

# THE PRAYER AND PRAISE MONITOR

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## Session 1

Rector – Will Pearson Gee



**My prayer points:** I think my prayer points will be:

**For us** to be an 'Easter people' living always in the shadow of the cross and in the full hope of the empty tomb.

**For all** those who accessed our services to want to come back for more.

**For the Holy Spirit** to fill people up with a desire to serve so that the many serving groups can be rebuilt.

**For a new** confidence in meeting physically to return to all of the church family.

**For the** further easing of restrictions.

For an inspiring 'serving Sunday' on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**For a** successful and unifying APCM on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Session 1

Mission & Outreach – Keith Croxton



**The Centre - Please pray** for guidance as we slowly open The Centre for use again as the road map allows-that our hiring conditions will ensure the safety of those using The Centre. **For those** working in the garden getting it ready for use. **For the hirers** as they slowly

begin to return, that we will have opportunities to share our faith with them. **That Coffee and Company and Tea and Chat** will soon be able to start again.

**Food Bank - Give thanks** for the Food Bank team as they continue to deliver food parcels to those in crisis.

**Pray for** good conversations on the doorsteps as they share God's love and compassion through this ministry of love and care. **Give thanks** for the generosity of the community in keeping the food bank well stocked with supplies. **Give thanks** that the various care agencies we work with recognise it is the church that is running the food bank giving us opportunities to witness.

**Community - Give thanks** for those organising the ongoing vaccination programme.

**Pray for** those that are struggling financially and emotionally, often behind closed doors.

### Mission and Outreach

**Please pray** for the next meeting of the team on April 15th, for wisdom and discernment

### KICK START

**Brian and Ann Hubbard**

In the light of plans to relax Covid restrictions,

we are looking to start an informal Life Skills Support Group from the middle of May. This would initially meet outside in The Centre garden, weather permitting. If there's sufficient interest, we would begin to introduce the CAP Life Skills course material before the summer holidays.

**Please pray** that people will come forward, both as group members and as volunteer helpers, as led by the Holy Spirit.

## Session 1

Mission Partner - Created Creative - Emma Cottrell:



Thank you for your prayers for this ministry area, **we thank God** for all He is doing and how the ministry is growing. We are continuing to run more zoom creative sessions at this time as the need increases.

**Thanking God for** how He is touching hearts and bringing His comfort and healing.

**Please pray** for the Lord to continue to use these times to people.

**Please pray** for the CC team as we welcome a new trustee next month and a part time administrator.

**Please pray** both will settle well and we thank God for them and all the CC team.

**Please pray** also for a growing awareness that connecting with self and God through creativity can help with mental health issues and promote healthy wellbeing especially at this time.

For more information:

Email Emma Cottrell [info@createdcreative.co.uk](mailto:info@createdcreative.co.uk)



It is a year since we started Prayer and Praise on Zoom. "Thank you, Lord, that you have brought us thus far."

## Session 2



**Kate Pellereau - Curate**

**Please pray** for Jayde and I as we plan and run the 11am services. This term we are looking at the early church.

**Please pray** for the Young Adult's group and the evangelism; we are hoping to do outreach with students. **Please pray** that the right person would apply for the Youth Worker role.

**Please pray** that I get all my documentation ready for my annual review.

## Session 2

**Pastoral Team Leader – Jo Wigley**



**Praise God** for the opportunities we have had to have doorstep conversations when we delivered palm crosses to some of the people who have been unable to get to church.

**Praise God** for great conversations with people who have contacted the emergency food bank.

**Praise God** for the amazing joy of those who, although they are ill or housebound, continue to praise God and celebrate His goodness.

**Pray for those** in hospital who are unable to see their loved ones, and for those who have loved ones in hospital.

**Pray for the** businesses in our town who are struggling and having to face difficult decisions as lockdown eases. Pray also for those who face redundancy when their furlough stops.

**Pray for parents** who have spent most of the last year home schooling and are now struggling to find their sense of purpose as their children are back at school.

**Pray for** those who have been isolated for so long that they are now too nervous to go out.

## Session 2

**Worship & Production – Ali Burt**



**Praise God for** (hopefully – I write this before Easter!) a weekend of successful Easter services, where many people have heard the Good News, whether that's through our provision online or in person. **Also for** the worship team gradually beginning to grow again as lockdown restrictions are eased. **And also for** new members of the production team,

without whom livestreaming of services just wouldn't happen.

**Please pray for** direction as restrictions are eased and singing together looks like it might become a possibility once again. Continue **to pray for** people to serve on the production team as well, and for a chance soon to start building both the Worship and Production teams in fellowship with one another.

## Session 2

**Connect Groups (CGs) – Michael Greig**



**Praise God:** For the two Lent courses, which 5 CGs + several individuals joined. For the continued faithfulness and perseverance of CG leaders

**Please pray for:** All existing groups & leaders, still having to cope with zoom

or no meetings & also supporting the pastoral needs of group members.

**Those joining** the church during lockdown to be warmly welcomed, to get to know a few people well and be able to fit in to a CG when appropriate.

**Everyone attending** CGs to be deeply rooted in the word of God.

**For 2 courses** being offered for CGs beginning in May – one on spiritual, physical and emotional wellbeing and one on our identity in Christ.

Jesus said: 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.' John 8:31-32

## Session 3



**BPC Youth – Jacob Wigley**

After Easter we have a new youth group starting up named Vision, for the younger youth. **Please do pray** that youth who have been disconnected for some time will be open to coming along and getting involved.

**Please pray for** the other two youth groups; Fuel and The Way, which have now ceased meeting online and will be meeting in person. **Pray that** things would run safely and effectively, and that God would be at the centre of everything we are doing. **Please also pray** for our team. **Give thanks** for and bless Lydia Cooper and Will Trevitt, who generously offer so much of their free time to helping me run the youth ministry. And finally, please **pray for me**, as I seek to grow the youth team and gather additional volunteers.

## Session 3

BPC Children - Jayde Crouch



**Praise** God for the family service-, **please pray** for the team as we start to think about groups returning. **Pray for ARK and MESSY CHURCH** as we are looking to contact some of these families and welcome them back to church as soon as is safely

possible.

**Pray please** for the families of Buckingham, although schools have returned there is still much uncertainty for the Summer term.

**Praise God** for all the ways He has inspired the Kids and Families team over lockdown!

## Session 3

Ministry Trainee - Olly Holland



Could we continue to **give thanks** to God for his blessing of the Alpha course. There are so many people being reached through Alpha, The Lord is also providing new leaders to help who are such a blessing.

Important to note: The leaders who I have asked to help are doing so with such zeal and humility, which is such evidence of the Holy Spirit.

**Please do pray** for the participants, protection over them and for their hearts to receive Jesus fully!

**We pray** for and continue to give thanks for the workshops taking place. **Please pray** for the leaders to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit as we know their faith will be tested for stepping out. All glory to God!

Again, more **thanks** for the blessing over the SOS room, the doors that God has opened in that ministry.

**Please pray** that we will grow and develop this ministry as people's needs grow.

Finally, **please pray** for my wife Jade as she is overseeing 4 women on a pastoral level, pray for breakthrough, wisdom, and guidance along with protection.

### Men's ministry

As we are planning the men's annual BBQ **please pray** that the men's ministry will come back together and grow. More than ever we as men need to support each other with the emotional effects of the current times. **Please pray** for deep friendship and discipleship opportunities.

## Session 3

Prayer Ministry Team – Chris and Cherryl Murray



As I sat in church last Sunday, looking over at our lovely, refurbished prayer space, I wondered, if we will ever be able to use it for prayer with laying on of hands, or anointing with oil again! I am sure we will.

Meanwhile, it is still a great privilege to be praying for those who request it, even though not physically with them.

There are, however, occasions when we can pray directly with someone, either socially distanced, or on the phone.

We can all step out in faith to do this and will be surprised and blessed as people express heart-felt appreciation and are touched by God.

**KEEP PRAYING!**

## Session 4

Mission Partner- Prison Ministry Leader - Paul Burgess



**Praise God** for 4440 presents sent to children for Christmas 2020. This is more than when volunteers were allowed in prisons.

**Prayer**, relationships children the families who received presents.

Volunteers are still not permitted. Prison Chaplaincy restrictions and under pressure, lads still locked up most of the day (23 hours)

**Prayer** for any resident that has lost a loved one during lockdown.

Chaplaincy Team members who want to help but cannot.

Mental health issues.

## Session 4

Prayer for the World - Zena Greig  
Covid-19

**Please pray** for those countries throughout the world whose leaders do not admit to having the problem of Covid. It is causing widespread suffering particularly for the poorest in society. Pray too for the fair and equitable distribution of the vaccines and for the work of Covax as they oversee this.

## **Prayer for the World - Zena Greig continued Yemen**

The conflict in Yemen is causing the largest humanitarian crisis in the world with 80% of the population in need of aid and protection. There is widespread collapse of its healthcare, water, water and sanitation systems posing a dangerous set of circumstances for the arrival of Covid-19 and cholera. **Please pray** for aid agencies especially Tear Fund as their resources are stretched as never before.

### **Open Doors – Betsy Kolkea**

Persecution of Christians is continuing to rise globally, with 340 million experiencing high levels of persecution and discrimination.

**Let's pray** for North Korea where those discovered to be Christians are either executed or imprisoned and suffer continual torture, hunger and labour with no chance of release. Open Doors are supporting 90,000 North Korean believers with vital food and aid.

**Let's pray** for Nigerian Christians, more of whom are murdered for their faith than in any other country. Violence is increasing, as Islamic extremist groups attack Christians, murdering, abducting, raping and destroying property and livelihoods.

**Let's pray** for the few thousand known Christians in Yemen. It is forbidden to leave Islam, and those converting to Christianity face death. Christians are particularly suffering during the civil war and pandemic as any aid is distributed through Muslim leaders.

**What if we had to meet in secret? What if we faced imprisonment, rape, torture, separation from our families, for being Christians? What if we were treated as second class citizens, discriminated against in education, employment, and economic opportunity for being Christians? Let us stand with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world for whom this is their reality today. Persecution of Christians is continuing to rise globally,**

More information: [www.opendoorsuk.org](http://www.opendoorsuk.org)

## **Session 4**

**Pray that this** pandemic would cease. **Pray for** those in Government at all levels, that they would have wisdom how to progress as the restrictions continue to be relaxed. **Pray for** those involved in the medical, teaching and other public services for safety and wellbeing, and that they may have opportunities to be refreshed.

**Give thanks** for the progress of vaccination programme and pray for its continuing success.

**Pray also** for the recovery of the economy.

**Pray as well** for all Church leaders, for wisdom and encouragement.

## **Session 5**

### **Personal Prayer Needs**

This is an opportunity to **pray** for your own personal needs. Please keep prayer requests brief so that it is possible to pray for everyone.

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**Please keep this leaflet and use it in your daily prayers.**

