

Please Pray for:-

Our Church and our community. For the services we offer, the groups who meet here, the things we do in conjunction with St John's. May we continue to grow and develop and be a welcoming presence serving our neighbours.

For our country. We continue to live with uncertainty which must be very difficult for so many people whether running a business or praying to stay in employment. Give thanks but continue to pray for the steel industry. Pray that God will guide those negotiating in Europe.

Pray for our world. The fires in Brazil have brought home to us that we are indeed a global community, each one with a responsibility to take care of environment, habitat and climate. Equally, the plastics problem has served to demonstrate that our activities have an impact on people far away from where we are. All most people ask for is somewhere safe to live, the ability to feed and educate their children and to keep them healthy.

Please pray for God's people. In a country where going to Church is an option which many do not choose we must remember that for some the freedom to go to Church and worship is indeed but a prayer. Remember those suffering imprisonment for their faith and for those who are persecuted.

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Our young people. Some of them will be changing schools, most will be in new classes with new teachers and there may be some who are just starting school. These are all challenging and we grown-ups need to recall it weren't easy then and it ain't easy now. Our prayers are with them.

Those who grieve. Over the past twelve months or more a number of our members have lost people close and dear to them. Partners, brothers, sisters, family members. People who have always "been there" and are suddenly not. It takes time and there will always be moments. Our prayers are with you.

For individuals known to us who are having a difficult time. For Beryl and Arnold after Beryl's fall and damage to her wrist. For Claire's family as they support her sister in law through so many complications following her stroke. For those of our number who have ongoing conditions, for Kathryn, Pam, Sandy B, and Lynda.

Now, can we pray for each other. Most will reply if you ask, "I'm fine". Coffee time would be doleful indeed if we each recounted the appointments, check-ups and assessments which seem now to fill our diaries. So, if you missed the bottom step this morning, our prayers are with you as well.

And thank you for James new Job. We wish him well.

WASHINGBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

PRAYER LETTER SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Friends,
I hope you have had a good summer and I am sure we would all like it to continue for a few weeks more.

It has been quite an eventful time for some of our members who have up-sticks and removed to the new flats on Church Hill. Brighton Place, Marion Close. Many of us recall Marion Brighton who worked so hard for her community and was frequently to be found attending our Saturday coffee mornings. We pray that the new residents, old friends and those we've yet to meet, will soon feel settled. (And that I'll be able to join them shortly)

A notice has come round announcing a new course for Worship Leaders, which Margaret Roe is running. There is an introductory session at St Gile's Church at 7.30 on Thursday 12th September. If you want to come and find out what it's all about, there is a spare seat in my car. This morning the book I've been reading came up with this:- "Perhaps a decline in clergy numbers is actually a gift to the Church to mobilize and empower the laity in new and exciting ways." You never Know!

God bless,
Rosemary

I continue to be astounded by how timely some of God's words are. Not only did he give me the quote on mobilizing the laity this morning but the Prayer Handbook (order your copy now from Ruth) gave the following as one of the prayers for today:-

A Prayer on Brexit

Lord, we pray that you will give guidance to the Prime Minister and all in Government in negotiations with the European Union.
Help us to find an outcome that makes social as well as economic sense and that takes into account the lives and welfare of all those European citizens who are being affected by the British proposals. May we find a settlement that is right, not just for the UK, but for all countries with which we deal. Amen