

Prayer Points for H4H October 2024

There are so many things to thank God for in our town and lives.

Thanksgiving

This is my will for you: “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

- Church family
- For Chris Vince our new MP. He will be meeting up with church leaders twice a year to listen to concerns and for discussions.
- The dementia conference went well.
- For family and grandchildren and what they bring to our lives
- For a diagnosis and the ability to pray with focus
- For basics – such as food, life, roof over our heads, health, answered prayer and friendship
- God heals today
- Clinicians and technology
- Loving and generous neighbours
- Answering prayer about accommodation
- Opening doors to go into schools
- Nature and God’s creation
- People getting involved with good work
- Salvation
- God’s word

Broken World

He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3

Andy Thornton updated us on what has been happening with MRCT:

After being allowed to move into the old BHS site, then then had to move to 3 other shops and have now been given a lease for the Wilco’s site. The council and Harvey Centre management are fully behind it and it is a beacon of hope in the town.

It includes Bounty Club, School uniform shop; Bump to 5 run by MRCT as well as other charities having a base there.

Andy reported that they wondered about cost per month, and that he had suggested a price, but the price has been set at a lower level than that.

The important thing is that it is a place to give people optimism and hope. Jesus comes among us and lives are turned around.

Prayer in the groups included:

- Schools
- Homeless

- Social media and its impact
- Crime
- War
- To challenge the negative expectations and attitudes towards the town by newcomers arriving here.
- Enough homes for those who have grown up in the area as well as for the overspill from London
- US elections and the resulting divisions
- Health issues and lack of resources, especially for those with complex health conditions.
- New hospital and health professionals with the appropriate skills and a commitment to the Harlow area
- Mental health issues including addiction
- People suffering from abuse – spiritual, mental, physical, emotional, sexual
- Poverty
- Broken homes and relationships
- Absent men / fathers/ parents. Also impacts the wider family.
- Special educational needs (SEN) crisis and funding
- Dementia caring – fear and stigma
- Asylum seekers and refugees – multi agency working.
- The spiritual health of the town – for God’s Kingdom to come in power!

DO WE WANT TO HELP THE HOMELESS THIS WINTER – WHAT ARE YOU SAYING LORD?

Pioneering

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” Isaiah 6:8

- Schools work – assemblies; church members taking RE lessons; Pilgrimages; festival services
- Youth work
- Great Open Door (Assemblies) – more volunteers required, especially another man
- Focus – holy Spirit led and for discernment
- Work within churches for young people
- Messy church on Wednesday and Thursday – different churches (Light parties) Halloween alternative
- Pit Stop
- 1 day holiday club
- Uniform exchange
- Provision for mental health and learning difficulties

Prayer for the Church

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your^[a] faith; Romans 12:3-6

- For hope, joy, peace and love to be evident in all of our churches
- For the Power of God to be witnessed and for the working of the Holy Spirit in our midst.
- That the word of God might be preached and taught faithfully and for the world views to not dilute it.

There was a picture of a golden kernel of corn popping – with hope, joy, peace being evident through the worshippers.

A big thank you to Ben and God Central Church for hosting and leading our prayers this month.

Next month we will be at Harefield Church on Nov 24th – refreshments from 6:10, service from 6:30.