

Bible passage for 2021

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

I have been asked to send you this invitation. It would usually have been sent by Sue Fulford in the weekly updates. You will have been aware that with Sue being off these have not taken place. If you have never had an update from Sue it is because you have not sign up to receive them when completing an electoral Role Form. Alternatively you can complete a communications form. Please let me know if you would like to do this. Contact me, Helen, on hrsteele@tiscali.co.uk or 01744 894111
Please note that information about prayer needs of the parish has been sent by our church. This event is not just for St. Thomas's.

YOU ARE INVITED

TO A MORNING OF PRAYER

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16TH OCTOBER 2021 9.30-1PM

Feel free to come and go as you please

VENUE ST THOMAS CHURCH ASHTON IN MAKERFIELD.

We hope that when you come you will find a time for peace and reflection. A time in which you can draw near to God, a time to pray for ourselves and those who don't yet know Jesus.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING BEFORE GOD OUR PARISH CHURCHES AND LOCAL TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS WIGAN AND WORLD-WIDE COMMUNITY

Do come and Pray

Every Hour there will be a time of Gathered led prayer for 10 mins.

10.00 Rev Sue Thomas; 11.00 Rev Jeremy Thomas; 12noon Rev Kelvin Bolton and 1pm Carol Foster

There will be fixed stations and activities around the building to help you focus your prayers. On arrival on Saturday, you will be given a sheet explaining the stations and activities. If you just want to come and sit and pray that's ok too.

There will be refreshments available.

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The **Beacon Commissioning Service** for school last Sunday and the Harvest Festival were very well attended and enjoyed. The harvest gifts have been taken to The Hope Centre in St. Helen's which supports needy people of Billinge and Seneley Green through their food bank.

Food parcels - Ashton Pantry and Pantry Parcels is a full Parish (South Hub Parish) initiative. Anyone in Billinge needing food support can be supported through this initiative. They would need to be referred through the Parish.

Future services in October:

Sunday October 17th at 10am Morning Worship

Sunday October 24th at 10am Beacon Service at 4pm Evening Prayer

Sunday October 31st at 10am Morning Worship

The Care Team are beginning to invite people to **Services of Remembering Loved Ones**. As numbers in church continue to be limited please wait for an invitation to this event. The first service is on 31st October at 3pm. Other services will follow in November and then in early 2022.

School News: The visit and service of Reception Class in church on Wednesday October 13th was chaotic! But lovely. The children sang 'shine' and they did shine! The School ambassadors (4 children from Year 6) did the prayers. The aim is to hold a 'welcome to church' once each half term, when a different year group will come, so that over the school year each class will have been welcomed here. Thank you to the volunteers who organised the refreshments.



Prayer for the Parish

If anyone needs to be added to our prayer list please let Helen or Margaret Stott know. The family must give permission for any name to be added to the list. The list that has been on these updates is also used in church services.

We add Jean Steele (my mother-in-law) to the Prayer list. Jean was in Whiston Hospital, but has returned to the Care home. Her recovery is slow and limited.

Please pray by name for Lorraine Webb, Les Parkinson, May Carnforth, Darren Buckley, Sue Fulford, Yvonne Cumberbirch, Paul Brookes, Billy Fagin and Jean Steele. And we remember the bereaved - the family and friends of Christine Hilton.

For confidential prayer needs contact Jennifer Berry for the Mother's Union Prayer circle (01942 389715).

Please continue to use the prayer topics on the October update, especially joining in prayer on Wednesdays in October at 7pm to pray together, but at home, for the mission and outreach of our church and for our community and for God's VISION to come to fruition within South Hub and Wigan.