

"BE JOYFUL ALWAYS; PRAY CONTINUALLY; GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS". 1 THESS 5 V 16 – 18

A SUGGESTED PRAYER FOCUS FOR EACH DAY:

SUNDAY: Pray for a strong sense of the Lord's presence in the service today, that each of us might long to know God in a deeper way and to be filled with His Spirit. For unity and a shared vision of where God is leading us.

MONDAY: Brexit: Pray that the Lord's sovereign will is done in every negotiation, discussion and decision. For wisdom for the Prime Minister, for those who advise her, and those who oppose her.

TUESDAY: Pray for those attending the Alpha course that their faith will be deepened.

WEDNESDAY: CHINA Since the introduction of new Regulations on Religious Affairs last year, Chinese churches have experienced growing harassment. Many churches, even those registered with the government, have experienced increased intimidation, closures and demolitions; as well as the forced removal of religious items from church buildings and a ban on children attending services. *Heavenly Father, we lift the churches of China to you. We pray that you will grant the congregations of churches that have been shut down, or harassed, courage and protection, watching over them as they worship you. Amen.*

THURSDAY: Pray for Amanda and all who are involved in teaching our Youth and Young Worshipers. Pray for the young people that they will increasingly seek to know God for themselves.

FRIDAY: Pray for God's comfort and strength for Sylvia and family at Len's funeral today, and for Phil as he takes the service.

SATURDAY: Pray for Pete and Linda in South East Asia. Pray for favour with officials that all their paperwork might be speedily completed; for the house to be completed; for health and protection; that plants will grow well and that there will be a market for the produce.

BRAMHALL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday 10th February 2019

Welcome to Bramhall Baptist Church.

Please join us for tea or coffee after this morning's service.

If you would like someone to pray with you in confidence after the morning service, members of the prayer team will be available at the front of Church; or if you want to talk with Phil he can usually be found in the lobby near the main door.

THIS WEEK

Today	9:50am 10:30am 6:30pm 6:30 – 8:00pm	Pre-service prayer – all welcome. Morning Service - Phil Dixon. Prayer for UK and Bramhall Baptist Church. Youth Bible Study - at The Mill.
Tuesday	10:00 – 12noon <i>not this week</i> 7:00 – 9:00pm	Ladies Home Group – Adelaide Road / Bruntwood Avenue. Seniors Home Group – Earle Road. Alpha – here
Wednesday	2:00 – 4:00pm 8:00 – 10:00pm	Tea-Break - here. Home Group – Delfur Road.
Thursday	10 – 11:30am 8:00 – 10:00pm	Little Lambs Toddler Group – here. Home Group – Wilmslow Road.
Friday	1:15pm 7:30 – 9:00pm	Len Massey's funeral. L8R Club (ages 11 – 18) – here.
Next Sunday (17th Feb.)	9:50am 10:30am 6:30 – 8:00pm	Pre-service prayer – all welcome. Morning Service with communion - Phil Dixon. Youth Bible Study - at The Mill.

PASTOR'S BLOG – FEBRUARY.

Len Massey's funeral is here this Friday 15th February at 1.15pm.

“Streetwise” Holiday Club for 4-11 year-olds, here during the mid-term holiday (10am – 12 noon, Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21st February).

Coming soon: “Energise”, the new Junior Club (for ages 4-11) starting here after the mid-term holiday. Thursdays 4:30 – 5:30pm.

Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church: Thursday 21st February at 2pm. Please contact Dave Langton for venue. All welcome.

Missions Prayer Meeting: Monday 25th February here at 7:30pm, all welcome.

“Renew” prayer for Stockport, Thurs 28th February 7:30 – 9:00pm at Stockport Baptist Church, all welcome.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 1st March – here.

Tuesday 5th March is Shrove Tuesday - PANCAKES, YUM YUM!! To avoid all the mess at home and to support **THE MILL** please join us at St Michael's Church for a **Pancake Extravaganza**. £2 entry will provide you with Pancakes, games, drinks. The evening will finish with a "toss the pancake" competition. This is open to everyone - adults and children. We would love to see you - drop in sometime between 6pm and 9pm. Please do support this great event.

HOLIDAY AT HOME 2019. Where? Bramhall URC. When? Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th August. Please make a note in your diary if you want to book in, help on the day and /or help with driving. For more details, please have a word with Val or Dave.

Offerings (including standing orders):

February to-date (1 week): £1,440

February budget: £6,751

Gift Day total to-date: £10,508.

On Sunday mornings through January we have been revisiting in our teaching three core elements in the life of any healthy church. We have been thinking about them in terms of directions of travel. In this blog I want to identify a few priorities for us moving forward together.

1. The Journey Up – Discipleship.

In the great commission, Matt. 28:18-20, Jesus commanded his disciples to go and make disciples. At the heart of every healthy church there needs to be a commitment to make disciples of Jesus.

Discipleship is the life long journey towards Christlikeness. The journey takes in every scene of our lives, every experience we have and every challenge we face. For me then there are two areas of priority here:

- a) Each of us committing personally to the lifelong adventure that is discipleship.
- b) As a church developing a number of ways by which people can be encouraged to encourage one another on this journey, i.e. house groups, short courses, e.g. Alpha, or discipleship huddles.

2. The Journey in – Fellowship.

There is always overlap in these things but we need others to grow as disciples. We also need the dynamic rough and tumble of real relationships to become Christ like people. Our priority here has to be:

- a) To work hard to maintain the unity of the Spirit.
- b) To ensure that our welcome to visitors helps them to feel they belong.

3. The journey Out – Mission.

Disciples are by definition on mission. Jesus has called us and placed us where we are with the purpose of us being his witnesses. As a church while we should always seek to be a place of welcome we must recognise that we are sent out into the world to witness to Jesus.

- a) In 2019 as a church we will “go and tell” in Bramhall.
- b) We will seek to identify a need in our community and find ways in which we might help to address those needs.

This is not all that could be, or needs to be said but it does indicate some of the areas I will be focusing on this year.

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Please send prayer requests to Dave Langton 439 2348 or
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February

Half

Term

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

10am-12noon

Holiday Club

Holiday Club

Streetwise

All Children Aged

4-11 years old

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Energise

Bramhall Baptist Church

Thursday 4.30 - 5.30pm

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