

## PRAYING FOR UK'S LOCAL CHURCHES

God has placed his people in communities all around our nation. Each community has its own unique mix of people, challenges, and cultures. Spend some time praying about different local church contexts.

- **Praise God** that he has placed local churches all the way across the United Kingdom. These churches are his beacons of gospel hope for their communities. **Thank God** for specific situations you know of.

### Pray for churches in different contexts:

- Pray for churches in city situations. For example – Inner city churches.
- Pray for churches in town situations. For example – Dunstable
- Pray for churches in rural situations. For example – villages, farming communities, remote areas.

### How to pray for the churches:

- They would boldly preach the word of God in a culture increasingly opposed to it.
- That God would enable great unity within the local churches that promote the gospel message.
- They would be able to connect with their local communities and understand the needs of their own community...
- ... that this would fuel evangelistic outreach and practical aid to the people living in their communities.

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## CRANFIELD PARISH CHURCH

- Please pray as we plan and strategise to get a **20s-40s discipleship group** off the ground. We've seen more in this age range join us over the last 2 years and we really need to invest in their discipleship beyond Sundays.
- Please pray for our ministry to **Cranfield University students**. The new term is about to begin, and we will hold an evangelistic welcome meal for international students on **October 13th**.
- Please pray that our four values of: **bible, prayer, holiness, and evangelism** will become more and more embedded throughout the life of the whole church family.
- Please pray for our **faithfulness** amidst the wide-spread apostasy within the Church of England. Pray that as a church, and especially the PCC (parochial church council), we would be **united** in our conviction regarding God's good word on the issue of the day: **human sexuality**.

## GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, BEDFORD

Please pray for our building project:

- The planning application was submitted in February and we're hoping for an answer by the end of this year or early next.
- It's been a difficult process - lots of bumps in the road, and quite a bit of local opposition. We are in the Lord's hands but would hugely value prayer as we near decision day.

## KING'S CHURCH, FLITWICK

### Praise:

- Give thanks for **Reece**, our new **Children's & Youth Ministry Lead** who started with us in July. He's already bringing plenty of energy to the role and connecting well with our youngsters.
- Give thanks for the steady stream of **newcomers** visiting/joining us. Our desire is that they would stay and **commit** to the local body.

### Prayer:

- As above, that we'd be effective in **bringing people from the fringe to the centre**, and seeing them joyfully **commit** to serving the Lord in the local church.
- For more **volunteers** to staff our kids/youth ministries - especially as we're seeking under Reece's leadership to grow these ministries.
- For **wisdom** for the elders as we seek the Lord's will as to a possible **replant** in Maulden (we took on oversight for the dormant chapel there in 2021).

# CHRIST CHURCH HARPENDEN

## Praise

- The opportunity to buy a large building in the centre of town (Harpenden Public Halls) from the council. Whatever the outcome of the vote in the next two weeks, the process has been good for us as a church as we have considered this potential.
- A number of unbelievers seriously enquiring and attending church regularly. For positive signs of God's work in their lives.
- A handful of baptisms planned for October, including a number of our young people.

## Prayer

- Pray for the member vote later this month on the purchase of the HPH. That we would keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace (Eph 4:3) and that God's will would be done.
- Pray for the provision of a long-term home for our church, and if it is to be HPH, for God's provision of the remaining funding gap.
- Pray that we would become an increasingly unmissable presence in the town pointing people to the gospel of Jesus.
- Pray for more conversions and more baptisms!
- Pray for Gareth (senior minister), Ian (Assoc minister), Phil (Asst Minister) as they preach regularly and the other elders as they seek to lead the church. For godliness and an increasing love and devotion for the Lord.