

Tuesday 30th September <u>Praying for Dunstable, Luton and Our Church</u>

DUNSTABLE

• Thank God that he places us within communities of people here in Dunstable, and we have a **great Gospel** to proclaim. **Pray** that we would do that boldly, recognising that many of the 40,000 in our town "cannot tell their right hand from their left" (Jonah 4:11).



- Pray that we would be salt and light in our community. Why not pray by name for those you know in your neighbourhood (or beyond) who don't yet know the Saviour?
- Pray for other local churches in Dunstable, Luton and surrounding areas; that they
 would grow in their love of Jesus and would be effective in reaching others for Him.
- Pray for the most vulnerable in our society, asking the Lord to make us a compassionate people, ready to meet the needs we see around us.
- Pray for those who seek to make the 'fabric' of our community strong the police force, other emergency services, plus those working in hospitals, schools and local government.
- **Pray** for the witness and work of **Christian teachers**, **school support workers**, **governors** and **pupils**, that they would be faithful ambassadors for Christ where He has put them.
- **Pray** for our **local MP** here, **Alex Mayer**. You may have another local MP, in which case, pray for them too!
- **Pray** also for our town mayor **Sally Kimondo** and those who serve within local government at all levels. Pray that they would lead in such a way that brings honour to Christ, and protects freedoms for God's people.

LUTON

- Praise God that Luton has such a diverse and dense population of nearly a quarter of a million people, and for the Gospel opportunities which that provides.
- Recognising that many of those hundreds of thousands living in the town are heading for a lost eternity, pray that the Lord would be merciful in saving many.
- Pray for those currently in the grip of Islam, that they would see the beauty of Jesus
 as Saviour.
- Give thanks and pray for the Gospel work that is already happening in Luton: let's commit to the Lord local churches, including Fellowship Baptist Church (FIEC) and its pastor Stan Boelman.



- Thank God for other work in Luton such as the **Telagu Christian Fellowship** led by Raj and Lavanya; and **Azalea**, working with vulnerable women.
- Why not **pray** specifically for **other local churches**, church leaders, and Gospel work in Luton that you might be aware of or be involved with personally.
- **Pray** for **wisdom** and the **Lord's leading** as we seek to establish a church in Luton in the coming period; especially for Phil as he takes some time to begin to think through what this might look like.

OUR CHURCH

- Pray that the Lord would grow our love for Him and one another.
- Pray that we would grow in maturity in Christ.
- Pray that we would treasure, and the Lord would grow, the unity we enjoy with one another in Christ.
- **Pray** that we would be **protected** from the Evil One as a church.



Elders and Leaders

- Pray for your pastors and elders by name.
- Pray that they would be men who love the Lord and His Word as a priority, proclaiming that Word in season and out of season.



- Pray that they would discharge all the duties of their ministry faithfully.
- **Pray** that they would be **godly**, **faithful undershepherds**, dependent upon the Good Shepherd Himself in all things.
- Pray for the many others who serve in leadership roles in church life.

Home Groups

- **Pray** that the Lord would grow **bonds of love** within our home groups.
- **Ask** that the time we have in God's Word would be used by Him to **grow our love** for Jesus.
- Pray that we would care for one another well.
- Why not pray for your home group leaders by name?

Sundays

- Pray for this coming Sunday's services with Gareth Loh (ChristChurch Harpenden)
 opening up God's Word in the morning and Phil Hammersley in the evening, when we
 will also be sharing the Lord's Supper together.
- Children's groups: pray that God's Word would be faithfully taught to those of all ages. Pray for the leaders as they prepare to teach the children.
- Pray that we would be encouraged through our times of fellowship together.

New Friends

- **Pray** for new friends coming amongst us, that we would be **welcoming**.
- Pray for the Newcomers' Tea happening on Sunday afternoon. Pray for those who've signed up to come, that they would come. Pray that they would feel comfortable to talk and ask questions and learn more about Christ Church Dunstable.



The Way Ministries:



When?	Which Ministry?
Monday	Tiddlers & Toddlers
	Needle & Thread
	English Classes
Tuesday	Art
	Foodbank
Wednesday	Workshop Wednesdays
	W@CC
	Wednesday Club
	Nano
	(Coffee House Late Night
	Opening)
Thursday	Connect
Friday	Knit & Natter
	Foodbank & Drop-In
Saturday	Frontline