



Pray for our Parish ~ September 2017

Robert & Carole

- Please give thanks to God for a very special time over recent weeks for the wider family celebrating the 90th birthday of Robert's dad, George
- Please give thanks to God for physical and spiritual refreshment for Robert and Carole as they went on holiday last month
- Please pray for Robert as he prepares for Vision Sunday and begins plans for the very full programme leading up to Christmas

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
- Please pray for the London Fire Brigade and the aftermath of Grenfell Tower and also for Berks, Bucks and Oxford Fire Services as they face Government cuts over all aspects of the Service
- 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, John, Mike and Sandra and all members of the PCC 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, especially when their responsibilities can weigh heavily on their shoulders
- Please pray for the PCC meeting on 14 September

Finance

- Please continue to pray for the members of the Finance Committee as they struggle to balance the books for 2017 and present a balanced budget for 2018 knowing there is likely to be a deficit next year of c.£9,600
- Please pray for those currently reconsidering their own giving, including those thinking about leaving a legacy to the church
- Pray that the forthcoming meeting with the Area Dean, Rod Cosh, to explore opportunities and strategies in growing our Stewardship will be fruitful.

Youth & Children's Work

- Pray for all our volunteers that they start the new term with renewed enthusiasm and purpose
- Pray for our school's work as we start a new year
- Gap and Synergy as we restart.
- Pray for Messy Church in September that it will be well attended
- Pray for 3D Faith that when it starts again it will grow

Mission

- This month's Mission Focus is Tearfund: ending poverty around the world; empowering the local church to make it happen; fighting hunger; unlocking potential; and responding quickly

Fabric

- Continue to pray for our churchwardens as they learn about fabric related tasks
- Please pray for the new fabric committee as they meet for the first time on 20th September

IET

- Give thanks for the successful completion of the minor alterations to the entrance and stairwell and pray for the right tenants as the office space upstairs is marketed

Pastoral Concerns

- Pray for all children returning to school, some starting further education. We pray for teachers and tutors to be refreshed and filled with enthusiasm as they face the new school year. We ask for their care and commitment to their pupils, to their school and colleagues
- Pray for all who help in our church directly and indirectly, give them due credit, thanking God for their talents, be they big or small but all helping to maintain a beautiful place to be together in worship
- Pray for our Prayer Ministry to grow, that it may give an ear to those in need. For God's support and re-assurance to help them cope, knowing that with prayer and God's love they will have the strength and peace to face whatever is in their future, or what is in their past
- Pray for all who are going to the next stage on their spiritual journey, give them support and courage.

Sarah Smith

- Please pray for Sarah that she follows God's plan in her calling, that she may walk worthy of the Lord
- Pray for wisdom for those people involved in the process

Thanksgiving and Future Events

- Give thanks for Tower Tours and Cream Teas, for visitors to our church, 80 of which climbed the Tower! Also for £487 raised for general church funds
- Cameo on 2nd September
- Songs of Praise on 9th September
- Tea, Chat & Company on 12th September
- Adoration together with King's Church on 23rd September