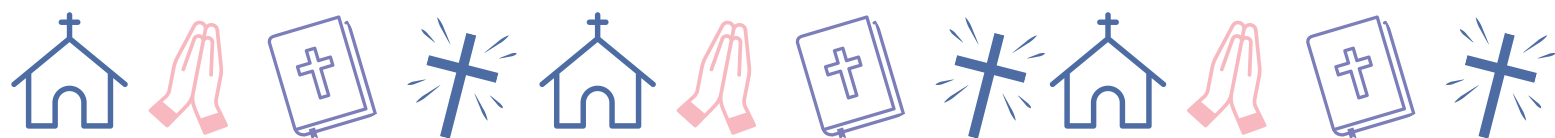


Thursday: Praying for Our Nation

The Assisted Suicide Bill

The revised assisted suicide Bill faces its Second Reading tomorrow.
Let's pray:

- that the **flawed promises** of 'safety, choice and protection', would be revealed,
- that potential to **pressurise people** to agree to assisted suicide and not be a burden would be removed,
- against the danger of 'a slippery slope' towards full-blown euthanasia,
- that God would raise up respected **medical and other experts** to bring strong arguments that expose the dangers of permitting assisted suicide,
- that professional colleges would **maintain their stance** against it and encourage more people to contact their MP,
- that there would arise **greater advocacy** and **moral support** for individuals with life-limiting and terminal conditions who may feel under pressure to end their lives,
- that these individuals might be increasingly **heard, appreciated** and **supported** by us all,
- for the **finances, staff** and **volunteers** to keep UK hospices going to be provided,
- that **hospices** offering care for those nearing the end of life in a peaceful, compassionate atmosphere would be available,
- that **palliative care** would be available for all who need it,
- and **thank God** for the dedication and skills of those working in palliative medicine, therapy, respite care, bereavement support and other services for patients and families.



Local Churches



- Pray **for fruit** from their Holiday Bible clubs (children in the morning and teens in the evening),
- For their pastor, **Tim Diaper**, as he returns from his sabbatical,
- That they would **continue to grow** in their love for each other, their community and the Lord.



- For the **new term** as all the Families, Children and Youth groups start again. These groups have been re-structured over the summer and so pray for the team leaders and volunteers as well as the families they serve as these changes settle,
- Pray that the **new groups** more effectively **serve families** in the church and community, and are used by the Lord to draw many to himself,
- Their next **Explore Course** series starts on 22nd September with daytime and evening courses for 4 weeks. Pray that the **church family will be bold** in inviting friends to join, and that it would impact guests who attend so that they come to know and love Jesus for themselves.

Other Churches from the 4CGP:

- Christchurch Harpenden
- St Mary's Wootton
- New City Church MK
- St Nicholas Church Stevenage
- Christchurch Baldock
- Potton Baptist
- Cranfield Baptist Church
- Wootton Baptist Church

Pray for:

- The new term,
- Bible-centred ministry to be central in the life of each church,
- Dependence upon the Lord in prayer,
- Courageous evangelism,
- Gospel unity,
- Church family to encourage one another in their daily walk with the Lord.

