



Pray for our Parish ~ September 2019

Robert & Carole

- Give thanks that the house move for Carole's parents into a retirement flat went well on 26th July but please continue to pray for them as they adjust to different surroundings
- Give thanks for a memorable and spiritually uplifting time at New Wine for all those who attended and that many more from our church will attend next year from 25th to 31st July
- Please pray for Robert and Carole as they take some holiday from 2nd to 10th September for physical, mental and spiritual refreshment
- Please pray for their son Tim and his fiancée Caitlin as they are married in Derby on 21st September (Robert will be conducting the service)

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 the PCC as they meet on 16th September and continue to think radically about our way forward as a church
- Please continue to pray for our Churchwardens Paul Rawlings and Amit John and for Tina Lewis as Treasurer
- 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 pray for the Finance Committee as they review the current budget and look to draft the budget for next year
- Please also pray for new tenants for St Leonard's House and the new nursery that will be renting St Leonard's Hall

Youth & Children's Work

- Give thanks for a very successful "Lighthouse" Holiday Club which took place in early August in Langley with many children asking Jesus to be their friend. Please pray for the initial planning of next year's event and for a larger team from our church to be involved
- Please pray earnestly for godly wisdom and discernment regarding our future work with children and young people, as we reconsider recruiting a Children's and Families Worker
- Please pray for our wonderful team of children's work volunteers who faithfully continue, and for the gaps in the rota that need to be filled with key members of the team unavailable
- Please continue to pray for our flourishing "TotZone" toddler group and for our schools' work

Fabric

- Please continue to pray for the 5 year electrical inspection for all church buildings which is now due, that there will be no costly issues arising
- Please continue to pray that the larger fabric issues can be prioritised with the appropriate funding available
- Please pray for the Churchyard morning at St Peter's on Saturday 21st September – for a good turnout of volunteers and also good weather
- Please pray that remedial works can be carried out speedily at St Leonard's House and that an appropriate new tenant can be found
- Give thanks that a favourable report was received following the recent Annual Inspection

IET

- Please continue to pray that following the resignation of one of the Trustees, God will already be working to provide a suitable replacement
- Please 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 after the Summer break the building will still be in constant use by children's, young adults and adult groups alike

Mission

- The Mission Focus for September is Tearfund
- Also pray for Wayne Dixon (CCiS) who is on sabbatical at the moment, that he may have an enriching and refreshing time

Pastoral Concerns

- Pray for all new starts. For families new to Iver, for children starting school, changing schools, starting college. Give them all support to cope with all that this brings
- For all coping with illness, also for all feeling grief following a bereavement. We ask for comfort and peace
- For us all to be united in prayer and praise, irrespective of the new service times. We pray for the clergy trying to make this work for all

Sarah Smith and Carole Gooding (both studying for ordination)

- Please pray for them both as they start their 2nd year of study (out of 3) and commence their 40-hour placements in another church / context and the wisdom to balance their time between this and their ongoing studies and other commitments
- Please continue to pray for healing, comfort and strength for Sarah who is still struggling with ill health

Thanksgiving and Future Events

- Give thanks for both Tower Tour & Cream Tea weekends with a number of visitors to the Tower, some taking the new history audio tour of the church and also enjoying cream teas
- Give thanks for the excellent and varied services conducted by our Home Groups during August and for increased numbers in church in July and August... God is on the move!

Please pray for:

- Cameo on 7th September
- Tea, Chat & Company on 10th September
- Churchyard Morning at St Peter's on 21st September
- Harvest Festival on 22nd September
- Vision Sunday on 29th September