

Praying for our Local Communities

CHRIST CHURCH DUNSTABLE

- **Pray** that the Lord Jesus would remain central to who we are and what we do.
- **Ask** that we would continue to take sitting under the Word of God seriously, and the Lord would work in our hearts by His Spirit.
- **Pray** that we would be effective in loving one another well and welcoming new friends.
- **Pray** for our outreach to our local community.
- **Pray** for our pastors, **Mark**, **Gareth** and **Steve**, and their families. Pray that they would have godly wisdom as they lead us.
- **Pray** similarly for our **elders** and their families.



- **Pray** for **Katie** and **Bethan** as they lead our children's work, and for the many volunteer leaders as they serve within our youth and children's work. Pray for strength for this new term and that God would keep them focussed on serving our children and families well.
- Why not pray for your **home group leaders** or **youth group leaders** by name, asking God that He would cause them to love Jesus even more, and would care well for those in the group.
- **Pray** for other members of the staff team here at Christ Church, including those who serve in The Way Coffee House.

LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD AT CHRIST CHURCH

Praise God as we look back over the Summer:

- **For the Summer Saunter:**
 - Good weather we enjoyed and for new friends who came along.
 - Pray that the gospel message would be remembered.
- **For Raul Geanu and Marianne McKinley, baptised in early Summer:**
 - Praise God for how He has worked in their lives.
 - Pray for them as they are involved in church life.
- **For our recent 'Heroes Academy' Holiday Bible Club.**
 - Give thanks for the 70+ children who attended.
 - Rejoice that the Word of God was faithfully taught.
 - Pray the Lord would continue to work in many hearts.

Pray for Gospel Opportunities as we look ahead:

- For **outreach groups** restarting in The Way/Church building: English Classes; Tiddlers and Toddlers; Patchwork; Art; Foodbank; Workshop Wednesdays; W@CC; Wednesday evenings in The Way; Connect and Knit & Natter.

Do pray for any ministries in which you are personally involved.

PHIL & KATE HAMMERSLEY

Pray for Phil as he prepares to join us next January:

- that we will welcome Phil, Kate and the boys warmly.
- that they will quickly feel at home amongst us.



DUNSTABLE

- **Praise God** that he has placed us within a local community; let's pray for our town of Dunstable and our neighbours within it.
- Thank God for the **increasing diversity** of our town; pray that we would be welcoming towards those of all nationalities and backgrounds.
- As Dunstable, Houghton Regis and the surrounding area **grows in terms of population**, pray for an ever-greater Gospel opportunity.
- Praise God for the **local churches in our town** which love Jesus and proclaim Him faithfully. Pray that they would persevere and be encouraged in this task.
- Pray that **Jesus would be honoured in our lives** and with our lips.
- Pray that **many people in our town would come to believe in Jesus**.
- Pray for those organisations which seek to reach those particularly impacted by **poverty and social deprivation** in our town.
- **Pray** for those who serve our town in **education, in health services, in the police force and in other emergency services**. We do not take a peaceful community for granted. Let's pray that peace would be preserved, and a sense of local community strengthened.
- Pray for our local MP, **Alex Mayer**, and our Dunstable Mayor, **Councillor Louise O'Riordan**.



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** this 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** a good number.
- Pray for those currently in the **grip of Islam**, that they would see the beauty of Jesus as Saviour.
- Pray specifically for **local churches**, church leaders, and Gospel work in Luton that you might be aware of or be involved with personally.
- Pray for **wisdom** to know whether it's right for us to establish a work in Luton in the years ahead.
- Pray for the ongoing ministry of **Azalea** in Luton, as discussed at our recent 'Hot Topics' event.