



## **Pray for our Parish ~ March 2018**

### **Robert & Carole**

- That Robert will be a support and comfort to those who are suffering ill health and to those who have been bereaved following the deaths of a number of church members in recent weeks
- Give thanks for a good evening at "Rev Rob's Karaoke and Pancake Night" at the Swan
- Continue to pray for the Lent Sermon Series based on 40 Acts (<https://40acts.org.uk>)
- Please pray for Robert & Carole as they attend the New Wine National Leaders Conference
- Pray for Robert as he starts preparations for the Easter services
- For Carole as she continues to seek God's will for her future ministry

### **Jim & Brenda**

- Please pray for Jim in his ministry both in the church and in the Fire Brigade where he has the role of Chaplain
- Pray for Brenda in her constant support for Jim, and her ministry within the church

### **Churchwardens, PCC Members, Church Administrator (and PCC Secretary), PCC Treasurer & Verger**

- Please pray for Paul and Caroline, Rachel, Mike and Sandra, the deputy wardens and all members of the PCC and Deanery Synod in their various responsibilities within the church. Please pray for God's protection and inspiration, for good health, wisdom, energy, enthusiasm and a close walk with the Lord
- Please pray for our next PCC meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March
- Please pray particularly for Rachel and Mike with all the extra work required leading up to the APCM on 29<sup>th</sup> April

### **Finance**

- Please pray for Karen Hall as she commences her work in the preparation of the Statement of Accounts for 2017
- Please continue to pray for the appointment of a new Treasurer to replace Mike at the APCM in April when reluctantly he will have to stand down

### **Youth & Children's Work**

- Give thanks for a successful Half Term Holiday Club with 22 children attending and pray that they will continue their journey of faith
- Please continue to pray for the new youth groups on Thursday and Friday evenings and that more children and young people may be inspired to join the groups and that they will come to know Jesus as a friend
- Please continue to pray for Sarah and Ruth as they lead a team of volunteers for the new children's groups and for Ruth who also oversees Sunday Seekers
- Please pray for more volunteers to come forward for each of our children's groups

- Please pray for the ongoing plans relating to the recruitment of a Children and Families Worker to start after Easter
- Please pray for the team organising the Ivers Family Fun Day on 7th July
- Pray that the work scheduled to fix the cross on top of the Bellcote at St Leonard's can go ahead and will be a success
- Please pray that the Fabric Committee can find a mutually convenient time to meet to discuss a number of tasks needing immediate attention

## **IET**

- Please continue to pray for wisdom, energy and unity for the Trustees; Paul Rawlings, Caroline Press, Graham Blinco and Robert Gooding
- Please pray for Rachel as she finalises the Year End Accounts
- Please pray that the Trustees can find a date they can all make for the Trustee meeting

## **Mission**

- This month's Mission Focus is the Church Army

## **Pastoral Concerns**

- Please pray for the homeless people sleeping rough on our streets. May they find warmth and shelter, comfort and love. May more shelters be available in order that they can get back on their feet again
- As we enjoy the warmth and comfort of our own homes, may we remember those who are living in damp and sub standard homes waiting for a new dwelling that will not cause their families and themselves to be unwell
- Pray for those planning new homes that they will cater for all ages and for those who are single as well as in families

## **Sarah Smith**

- Sarah has been put forward, by the DDO for a Bishops Advisory Panel in May. Sarah is excited but also nervous, please pray that the advisors and Sarah will feel God's presence guiding them through the process with His wisdom and love and that after the Panel, Sarah will feel spiritually uplifted regardless of the outcome

## **Thanksgiving and Future Events**

- Give thanks for a very successful Wedding Fair on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, raising £853 for general church funds and also for a well received 'Celebration of Marriage' service on 4th February
- Please also pray for:
  - Cameo on 3<sup>rd</sup> March
  - Walk Through the Bible on 10<sup>th</sup> March
  - Tea Chat and Company on 13<sup>th</sup> March
  - Engaged Couples Weekend on 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> March
  - Our Easter services