

### Day 25 Give thanks and pray for:

our various Church prayer meetings: 'Open to God', 'Pause for prayer', 'Thursday lunchtime prayer', 'Alpha Prayer breakfast' as we meet to listen to God and to pray.

the residents of Hornbeam Close, Hoole Gardens, Myrica Grove & Juniper Court.

John & Ann Chester's Homegroup [Wednesday evenings].

the residents of Tower House and those who seek to help them to rehabilitate their lives.

### Day 26 Give thanks and pray for:

the Wider Church Committee chaired by Bill Holt and for a spirit of partnership with the World Church.

the residents of Rowan Place, Aspen Way & Alder Grove.

our Bishops, Peter Forster (Chester), Keith Sinclair (Birkenhead), Libby Lane (Stockport); our Rural Dean Paul Dawson, Archdeacons Mike Gilbertson [Chester] and Ian Bishop [Macclesfield].

our local councillors, especially Alex Black from All Saints, as they seek to serve a very varied community with many different needs.

### **Day 27** Give thanks and pray for:

Christina Beveridge and Katherine Perkins, who arrange flowers in the Church week by week.

the residents of Cedar Drive, Cedar Grove, Maple Grove & Pipers Court.

those who are responsible for Safeguarding in the Church: John Patterson and Suzanne Christopher.

students and staff at the Law College and West Cheshire College.

#### **Day 28 Give thanks and pray for:**

all those who operate the Sound system and 'Easy Worship'.

the residents of Pine Grove, Linden Grove, Willow Cresc & Willow Grove.

Standing Committee [John Kirkland, Alex Lewis, Vicki Bulgin, Roy Greenwood & Steve Tynegate] as it meets on the first Monday of each month.

St Michael's Church. For their Vicar, Rob Peters; Curate, Patches Chabala; and for the Readers. Also for Graham Shaw the Vicar of Christ Church, Newtown.

# Day 29 Give thanks and pray for:

those who serve in the crèche on a Sunday morning: Dominic Cadman with Jane Ashford, Margaret Bell, Ceri Crichton, Peter Fitzpatrick, Helen Foden, Katie Millard, Kristina Stacey, Nicky Warrell.

the residents of Park Drive, Park Drive South, Bellard Drive & Carlton Place.

Link Up' – an inter-denominational link with other evangelical Churches in Chester incorporating '@ the Throne' - a celebration service, Reach Counselling, Ministers & Youth Ministers' retreats, 'Options' – a pregnancy advisory service, etc.

those whose jobs are very responsible and involve a lot of time and energy. Pray for wisdom in the decisions they have to make. Pray also for those who are unemployed from the Church and the parish.

### Day 30 Give thanks and pray for:

those members of the congregation living outside the parish, some of whom travel considerable distances to join in Sunday and other activities.

the residents of Pipers Lane & Crossley Cresc.

the many visitors who come to our services, that they will find Christ and grow in faith.

Chester Bible Focus – an opportunity to hear well-known speakers explain God's word at greater depth.

### Day 31 Give thanks and pray for:

Bible Study Fellowship (International). The Chester group meets in Church on Wednesday mornings. Pray for the leaders and for all the women who attend.

the working together of the four Hoole Churches as they seek to spread the gospel in Hoole.

the previous clergy of All Saints in their current ministries or retirement. Also for Jon Phillips, Cyd with James, Edmund and Molly as Jon serves as Curate at St Mark's Saltney and at St Peter's at The Cross.

the residents of Kings Court Nursing Home, Hoole House and Darley Cottage, and those who care for them. Also for the elderly living in warden-aided accommodation and for those who care for them.

