

Prayers for the week commencing Monday May 15th

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Mon 15th Lord Jesus, we thank you for all the wonderful friends who have been an encouragement to us in our faith. Please give us the courage to encourage others in the same way, intentionally seeking and making the most of opportunities we've been given. We give thanks for all the pastoral work that takes place in the Church family.

Tues 16th Lord use today to be bringers of Your light for Your Glory. Light that redeems, Light that restores, Light that heals, Light that protects and Light that saves. We give thanks for our Church ministry. For our Minister and all who lead our Sunday services, for the Children's ministry in all its different forms, for Wednesday at One and all who lead those meetings, and for the Home groups

Wed 17th Lord we are in need of your power and strength. Fill us with your Spirit of Love. Thank you for all the opportunities you give us to show expressions of your love; to one another in building each other up and to those who do not yet know You. May they encounter You through us. We give thanks for all those who sustain the life of the Church in whatever capacity.

Thurs 18th God help us to keep our eyes upon You, so that we can follow Your promptings and respond to your calls for us as individuals and as a Church. May we be found faithful to go into our communities. May we share Your light of hope. Open doors that no one can shut. We pray for our search for an outreach worker, that the right person for the Church will see our advertisement and that the Church will provide the right balance of challenge and support that the right person is looking for.

Fri 19th Pray for our Minister Andrew and the Church Elders; give them your wisdom and discernment as they lead the Church. We pray that their hearts will first be directed to you, that they would recognise where their true help and strength comes from. We pray that they are supported by the Church and that all show humility, kindness, patience

and love. May we freely share our faith and remain united despite our differences. We give thanks for the prayer life of the Church; for the Thursday and Friday prayer meetings, for prayers before and during Sunday services, for the Monday Zoom meeting and for all those who at home bring to God their prayers for the work of the Church.

Sat 20th Thank you for waking us up Lord. We want to make a difference so give us courage to speak out. Help us not to stay silent but to do all things through Your wisdom and love. We want to bring honour to Your Name as You alone are worthy. We give thanks for all that the Church does through the International Friendship activities, through the warm space offering, through opening up the Church to support town centre initiatives. We pray for the Hope into Action project. We pray for the building of relationships with all those who use the Church premises and with our local community.

Sun 21st Thank God that we are able to gather together to worship Him. Worshipping Him in singing, in praising Him for who He is what He has done and what He is doing, recognising Him as God and having reverence and awe for Him.

We pray for all those who facilitate worship in singing: the musicians, the singers and the song projectionists. We give thanks for the recording of Sunday services so that those who are not able to attend Church are able to listen to the services.

We give thanks for the new Church website to make known and promote the work of the Church in serving God and the community and pray that God will help make good use of all means of promotion of this work