



# Welcoming all in our community into the love of Christ

## Fleet Parish Prayer Programme

### **Background**

Prayer opens up the way for God to work out His plans and grow His kingdom. We therefore invite you to join us as we launch our exciting new Parish Prayer Programme (PPP). The idea behind this programme is to enhance our collective prayer life by asking you to take part in any of the following prayer options that appeal to you. Together we can support and enrich our entire ministry in the parish by underpinning any new initiative with prayer. Additionally, we can support the prayer life of each other by using up-to-date information about prayer needs and by accessing a wide range of prayer styles and methods.

### **The PPP itself**

This prayer programme has a menu of different options for us to dip into, according to our preferences. Of course we know that our parish already has an active prayer life and that some parts of what follows are already happening, but we hope that the PPP will enhance these.

The following broad menu of prayer options falls into three categories. More detailed descriptions follow this list.

#### *Mission and Discipleship Ministry*

1. Prayer Hub
2. Morning Prayer
3. Prayer Diary
4. Taizé and Celtic Worship
5. CT Prayer Wall

#### *Intercessory Prayer*

6. Prayer Telegraph
7. Prayer Request Boards
8. Prayer Triplets
9. Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

#### *Prayer Support*

10. Prayer Partners

Some of these options will be supported by large numbers of people and others by fewer people, but numbers are not everything – “Whenever two or three are gathered together...”

### **1. Prayer Hub**

The ‘Prayer Hub’ is a weekly 30-minute prayer meeting held on Sundays from 08:45 at Fernhurst (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays) or All Saints Meeting Room (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays). On 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays it will be at 09:45 at the church having the 10:30 service. In a sense it is at the ‘hub’ of the church. The Prayer Hub will be focused on praying through God’s purpose for the church in the parish and underpinning in prayer any new initiatives. To participate, just turn up.

### **2. Morning Prayer**

For some time the ministry team have met in Ss Philip and James church to say Morning Prayer every Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri at 9.00 am. This is now open to anyone who wishes to participate. You will be made most welcome.

### **3. Prayer Diary**

This monthly leaflet includes suggestions for daily prayer and allows us to mobilise a large group of people who do have a few minutes each day to pray privately for specific aspects of the church’s ministry – at home, on the train, or even whilst driving to work. Our various fellowship groups can also use the Prayer Diary to focus their prayers. We hope it will be welcomed by the housebound, who will be able to contribute greatly to the work of God in our parish through more specific and targeted prayers. Prayer Diaries can be collected each month from the back of either church, or delivered to you.

### **4. Taizé and Celtic Worship**

Taizé services are well established at P&J on 4th Sundays in the evening. These services include contemplative and open prayer, as well as being attractive to a significant group of young people. Celtic Worship sessions have also been held in P&J. See the Magazine Diary for dates and times.

### **5. Churches Together in Fleet: Prayer Wall**

This is already established and administered by Churches Together in Fleet. The aim is for someone to be praying for Fleet town at all times. If you want to sign up you can choose a time of the week to pray and you will receive regular Prayer Bulletins. A lot is happening already in Fleet, within the churches and ecumenically, but unity amongst the churches speaks volumes. To read more, enter <http://www.ctfleet.org.uk> in the ‘Address’ box in your internet browser and select ‘Prayer Wall’.

### **6. Prayer Telegraph**

This is a scheme where a telephone (or e-mail) tree is established so that each prayer request is quickly fed out to all the intercessors that have offered to pray for specific requests. In the telephone tree each person rings just two or three other people. The e-mail tree is more straightforward as



the whole group is e-mailed at once. People should only post non-confidential requests. To participate, please give your e-mail or telephone number to Jennie Kelleher: Tel. (01252) 625008 or [PrayerTelegraph@ParishOfFleet.org.uk](mailto:PrayerTelegraph@ParishOfFleet.org.uk).

#### **7. Prayer Request (and Thanksgiving) Boards**

These are available at the back of church. We have an effective way of disseminating the requests using the Prayer Telegraph and prayer groups, and they are open for prayers of thanksgiving too.

#### **8. Prayer Triplets**

Used to massive effect in Mission England and Mission to London, these small prayer cells provide an effective mechanism for intercessory prayer, especially before, during and after outreach events. Groups of three people agree to meet regularly to pray for any issues or people that they are aware of, and support outreach in prayer. To register your triplet, or your own interest in joining one, contact: Jane Allen, [PrayerTriplets@ParishOfFleet.org.uk](mailto:PrayerTriplets@ParishOfFleet.org.uk) Telephone: 622676.

#### **9. Tuesday Morning Prayer Group.**

This well-established prayer group meets in All Saints Lady Chapel at 11 am each Tuesday and prays for known needs, including those posted on the Prayer Boards. To participate, just turn up.

#### **10. Prayer Partners.**

These are different to Prayer Triplets in that their primary purpose is not intercessory prayer, but support of one another in fellowship and spiritual mentoring. To register your partnership, or your own interest, or to discuss, please contact: Jane Allen, Tel: 622676, or e-mail: [PrayerTriplets@ParishOfFleet.org.uk](mailto:PrayerTriplets@ParishOfFleet.org.uk)

#### **To submit a prayer request.....**

...for an individual, add your request to a Prayer Board at the back of either church, Tel. 625008, enter it via the parish website, or e-mail: [PrayerTelegraph@ParishOfFleet.org.uk](mailto:PrayerTelegraph@ParishOfFleet.org.uk)

...for an event, parish initiative, or any other entry in the Prayer Diary, contact Robert Smith, Tel: (01252) 624171 or e-mail: [PrayerDiary@ParishOfFleet.org.uk](mailto:PrayerDiary@ParishOfFleet.org.uk)

For further information on the Parish Prayer Programme, contact the Clergy, Readers, or Robert Smith (see above contact details).

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## Launch Leaflet

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