



Pray for our Parish ~ May 2019

Robert & Carole

- Give thanks for enjoyable times away in April
- Give thanks for some great, well attended Easter services
- Give thanks for a successful APCM

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

- Give thanks for the reappointment of Paul Rawlings and new appointment of Amit John as churchwardens and pray for a good working relationship between them
- Give thanks for the faithful service rendered by those who have stepped down this year; Caroline Press as Churchwarden and interim Treasurer and Rita Wylie and June Rawlings from PCC
- Give thanks for the election of Jan Rayner and re-election of Rachel Nikolay to PCC
- Give thanks for all the hard work undertaken in preparation for the APCM by Rachel Nikolay as PCC Secretary and Wendy Jenner as Electoral Roll Officer
- Please continue to pray for healing for Rachel (our Church Administrator, PCC Secretary and Verger) as she continues to receive treatment on her foot, neck and back

Finance

- Please continue to pray for Tina Lewis as she learns more about the accounting and prepares to take over as Treasurer. Please pray for a seamless handover from Caroline to Tina

Youth & Children's Work

- Please pray earnestly for godly wisdom and discernment regarding our future work with children and young people, and whether now is the right time to reconsider recruiting a Children's and Families Worker
- Please pray for our wonderful team of children's work volunteers who faithfully continue
- Please continue to pray for our "TotZone" toddler group and for our schools' work
- Please pray for the brand new "Lighthouse" Holiday Club taking place in Langley from 5th to 9th August and our involvement as a church in that

Fabric

- Give thanks for those who helped at the Churchyard morning at St Leonard's on 13th April
- Give thanks that the Fabric Committee were able to meet last month and pray that the priority tasks discussed can be carried out in the near future

IET

- Please give thanks for Caroline Press as she steps down as a trustee and pray for wisdom, energy and unity for the Trustees; Paul Rawlings, Graham Blinco, Robert Gooding, newly appointed Amit John and for Rachel, the Administrator
- Continue to pray that the appropriate funding/grants can be obtained to freshen up the building and install appropriate and modern technology
- Give thanks that a new tenant has now settled into the Upper Room

Mission

- The Mission Focus for May is Christian Aid, a Christian organisation that stands for dignity, equality and justice for all. They work to alleviate world poverty and they support the persecuted church. We will be focussing on the work of Christian Aid on 12th May

Pastoral Concerns

- Give thanks for our joyful Easter services and those who joined us who were new to our fellowship – pray that they may feel welcome and continue coming regularly
- Pray for all the planning involved for the Alpha course starting this month – for a special blessing on those who attend, lead and who offer hospitality and pray for the next few months of the course as the group bond and learn together
- Pray for school and college students and their teachers during this stressful time of studying for and taking exams. Pray for peace and calm as well as a commitment to learn and progress in their young lives – for spirit of respect and support to be widely shared

Sarah Smith and Carole Gooding (both studying for ordination)

- Give thanks for the privilege of being able to study and for wisdom as they try to balance study alongside other commitments
- Please pray for Carole as she awaits a decision from the Bishop regarding her future training and for Sarah as she recovers from illness and a few days in hospital

Thanksgiving and Future Events

Please pray for:

- Cameo on 4th May
- Food & Friends on 5th May
- The Alpha Course starting on 8th May
- The Marriage Preparation Weekend on 11th/12th May
- Tea, Chat & Company on 14th May
- The first meeting of the new PCC on Monday 20th May
- The Social & Fundraising team as they make preparations for a new event - 'An Afternoon on the Lawn' on St Leonard's Church Lawn on 9th June