

Circuit Prayer Vigil Aide Memoire, March 2021

Purpose

The Mission Group has been requested to update the Aide Memoire for use by the churches for the 24hr Prayer Vigil, 6/7 March 2021. This is not prescriptive, merely an aid to guide prayer if required.

Prayer needs:

Circuit

Pray for our Circuit; Pray for the Circuit staff (ordained and lay), their families and their health, as they continue to serve us cheerfully and willingly despite the additional calls on their time and resources occasioned by the Covid-19 pandemic. Pray for our supernumery ministers who are willing go the extra mile to support the staff team in many ways.

Pray for the Circuit lay officers as they continue to serve whilst seeking new volunteers to fulfil vacant positions.

Pray for our Circuit administrator as she juggles all the disparate jobs required to keep the Circuit running smoothly and the churches informed and up to date.

Pray for members from all the 13 churches, that a spirit of unity continues to grow especially in these difficult days; that members show interest and concern for the affairs of all the sister churches as we continue to grow a feeling of family and communion with each other and a greater understanding of what it means to be a 'connexional' church with the support this gives.

Give thanks that the Circuit will welcome Rev George Qwarm to the Circuit from September 2021.

District

Please pray for Rev David Hinchliffe as he continues with responsibilities made heavier by the pandemic. Pray for all members of district representative synod who hold the great responsibility of voting for the recommendations listed by Connexion in the 'God in Love Unites us' report in April 2021.

Addlestone

Please pray for the aging congregation, that their health and the restrictions of the pandemic may allow them to continue with their work raising the awareness of God in the local community. Pray for the new prayer (virtual) group as it continues to grow in strength.

Byfleet

Prayers for the continuing work of the Food Bank which has become more important during this pandemic and all those families who need the practical support this offers.

Pray for all those whose lives have been restricted by the closure of the church and other local groups of stimulation. We pray for all those children whose lives have been affected both mentally and physically by the lockdown situations.

Pray for the spirit of hope and enable us to wait patiently on God's time; for in Him comes healing and hope for better times to come.

Cranleigh

Pray for church members during this time of church closure.

Godalming

Please pray for the Cellar users and all who are elderly and vulnerable facing isolation and loneliness. Also pray for Trinity Trust and its work with young people in the area who are struggling during the disruption caused by the pandemic. Pray for those who are grieving for recently lost loved ones. Give thanks for our new minister, Adam and his family as they settle into life in Godalming. Also give thanks for technology and skills of church members who continue to enable us to 'meet' for worship.

Guildford – St Mary's

We give thanks for the completion of the work at GSM. We pray for all those who previously 'dropped' into the church but are unable to do so due to the pandemic.

Knaphill

Pray for our church and all our Knaphill churches, that their members will keep safe and that we may soon all be able to function fully and normally, and that we shall discover how to serve Christ in the new context in which we shall find ourselves. We pray for everyone struggling to keep going against very difficult odds.

Pray for the new minister and his wife as they take up their roles at Knaphill Baptist Church *and* in the community.

Pray for the Community Fridge programme, operated by the parish church in Knaphill, which has continued throughout the pandemic. We pray that the plans to extend its scope will be successful. For KMC itself, we pray for clarity of vision, to know what God is calling the church to be & do in the immediate future; wisdom & courage to take action for the growth of God's Kingdom and whole church responsibility to be more engaged with mission.

We also pray that we at KMC may soon be able to return to serving various sectors of the community by means of our clothing bank, our popular monthly coffee mornings and our hosting of a Woking Borough Council drop-in session for Syrian refugees in our locality.

We give thanks for all the medical staff who have worked so hard to try to help people throughout this pandemic and continue to do so. We also give thanks for the many scientists who have worked tirelessly to develop vaccines against Covid-19 and those who are delivering them to the population.

Merrow

Please pray for Wisdom and guidance as we seek to share the love of Christ with those in our local community and that we might be a community of healing and hope.

Pray for Asif as he prepares to 'sit down' and for the whole family as they prepare to move to a new home.

Pray for George and Ama Qwarm as they prepare to move to the Wey Valley Circuit.

Pray for all those coping with loss in its widest sense. For the whole Church family, from those who joined our fellowship over many past decades to those we have welcomed more recently - that all may know the love of God and feel valued within our Church.

St Michael's, Sheerwater

Give thanks for the ministry of Rev Gillaine Holland and that the Bishop's Mission order has been extended so that her ministry can continue.

Stoughton

Pray for the community at Stoughton, giving thanks for the energy and commitment of all those involved in fundraising so that the church may continue to provide a welcome and witness in the area.

Trinity, Woking

Pray for Rev Sam and her role in the Circuit, the district and with our Church Trinity Methodist Church Woking and for our Leadership team.

The Foundry Project. For its role and development. May it find a sense of direction and come to inspire the wider congregation. Foundry Worship and prayer as part of that service.

Pray for People who have not engaged with any church service at all since March.

Prayers for those ill at home or in hospital. For those who are more advanced in years and for whom the lock down is difficult and the lack of fellowship with others is slowing down the brain and they are finding it more difficult to remember what they did yesterday and indeed, what day of the week it is. Many of our elderly/clinically vulnerable people are stuck indoors.

Pray for young families struggling to cope.

For our premise's users and their struggles.

For Fundraising efforts to counteract the economic cost of Covid lockdowns.

For energy, enthusiasm, and initiative to help us hit the ground running as soon as we can re-start church life and outreach around the building.

Worship – for reliable technology to provide quality worship through Zoom and 'live stream'. For those unable to access technology, that they are not forgotten.

Communication - developing links between local churches and the Circuit.

Community - ROC, Phone-Friends, exploring ways of enabling our mission to be seen and heard through new ways of publicising and informing e.g., Banners, signage, publicity through parish/local magazines, newsletters & newspapers.

Gratitude

For the newsletter and service sheet which are emailed or posted to the congregation.

For new technology so quickly learned. The advantages of digital resources to help keep us connected - live streaming, Zoom, the WhatsApp prayer group, email etc.

Our active pastoral team - keeping in regular contact with all, esp. those without access to technology.

Shared prayer times - in church (when open) and on Zoom & WhatsApp

ROC & Foundry groundwork just before lockdown 1

Musicians – thank you God for all the musicians who have played and sung.

For breakout groups so we can chat after Sunday services

Give thanks for House Groups, may we encourage more people to join them.

Children and Young People - Junior Church & Messy Church- developing ways to communicate to a wider audience. Fun Club - Fridays and Half Terms, Bible Investigators, - inspiring the involvement of the children and young people through developing use of technology.

Walton

Pray for the work on the church. Give thanks for the worship which has continued during the pandemic.

West Horsley

Pray for all members to be more 'mission minded' and have the confidence to share the gospel amongst their community

Pray that the 'Chatting Chair' initiative, when the weather is better, may be an opportunity to engage with neighbours and passersby.

Give thanks for members who have coped so valiantly with corona restrictions, praying for those who are on their own. Give them the strength to cope with the situation forced upon them.

Weybridge

Give thanks for the technology which has enabled worship to continue during the pandemic and pray for those who operate it. We give thanks for the closer links which have been growing with our



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sister church at Addlestone. We ask for prayers for all those who are unable to join in services or prayer groups due to lack of technology. We pray for the work of the foodbank and remember all those who are unable to access the necessities of the clothes bank at this time.