



Week of Community Prayer

(7th to 14th January 2018)

Background

“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” Jeremiah 29:7

Yiewsley Baptist Church says within its church vision that we love God, love the community and make disciples. One way of growing in our care and concern for God and the community is to pray not for our selves but for our neighbours.

This week is an opportunity for us as a church to pray for the needs and hopes of others and to listen to our neighbours and to God about the role that we as a church should have in community life.

“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:1-2



Using the Prayer Guide

The purpose of this guide isn't to tell you how to pray or dictate what to pray for but to offer guidance about the people, places and organisations in and around Yiewsley. Each day there is a different focus and some ideas of whom and what to pray for.

There may be organisations or businesses that you are not aware of that you might like to find out more about. Speak to one another, ask your friends and neighbours, walk around or search online to find out more about anything that is of interest to you.

For those organisations where you know someone who works there or uses the services you can pray for individuals by name, for those you don't know ask the Holy Spirit to guide your prayers.

Some people or places you may find it difficult to pray for, ask yourself and ask God why this might be the case. Ask God to help you to find things that you can pray for.

Don't just talk to God, take time to be quiet and still and ask God to speak to you about the people and organisations listed each day.

Behind each theme, organisation, business, charity or job title there are people. Pray for the people who are our neighbours in this community.

Ideas

Go for a walk. Take a stroll around Yiewsley and notice the people and the organisations, the shops, businesses and groups. As you walk listen to God and lift up in prayer those you encounter.

As you pray and take the time to listen to what God is saying to you, **make notes**. Perhaps there may be thoughts that you have or idea's for something the church could or should be doing. No matter how seemingly big or small, simple or outlandish make a note so you can keep track of your prayers and how God is speaking to you.

Feedback

If you think something or someone is missing from this guide **let the church leadership** know so we can add them in the future and pray for them now.

If God is giving you a message for Yiewsley Baptist Church then it is important that you **share** it. You can write things down and pass them to the leadership team or email prayer@yiewsleybaptistchurch.com or you can chat with us.

Meet the Pastor. If you don't know what to pray, don't know how to pray, think you may have heard from God, would like someone to pray with or for you, or the whole idea of prayer is new or difficult for you Rich and the leadership team are happy to meet to chat and pray with you.

Day One: Sunday 7th January 2018

Focus: People and Places of Peace

Read: Luke 10:1-17

“Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.” Luke 10:5-6

Jesus sends out 72 people and encourages them to engage with those who welcome them in and to share their peace with them.

As we pray through this week ask that God might help us as a church community to recognise those who are open and welcoming to us and with whom we should seek to invest our time and share God’s peace. Who are the people and where are the places that are open to engaging with the church?

Day Two: Monday 8th January 2018

Focus: Schools & Childcare

Local Schools Include:

- Hillingdon Manor School
- Rabbsfarm Primary School
- St Matthew C of E School
- Park View Academy
- The Skills Hub
- Young People’s Academy
- Adult Learning
- Hillingdon Theatre Dance Centre
- Nurseries
- Childminders

People to pray for:

- Head Teachers, Governors and Leadership Teams
- Teachers
- Teachers of those with Special Educational Needs
- Classroom Assistants and Support Staff
- Kitchen, Cleaning and Maintenance Staff
- Pupils / Students

Day Three: Tuesday 9th January 2018

Focus: Businesses

- Banks
- Betting Shops and Arcades
- Coffee Shops, Cafes, Take-Away's and Restaurants
- Estate Agents
- Funeral Directors
- Garages
- Gyms
- Hair Dressers and Nail Bars
- Library
- Local Shops
- National and International Businesses
- Solicitors
- Superstores
- Trades (Plumbers, Electrician, etc.) and Trade Shops

Day Four: Wednesday 10th January 2018

Focus: Charities and Places of Worship

Charities include:

- Barnardos
- Community Cancer Centre
- Cornerstone Centre
- Harlington Hospice
- HEAR (Humanity, Equality and Rights)
- P3 (inc. Swakefield)
- REAP (Refugees in Effective and Active Partnership)
- Salisbury Support for Autism
- Parent Carer Forum
- Trinity Homeless Projects
- Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank

Places of Worship include:

- St Catherine's Catholic Church
- St Matthew's Parish Church
- Al-Falah Islamic Education Centre
- Yiewsley Methodist Church
- Shree Adhya Shakti Matajo Temple
- Bell Farm Christian Centre
- West Drayton Baptist Church
- St Martin's Parish Church

Day Five: Thursday 11th January 2018

Focus: Health, Social Care and Safety

- Hillingdon Fire Station
- Metropolitan Police
- Kirk House (NHS Primary Care Trust)
- High Street Practice (GP)
- Otterfield Medical Centre (GP)
- Yiewsley Family Practice (GP)
- Pharmacies
- Midwives, Health Visitors, Nurses, Emergency Responders, Paramedics, etc.
- Social Workers, Youth Workers, Community Workers, etc.
- Carers
- Foster Carers

Day Six: Friday 12th January 2018

Focus: Community Leaders

- Boris Johnson (MP – Yiewsley)
- Dominic Gilham (Councillor – West Drayton)
- Ian Edwards (Councillor – Yiewsley)
- Jan Sweeting (Councillor – West Drayton)
- Janet Duncan (Councillor – West Drayton)
- John McDonnell (MP – West Drayton)
- Onkar Sahota (London Assembly)
- Peter Davies (Councillor – Yiewsley)
- Raymond Puddifoot (Leader of Council)
- Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London)
- Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana (Councillor – Yiewsley)

Day Seven: Saturday 13th January 2018

Focus: Services

- Domestic Staff
- Highways Maintenance
- Interpreters
- Libraries
- Park Keepers & Green Space Management
- Post men and women
- Refuse Collection
- Road Cleaners
- Traffic Wardens
- Train, Bus and Taxi Services
- Waterways Management

Day Eight: Sunday 14th January 2018

Focus: Those in Need

- The Isolated and Lonely
- Those for whom English is a second language
- Those struggling with addictions (alcohol, drugs, gambling, etc.)
- Those suffering abuse
- Those who are carers
- Those who are grieving
- Those who are homeless
- Those who are struggling with debt
- Those who are unemployed
- Those who are unwell (physical, emotional and psychological)
- Those who are vulnerable



Pastor:

Rich Blake-Lobb

Deacons:

Secretary: *Wendy Sykes*

Treasurer: *Vacant*

Deacon: *Sonia Jarvis*

Deacon: *Helen Slater*

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:8-9

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