

St Andrew's and All Saints Prayer Diary – July 2019

(from 30th June to 3rd August)

During this month let us pray for our immediate Mission field. For organisations in and around Malvern, and for our frontlines as we live as Christians in what can seem a hostile world.

Our sermon series continues with the theme of Spirit-Filled Church. Pray daily for an infilling of the Holy Spirit, to empower and enable us to live as disciples in the world.

Continue to hold in prayer those who minister in our churches, and for their families. For Dave and Alice Bruce, Joshua and Eleanor. For Peter and Emma Myres, Charlotte, Pippa, James and Alice. For Eddy and Hanna Edwards. For Helen Attree and Kim, Becky and Lauren.

Week 1 – Pray for CAP (Christians against Poverty) through this week. Please pray for wisdom and sensitivity for Denise and Chris as they gently lead each CAP client through the debt counselling process. This coming week there are 3 client visits scheduled on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sunday 30th July – Pray for our regular services this morning at St Andrew's and All Saints. Pray for the United Bible Society service being held in the evening at St Joseph's Church. For Father Naz Mgungwe as he leads the service, and for Heather Williamson who will be speaking. Pray too for the first team meeting for the Backpackers Holiday Club.

Monday 1st July – Pray for Angela and Bob Gibson as they lead a gardens trip to Hidcote. Pray blessing and unity on the churches in Malvern as they meet for the Churches together in Malvern AGM tonight at Eden church.

Tuesday 2nd July – Pray for the CAP clients who often have complex issues surrounding their debts. Please hold them before the Lord asking for an abundance of His grace to be poured on them, that they would feel surrounded by people who care for them, and have a renewed sense of hope.

Wednesday 3rd July – Pray for the Befrienders who walk alongside the CAP clients during their journey out of debt. As the people who carried the paralysed man used ingenuity and inspiration to find a way of bringing their friend to Jesus (Mark 2v1-12) please pray for courage, patience and inspiration as the Befrienders seek effective ways to be a friend for their client.

Thursday 4th July – Pray for the All Saints PCC as they meet this evening. Pray for unity of heart and mind as they discuss matters concerning their church.

Friday 5th July – We believe that the Lord has called us to set up a Blessings Team which will work alongside the Debt Coaches and Befrienders and provide extra practical support for CAP clients and others known to the churches who are in need. Please pray for wisdom for Colin Robbins as he sets this up across the churches of Malvern and how we can all be involved in blessing the communities in which we live.

Saturday 6th July – Pray for the Marriage Matters evening taking place tonight, as they discuss the subject of Collaboration. Pray for those attending that the Lord will strengthen and deepen their marriages and family relationships.

Week 2 – Irrespective of our own political preferences, pray this week for our nation, and in particular the various meetings and hustings to be held across the country by the candidates for leadership of the Conservative party, and therefore Prime Minister.

Sunday 7th July – Pray for our morning services today in St Andrew's and All Saints, and especially for Shaun from Abbey House who is baptised today at All Saints. Pray for Deeper this evening as Dan Bennett pastor of the Source comes and speaks to us. Pray blessing on the Source church today.

Monday 8th July – Pray for the ladies Quiet Day which will be happening at Chapel House during the daytime. Pray too for Paul and Jane Wilcox who run Chapel House, for their ministry through the use of this lovely space. For a fulfilment of the vision for people to come to Rest, Wait and Receive.

Tuesday 9th July – Pray for the work of Churches Together in Malvern and for Dan Bennett (The Source) who heads it up. Pray that the unity of churches following Thy Kingdom Come will be maintained and strengthened.

Wednesday 10th July – Pray for the CAP meeting tonight at Malvern Baptist Church. These get together for supporters from any church have been so blessed by the Lord. Please pray for Chris and Denise as they share what has been happening, give thanks for His provision and seek God for His guidance.

Thursday 11th July – Pray for The Waiting Room at All Saints this evening, that this will be a time for special blessing and intimacy with God. Pray too for St Andrew's PCC as they meet this evening.

Friday 12th July – pray for blessing on St Mary's and Lynne Sparkes. For the church to flourish and grow in number. Pray particularly for their witness in the Pickersleigh area, for fruitfulness in their outreach to people who live around the church.

Saturday 13th July – Today there is a Diocesan day to explore vocations for ministries within the church. Pray for those who attend, that they will hear God's call on their lives, and be prepared to respond to that call.

Week 3 – Pray particularly for the Bridge Training and Development School during this final week of term.

Sunday 14th July – Pray for our services today, and those who lead them. And pray for the fellowship lunch at All Saints, to be a time of sharing and receiving, fun and laughter.

Monday 15th July – Pray for members of our churches who are involved directly with The Bridge. For Neil and Sue Hornby, Managing Director and Head Teacher respectively, and for Kath Barclay, Deputy Head Teacher. Also pray for Judi Baker, Diane Hancock, Tara Spaul and Judy Oliver who all work with The Bridge.

Tuesday 16th July – Pray for those who volunteer at the Bridge, that good relationships will be developed with the pupils and staff. Pray for the Wyche School Leavers service at All Saints today and the Wells School leavers service tomorrow as Dave speaks at both.

Wednesday 17th July – Pray for students at the Bridge who have special needs or do not function well in mainstream schools. For their personal, social and emotional development, as well as education. Please pray for our 'Home for Good' support group which meets tonight, to support all the fostering and adoption families in our congregation. Pray also that we as a whole church will support them in this important Kingdom work.

Thursday 18th July – Pray for those studying for GCSEs in Maths and English at the Bridge, and for those in years 10 and 11 studying vocational courses. Pray for Dave today as he leads the 'moving on' lesson for Y6 at the Wyche school.

Friday 19th July – Pray for the Bridge Business Centre, based in Barnard's Green, offering training for students aged 16 and upwards. For students taking the courses offered in manufacturing, catering and retail.

Saturday 20th July – As our state schools finish for the Summer holiday, pray for our children and young people. For refreshment and rest during these coming weeks. Pray that particularly for teachers and assistants.

Week 4 – Pray for the elections this week for leadership of the Conservative and Liberal Democratic parties.

Sunday 21st July – Pray for our worship services today, for those who lead and take part. Pray for Youth Church, meeting this evening at All Saints, and for a deepening and strengthening of faith in our young people. Pray for Eddy and Lisa as they lead this group.

Monday 22nd July – Pray for our children. Pray that they may have opportunities outside school to witness to their friends, and that they may know joy and peace in the six weeks of holiday. Pray particularly for those who may be sad to leave their school, and anxious about moving to a new one.

Tuesday 23rd July – As the results are due to be have been announced, pray for whoever is elected as our next Prime Minister, that they may lead with justice and integrity. Pray that parties may work together to resolve differences over Europe and Brexit.

Wednesday 24th July – pray for our young people, and particularly those who have left school and are about to embark on a new phase of life. Pray that they may have refreshment and fun during the summer. Pray for Holy Spirit encounters with people.

Thursday 25th July – Pray for the Holiday Club at St Mary's, as it begins a set of 3 meetings. Pray, too, for Messy Church, meeting this afternoon at All Saints.

Friday 26th July – Pray for our senior members in St Andrew's and All Saints. Pray for opportunities to go deeper with the Lord, and particularly for folk who will miss attending Life Group meetings during this summer gap. Pray for families, for those travelling on holiday and those remaining at home.

Saturday 27th July – Pray today for those of our number who will be attending New Wine at the East of England Showground, Peterborough. Pray for safety in travelling, and for the week to be an inspiration and a blessing to all those present. Pray particularly for children, for fun and fellowship and for new friendships.

Week 5 – We begin to look at Old Testament miracles in our Sunday worship. During these next weeks, pray for the application of the teaching in our lives, that we may be expectant of God moving in miraculous ways in our midst. Continue during this week to pray for those attending New Wine, and particularly Dave and Peter and their families.

Sunday 28th July – Pray for our churches as they meet for worship today. Pray for each person present, that they may grow in knowledge and love of the Lord. Pray too for the shared lunch at St Andrew's, for fun and fellowship around a meal.

Monday 29th July – Pray for Holiday at Home, as it begins this week. For all the folk who attend, and for those who lead. Pray for good fellowship and enjoyment of each-other's company, and for the Holy Spirit to be present during the meetings.

Tuesday 30th July – Pray for the work of the Lyttelton Well. For the café, the bookshop, the Counselling service and for the Chaplaincy team. Pray for the prosperity of this organisation, and for the visitors who come into the Tourist Information Centre during the summer.

Wednesday 31st July – Pray for Holiday at Home. Pray for the lonely or infirm, that this will be a great opportunity for new friendships and relationships. That these days will be filled with laughter and joy.

Thursday 1st August – Pray for John Berry and Matthew Jordan as they head up the Lyttelton Well, and for the other staff and volunteers in the bookshop and café. Pray for encounters with visitors and their Christian witness,

Friday 2nd August – Pray for Holiday at Home, in the last of the three days of meeting. Pray that the experience of Holiday at Home will remain with the folks who attend, through the coming weeks.

Saturday 3rd August – pray for the Revd. Chris Copeland as he heads up the chaplaincy team at the Lyttelton Well, and for Kate Hill and those working in the counselling service. That they may make a real impact on the lives of those who approach them.