

[Matthew 25:35-40](#)

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ...



East Staffs and South Derbyshire Prayer letter October 2022

Monday OR Wednesday 9.00 to 9.30 am

If possible please join your brothers and sisters in prayer around the circuit at one of these times in your

If you feel it appropriate for you, just pick areas/ideas that appear most important and concentrate on them.

Give Thanks

- The Life of Queen Elizabeth 2nd, her service and faith are examples to us all.
- Those loved ones who have had an impact on your lives.

EACH WEEK

- Deputy Chair of Notts and Derby District, Andy Fyall, had a serious bicycle accident recently, he had a brain injury which means he will be off work for a number of months. Please pray for him, his complete recovery and for his family during this difficult period.
- The charities you support alongside any you know of aiming to help those in poverty in the UK
- Those suffering from the effects of climate change – flooding, disaster etc currently Canada and much of Asia but this can change weekly
- Please pray for the victims of the floods in Pakistan and for other areas where flooding has taken place (Bangla Desh, Caribbean and others)
- For our government to take its responsibilities seriously especially in negotiations between those who feel they are being left behind in this era of high inflation.
- This month is Black History month. Pray for a fair and balanced view of Black History to be encouraged.

Week One
3rd Oct

[Psalm 82:3](#)

Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed

Rev Mike - Oasis and Arts Church Project (to be renamed 'The Well at Midway' after Christmas)

At the last circuit meeting Rev. Mike gave a promising update on the Arts Church project at Rowland Memorial Church in Midway. There are many exciting possibilities with this and a number of local groups including schools are interested in or already using the premises. As yet there has been no outlay though a lot of thinking and planning has taken place. Over the next few weeks, the steering group will be making decisions on things such as new kitchens, design and decoration, purchasing furniture etc. Pray for the Steering Group as it makes these decisions and pray also that local people will recognise the potential of this project for the arts in the area.

Pray for expansion of the Arts Church and for volunteers to man it. Pray that the rent for Oasis remains the same in the future as it is today.

Pray also for Mike and his work with Overseal and Newhall churches.

	<p>Energy policy Pray that the energy policy of this new government will not reward companies with increased profits, will be properly financed rather than left to future generations to pick up the tab and will lead to a greener future for all. Pray that the government will accept its full responsibilities and look to the urgent needs of the many thousands, possibly millions, who will be living in fuel poverty this winter.</p> <p>Brazil Pray for Brazil. One of the most right-wing countries in the world where there is a crisis in the environment with the ever-increasing destruction of the rain forest, where this year's elections are bringing the threat of violence and where the President – Bolsanaro is quite capable of declaring the elections fraudulent. The elections were last Sunday so I don't know the result. Pray for the people of Brazil where poverty is rife and inflation is beginning to have devastating effects on the vulnerable and poor. Pray for a fair outcome for elections and a government which works for the people and not to just make the leaders wealthy.</p>
<p>Week Two 10th Oct</p>	<p>Psalm 24 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; Today (10th) is World Mental Health Day God's creation and green industries What God creates man seems to want to destroy. We are told to 'manage' the earth but we seem set on exploiting it, making as much money as possible out of it and then ignoring the consequences. Pray for all those working to protect and improve the world around us, from the conservation charities to planners in governments round the world, to ordinary people like you and me and to business leaders as they realise that they can invest in a more secure future through promoting so-called 'green' Industries.</p> <p>The two Rachel's and their churches Please pray for our two new Presbyters as they enter their second month with us. Pray they will get to know the members of their churches and be able to work with them in the power of the Spirit as the congregations seek to move forward. Pray for their Church Council meetings, that they will be positive experiences for all concerned. Rev. Rachel Moss has responsibility for Acresford, Church Gresley and Trinity (Linton), while Rev Rachel Wood has responsibility for Uttoxeter, Draycott in the Clay and Boylestone.</p> <p>Oppression and hate - Iran etc The world is full of repression and hate at the moment typified by the attitude to women and the poor in many parts of the world. Please pray for the people of Iran as they suffer the extremes of the Islamic revolution, an extremely misogynist form of religion which is far from the peaceful intentions of the Prophet Mohammed. Pray for common sense to rule and for the people to be able to express their faith in their own ways.</p>
<p>Week Three 17th Oct</p>	<p>Proverbs 31:9 Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy</p> <p>The churches of the Reverend's Dave and Helen and their work with them. Pray for Rev. Dave as he continues to develop his work as Superintendent Minister alongside the family issues that have arisen over the past few weeks. Pray for his wider family in their grief. Pray for Rev. Helen as she continues the recovery from her fall. Pray also for their church council meetings and the work they do with each of their churches – Stretton, St. Thomas's and Barton for the Rev. Helen; Hilton and Etwell for the Rev. Dave.</p>

The Social workers and volunteers working with gang members around the UK. Trying to alter minds, influence those at risk and bringing hope to areas where there seems to be none.

We continue to hear news of gangland murders, attacks of children outside schools, killings of innocents (Olivia Pratt-Korbel in Liverpool). Often these are the results of lack of professional support in declining services at local levels over many years. Pray for those professionals and charities that work in situations around the UK where there seems to be no support to interrupt the hopelessness felt by many failed by the education services, family break-ups and resultant mental health issues. Pray for the councils trying to run effective services while their funds become more restricted year on year.

YMCA

On October 28th the annual Burton YMCA sleepout will be taking place. Pray that this important initiative will be extremely well supported. Pray for the work the YMCA does with homeless and vulnerable people. Pray that more people will volunteer to support the work and that, in this time of dire need for many, the rate of giving to the YMCA will remain high.

Week
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Oct

Luke 1:53

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

Manoa – his churches and Jordan

Pray please for Rev. Manoa as he leads the churches of Ticknall, Stanton and Short Street. Pray for his ministry, that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide him both with the Fijian community work and his work with the churches. Pray for his family as his youngest starts a new stage in life at University.

Pray for Jordan and the work he does in the Uttoxeter schools. In reaching nearly all the pupils within the Uttoxeter pyramid he is offering a witness to Jesus to many hundreds of children who have no contact normally with the love of God. Pray that he will be able to present the gospel not just to the pupils but also to the teachers he works with as well.

The Trussell Trust and local food banks

As inflation bites and the cost of living goes up more and more people are going to be relying on food banks. Pray for a spirit of giving to be at large in our country so that those who have plenty will support their local food banks. Pray for the volunteers who run these banks and pray too for more volunteers to help.

Pray also for other initiatives that are springing up round the country run by volunteers such as clothing banks, swop shops, apps that enable food surpluses from shops and restaurants to be redistributed and places providing warm environments for groups struggling with fuel poverty.

Ukraine and Russia

The situation just seems to get worse and as pressure on Putin rises so the chances of nuclear war rise. Pray for the ordinary people of Ukraine and Russia, many of whom do not want war. Pray for those peacemakers, both within the conflict zone and from other countries, trying to broker an agreement between the warring parties. Pray for those who have lost relatives and friends, pray for those who have been displaced and pray for those who are living in the shadow of war. By this week things may have changed and please update your prayers to reflect any developments that have taken place.

Week Five
30th Oct

Hebrews 13:17

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

CLT and its need to produce a plan for the next CM

At the last circuit meeting the leadership team were tasked with producing a development for the future of the circuit. Pray that the churches will provide the information they need to produce the plan and pray that they will be led by the Holy Spirit in their deliberations. Pray for our Circuit stewards; Denise Hancock, Andrew Hawkins and Heather Simms together with the Finance Stewards Andrew Wooding: as they consider the possibilities for the plan.

Volunteers to take on roles within the circuit including...

Pray for the circuit and its role in promoting the gospel in the area. To be able to take the gospel to the people we need to have structures that support us as individuals and as churches. For the most part the Christian folk who run and help the circuit to function are volunteers. At the moment we have a number of vacancies for volunteers at church and circuit level. Pray for folk to respond to the call of God to volunteer their time and energy to fill these roles and to further Christianity in the area.

Those who are suffering from mental health issues and getting no support

This is a recurring theme in the prayer letters and we continue to pray for those who need support. Pray that we as Christians in the circuit can be listening ears for those who desperately need to talk. Pray for the mental health services to be a priority within local government and that waiting times for these services can be dramatically reduced. Pray for those people who provide the support services, whether through government agencies or through the voluntary sector. Pray for local support groups providing encouragement, support and the opportunity to share problems with others.

A big thank you for joining in with the prayers. Obviously if something from one month becomes a burden on your heart then keep praying for it and I will endeavour to provide feedback where that is possible. Please feedback to me any things you would like the group to pray for and any ideas you might have to improve the way the group works. God Bless Steve 01283 820096

If at any time you wish to stop receiving this prayer letter, please let me know either by email or the phone number above.