

Prayer Diary



JULY 2008

PRAYERS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had absolutely no other place to go. -- Abraham Lincoln

- 1 The Milton Keynes Sponsoring/Pastoral Committee meets tonight. Pray for Will, our Lay Chair, as he attends and Di Miller, who co-chairs the meeting. Pray for the team who are to undertake a review of Woughton LEP (Margaret Gateley, Mike Morris, Anne Slee, Jean Mattinsley, Barbara Albone.)
- 2 Trinity Management Committee meets this evening. Pray for the links we have with other groups who use the churches, particularly at Trinity, Christ the Vine and Woolstone, for shared understanding and helpful interaction.
- 3 Pray for the Methodist Conference that is meeting this coming week in Scarborough, especially as Richard and Mindy prepare for their ordinations on Sunday. Pray for Russell Howe, the new caretaker for Christ the Vine as he and his family move into the flat this week.
- 4 Pray for the schools in our area – for the head teachers, staff and students. Pray especially for Sir Frank Markham as they undergo so much upheaval in changing to an Academy. Give thanks for those in our congregations who are involved in education of all kinds.
- 5 Pray for the Parish Development Plan group meeting today – for skill in bringing together the varied aspects of Woughton into a clear plan, led by God and inspired by his Spirit. Pray, too, for Simpson's Fete and the Woughton Carnival.
- 6 **SUNDAY** Pray for Richard – giving thanks for his ministry amongst us on the day of his ordination. Pray for travelling mercies for those from the parish who will be there. Pray for Mindy too on her day of Ordination; and for Methodist Children's Homes on this special Sunday.
- 7 Pray for those on holiday at this time – giving thanks for opportunities for refreshment and relaxation.
- 8 Pray for St. Mary's DCC and the Simpson Pastoral Group both meeting tonight. Give thanks for opportunities to meet together to seek God's plan for us.
- 9 Pray for the Standing Group who are meeting this evening and preparing, amongst other things, for the Anglican vacancy.
- 10 The Youth Strategy Group are meeting this evening. Give thanks to God for the work that is going on both with children and young people across our parish. Pray for the planning of the Allsorts sleepover and for the autumn programme in preparation.
- 11 The URC General Assembly is meeting at this time. Give thanks for their input into our parish and for Heather and Martin providing a URC perspective.
- 12 Worship Central, a conference run by Holy Trinity Brompton, is where some of our young people will be today. Give thanks for the vitality of youth-led worship and thank God for the variety of worship that we offer across our diverse parish.
- 13 **SUNDAY** Allsorts children's club is meeting today. Give thanks for the talents of the team and the enthusiasm of the children. Pray that some of the stories of Jesus that we share will take root in their lives.
- 14 The staff team meets today. Pray for each of them – Heather, Richard, David (and James on sabbatical) as they prepare for the vacancy. Pray, too, for plans to offer a daily act of prayer for the parish in the autumn to enable people to pray with one another.

- 15 Simpson DCC meets this evening. Pray for their meeting, as Heather settles into her role as their named minister and they consider their various issues.
- 16 We pray for the couples being married in our churches this month. We also pray for the meeting between MK Council and the Christ the Vine representatives this afternoon.
- 17 Pray for those in our parish in residential homes. Give thanks for those who visit them regularly, especially our parish members – and pray for deepening links with those who can no longer get to church.
- 18 Trinity's new worship group meets today. Give thanks for those who are feeling the possibility of God's calling into sharing in worship leading. Pray, too, for plans for a preaching course in the autumn for some people to explore their calling.
- 19 We pray for bereaved families and especially those who have lost loved ones recently. Pray for the work of our Bereavement Care Group. Give thanks for good social events, such as Simpson's coffee morning today.
- 20 **SUNDAY** Jim Biggs has a 'retirement' party today, after over 70 years playing the Simpson organ. Give thanks for this faithful ministry over many years and pray for all those who graciously give of themselves to enable the parish to thrive.
- 21 CONNECT meet this evening, the Parish group which welcomes all ladies and offers a varied programme throughout the year. Give thanks for those who host and organise these evenings and for the fellowship that is shared.
- 22 Pray for the members of the Communications Group who are meeting this evening. As we continue to thank God for technological innovations that aid our links into the community, we pray that people will respond to the welcome we give.
- 23 Pray for the plans being made for SUMMER ABC, four Tuesdays in August when a programme of activity aimed at children from 0 – 10 is offered. Give thanks for the helpers who contribute so much to welcoming families looking for somewhere to bring their children during the long summer break.
- 24 We pray for baptism and TNB families this month – for the Christening Group who are meeting this evening – and for the welcome we offer them as a parish.
- 25 At the end of term, we pray for children starting their holidays after exams and a long summer term.
- 26 We pray for the Allsorts sleepover beginning today. We also pray for the Davidge family from Christ the Vine as Philippa and Jem's wedding takes place this afternoon.
- 27 **SUNDAY** We pray for Duncan on this his last Sunday in the parish and for the event planned at St. Mary's so everyone can say goodbye to him. Also for Arthur and Ruth Rowley as they celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary.
- 28 Ray Evans, as a member of the Gideons, shared in a service yesterday at Christ the Vine. Give thanks for the great work of the Gideons in placing Bibles throughout the community.
- 29 Give thanks for our homegroups – and the value that those that attend get out of them. Pray for this time of holiday and, if you do not yet attend one of them, whether September will be the opportunity to begin afresh
- 30 Pray for the Team, the Standing Group and all involved in making decisions about a new Minister, that the right person will feel called to come to Wonderful Woughton.
- 31 The two ABC groups have had a break this week, pray for refreshment for the leaders as they prepare to be busy during August with Summer ABC.

Pray, and let God worry. -- Martin Luther

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