



November Prayer Newsletter

Please use these suggestions
to inform your prayers

Holy Trinity & the wider community

- Pray for our Thanksgiving and Remembering service, as we gather to give thanks for those we have loved and lost, and to hold before God all those who are grieving. Ask that everyone who comes would feel welcomed and supported, find space to reflect and remember and know the comfort, peace and hope of God's presence in their grief.
- Pray for our Remembrance Sunday service as we pause to remember all those who have given their lives in conflict and those who continue to live with the lasting effects of war. Ask God to deepen our commitment to peace, bring comfort to all who grieve and suffer and inspire us to be people who work for reconciliation, justice and hope in our communities and across the world.
- Pray for preparations for our Christmas services and events and ask God to guide all those involved in organising, leading and serving, that everything would come together well and create opportunities to welcome our congregations and wider community to celebrate the hope, joy and love of Jesus this Christmas.
- Pray for the introduction of our new communications strategy this month, as we seek to share information more effectively and help people feel connected to the life of our church. Ask God to guide us as we introduce these changes, that they would help us reach more people, strengthen connections across our congregations and ensure everyone feels informed, included and able to engage with all that is happening in our church family.
- Pray for the parents attending our infant baptism course this month as they explore the meaning of baptism and the promises they will make on behalf of their children. Ask God to guide them as they consider the role faith will play in their family life, and that they would feel encouraged and supported by our church community as they seek to nurture their children in the love of Jesus.
- Pray for our staff team as they come together for the Away Day this month, making space to reflect, pray and spend time together away from the usual demands of church life. Ask God to renew their energy, strengthen relationships within the team and give them wisdom and a shared sense of direction as they seek to serve Him and lead our church faithfully.
- Pray for our Men's Ministry Curry Night as the men from our church family gather for food, fellowship and the opportunity to build friendships. Ask God to bless their time together, deepen relationships across the church and create space for meaningful conversations, encouragement and growth in faith.

Prayers for the Church Family

Please pray for those who are unwell: Maureen Guillem, Doreen Jessop, Sharon Linney, Daphne Pierce and family, Audrey Griffin, Mark Crickmore, Mavis Craig, Keith Havelock, John Forrester, David and Ann Barnardo, Tineke Stewart, John Cheetham, Doreen Neal, Norman Bell, Alex and Ann McJannet, Clive and Marion Grundy's daughter Alex, Jen Marshall, Colin and Bibi Allen and family, Marion Thorley and Diana Burleigh.

Mission Partner Focus

This month we are praying particularly for:

The Silver Hope Trust

A charity that has grown out of Holy Trinity Claygate's seniors' ministry which seeks to inspire and equip Christians and churches to love, care for, serve and support older people.

- Give thanks for the many opportunities Pippa has had to raise awareness of loneliness and isolation among seniors and to share the work of the Silver Hope Trust including: the fringe meeting at General Synod in York in July, several interviews on Premier Christian Radio, and the involvement in the Evergreen Conference run by Pilgrims' Friends Society. Pray for God's blessing on each new opportunity over the months ahead.
- Pray for the many people who have visited TSHT website (www.thesilverhopetrust.org) to watch the short film, 'A Cup of Tea', and the training videos on setting up and running a Connections group. Pray that the Lord would bless them, and those they hope to serve in their local communities through these resources.
- Pray for wisdom as The Silver Hope Trust looks with excitement and anticipation on building the much-loved resource, Hymns We Love. Pray for continued clarity and discernment regarding their next steps, and that God would use this work to bless many older people and bring them to the Lord.
- Join in praying the big prayer that hundreds of thousands of older people will have the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus and discover how much our wonderful God loves them.

The Besom in Esher

The Besom provides a bridge between those who want to give time, money, things or skills and those who are in need in our local community.

- Give thanks for the new trustee team: Isaac, Selina, Rowena, Andrew, Annie and secretary Sherry. Pray for unity and wisdom and time to build relationships as they start working together, completing the induction process and understanding governance responsibilities.
- Pray that God would bring together people from across Elmbridge churches to build the new Core Team who can contribute complementary gifts, skills and experience.
- Pray for those considering day to day operational roles to discern whether they are called to join The Besom, and particularly for those weighing the financial implications of giving their time.
- Ask for wisdom for the charity to keep in step with God's purpose, for the team to grow as 'disciples-making-disciples' and for The Besom to be a beacon of light and hope in Elmbridge.
- Pray for those at The Besom to live out the following scriptures and to help others to do the same: 'The King will reply, *'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'* (Matthew 25:40) and 'Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, *'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, 'Here I am. Send me!'*' (Isaiah 6:8).