



Pray for our Parish ~ January 2018

Robert & Carole

- Please give thanks for sustaining Robert (and others) during the busy but rewarding Christmas period in Church and for an enjoyable Christmas and Boxing Day for Robert and Carole spent with different members of the family
- Please give thanks for an enjoyable few days away for Robert and Carole after Christmas. Please continue to pray for Robert and Carole for wisdom in their time management
- Please pray for Robert as he oversees the Alpha Course and for Carole as she co-hosts

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), Youth Worker, 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 and joyful walk with the Lord as we start a New Year.

Finance

- Praise the Lord and give Him the thanks and glory for the wondrous gifts received following Pledge Sunday which have enabled us to achieve a balanced budget for 2018 and an estimated breakeven situation for this year
- Pray for wisdom and a generous heart that the PCC will use these gifts wisely to further God's Kingdom in this place
- Pray for those involved in the preparation of the end of year accounts for 2017 and the search for an independent examiner to verify the accounts
- Please pray that a member of the congregation will come forward to replace Mike as Treasurer before the APCM in April

Youth & Children's Work

- Give thanks for a successful Christmas Messy Church on 3rd December and All Age Christmas Praise at 4pm on Christmas Eve, with SO many children in church
- Please pray for the leaders and members of the youth groups formerly known as Gap and Synergy as they undergo significant change this month and especially for Sarah Smith and Ruth White who will have oversight (respectively) for each of these groups
Please pray also for Ruth in her oversight of Sunday Seekers
- Please continue to pray for John and Vanessa as they adjust to a new way of life now that John is no longer working in Iver, other than in relation to the Ivers Family Fun Day
- Please pray for the planning for the Holiday Club in the February Half Term, which Carole and Robert will be coordinating
- Please pray for the initial 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

Fabric

- Please pray for the Fabric Committee as they meet mid January and as they continue work on various tasks at both churches
- As the report from the Quinquennial inspection at St Leonard's is still awaited, please continue to pray for a positive outcome
- Give thanks for safety at all events and services held in our buildings over the Christmas period

IET

- Please give thanks that our new tenants have settled in well into the upstairs room at the St Peter's Centre
- Please give thanks as we continue to maintain contact with CAB who will use the Hive for occasional meetings with clients

Mission

- This month's Mission Focus is the Far Eastern Broadcasting Association (FEBA). Please pray for their work this month

Pastoral Concerns

- Pray for the homeless during the Winter season, may they find warmth, friendship and have adequate food to meet their needs
- Please pray for the lonely, housebound and bereaved members of our community. May they find comfort and help for their needs

Sarah Smith

- Please pray for Sarah that she follows God's plan in her calling
- Pray for wisdom for those people involved in the process

Thanksgiving and Future Events

- Give thanks and Praise for a very successful Christmas Tree Festival and first Christmas Market with much positive feedback, encouraging connections and conversations. Over £1,000 was raised for general church funds
- Give thanks for all our Christmas services and the outreach into our community over the Christmas period
- Please pray for our Social & Fundraising Committee as they start plans for a full programme of events during 2018
- Please also pray for:
 - Cameo on 6th January
 - Tea, Cake & Prayer on 7th January
 - Tea Chat and Company on 9th January
 - PCC meeting on 18th January
 - Plans for our first Wedding Fair on 3rd February and Celebration of Marriage service on 4th February

Alpha

- Pray for our Alpha 'taster' evening on Wednesday 10th January and the course starting on 17th January for 10 weeks. Please pray that people will come forward to join the course and also pray for enough volunteers to come forward to cook etc.