December Prayer Newsletter

Please use these suggestions
to inform your prayers

Holy Trinity & the wider community

- Pray that God would give us boldness to invite friends, neighbours and family to our Christmas events and services this month, and that He would prepare hearts in our community to respond to the Good News with openness and curiosity.
- Pray this season for more people to discover the real meaning of Christmas and to experience God's love when they come through our doors this Christmas.
- Pray for the children from our local schools attending Christmas Unwrapped and those coming to the Nativity Crib and Christingle services, and ask that they would hear about Jesus and experience His love for them this Christmas.
- Pray for our worship team and church choirs and band as they practice and rehearse for the Contemporary and Traditional Carol services this month and ask that the worship will move people to come to know God more deeply, or maybe for the first time.
- Pray for our Pastoral Care and Seniors Ministry as they reach out to our community this festive season through Christmas Connections, the Pop-Up Connections at local care homes, the distribution of the goody bags and Christmas Multi-Connections.
- Pray for all those who find Christmas difficult whether due to grief, loneliness, stress or challenging family circumstances and ask that they may find some refuge at our Quiet service offering a peaceful place to pause, reflect and connect with God.
- Pray for the response to our Christmas Appeal on behalf of the Ukraine Christian Partnership and the East Elmbridge Foodbank.
- Pray for the recruitment of our new Associate Minister, that the right person for the role will come forward and ask for wisdom and guidance for all those involved in making the new appointment.
- Pray for Katherine Miller as she prepares for her next role at her new church, that God will guide and bless her and her family as they approach this new chapter together.
- Pray for our various courses starting in the New Year: Explore, Alpha Youth, Alpha and The Bereavement Journey series and that those who attend will feel welcomed, supported and encouraged and that what they learn and discuss will help them grow in faith and find connection.
- Pray for all those at the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher as it enters into a consultation process to reduce running costs in order to secure a sustainable future.

Prayers for the Church Family

Please pray for those who are bereaved: please pray for the family and friends of Chris Greaves, Doreen Jessop and Felicity Wyer who have all sadly died recently.

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

Mission Partner Focus

This month we are praying particularly for:

Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW)

CSW stands for people of any faith across the globe who are targeted for their beliefs.

- Pray for the Zion 8 who remain imprisoned for their faith and ask that they would know God's presence, strength, peace and hope each day and stand firm in Christ despite the uncertainty and hardship they are experiencing.
- Pray for the families of the Zion 8 especially their spouses, children and elderly parents who have been separated from their loved ones and ask that God would comfort them, provide for their needs and sustain them as they wait for reunion.
- Pray for justice and freedom and ask God to move the hearts of the authorities so that the remaining church leaders are released and can return safely to their families, churches and communities.

Tearfund

Partnering with churches in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries tackling poverty through sustainable development, responding to disasters and challenging injustice.

- Pray for Tearfund's 'Safe toilets – equal futures' campaign which looks to expand access to safe toilets and clean water and enable improved sanitation to protect the health, safety and dignity of women and girls and open doors to equal opportunities, hope and flourishing.
- Ask for protection over communities in Bangladesh facing dengue and measles outbreaks and pray for the health system to be strengthened and for God to give wisdom, resilience and protection to local partners, staff and all those affected.
- Ask for protection for vulnerable families across Latin America facing severe weather and food shortages following the impact of El Nino. Pray for the strengthening of local churches and bless Tearfund's partners and staff with wisdom and resources as they provide emergency support and help communities build resilience.
- Join Tearfund this Advent as they journey around the world in prayer alongside key figures in the Nativity to see what can be learned from them as they prepared their hearts for the coming of Christ. Tearfund's staff will also share inspiring stories of some of the ways God is working for people living in extreme poverty Come on an Advent Journey - Tearfund