

WEEK of PRAYER 2019

Tuesday 22nd – Friday 25th January

The week of prayer is a time for us individually and collectively to stop, spend time with God, catch HIS heart for the year and also bring our dreams and hopes to HIM.

This year I have picked the theme from Acts 1:8 as Jesus promises the Holy Spirit will be with the disciples

Use these notes and thoughts to guide your prayers each day – and then gather in the evening to pray as a community.

Monday 21st January: 9am

Tuesday 22nd January: 8 - 9.30pm

“CHURCH COMMUNITY”

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
Acts 1:8

Think: Today we are focusing on the first two words – “but you”. Jesus was speaking to a specific group of people, saying that THEY would receive and be his witnesses – the disciples and close followers of Jesus, notice how he was speaking to the WHOLE group not just a few individuals.

I believe He says the same today “But you – Kings Church”. That’s all of us – the whole church community.

Pray: For each other and the church community. As we continue to think of ways to enhance the community, ask God what you can do to help create a caring community across the church – who could you encourage today, bless today, pray for today – maybe do something, send a text, write someone a note, visit someone today.

Pray for those who lead us in the different pastoral aspects of church community together, in particular HomeGroups (Sarah and the group leaders)

Pray that God will deepen and strengthen our relationship with each other this year.

Wednesday 23rd January: 8 - 9.30pm

“CHURCH ON FIRE”

“But you **will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you**; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Think: The church was never designed to be a country club, but a power house. I love the analogy that we are not called to be a cruise ship – where all our needs are met, but a battleship – ready to do God’s work, powerful and effective.

We want to be a church that is making a difference, that is full of the power of the Holy Spirit, seeing God at work through all we do.

The publicity for the week of prayer features a WAVE, as we believe that there is a wave of God coming, a release of His Spirit that will take us all and move us forward in His strength – are you ready?

Pray: Pray for those who lead us in the different aspects of our Sunday church community together

- Sunday AM and PM (Mark + leadership team + Sunday evening team)
- Music/worship team (Andrew P + team)
- Speaking and preaching team (Rob + team)
- Sunday Kids Teams

Pray that ALL we do will be led by the Holy Spirit and empowered by Him: *“It’s not by might, nor by power but by my Spirit says the Lord”*

Prayer that we will all be ready for God to work through us, willing to respond to His leading and prompting,

Listen: Where is God saying to you about the church today? What is He calling you to do in seeing His Church on fire?

As God speaks to you through the week make a note and please do share it.

- **Use the note spaces on this sheet**
- **Use the scribble boards at church,**
- **use email (mark@thekingschurcharnold.org.uk)**
- **Use FACEBOOK.**
- **Use TWITTER #kingsprayer**
- **Or text/phone (07530559249)**

Thursday 24th January: 8 - 9.30pm

“CHURCH ON A (LOCAL) MISSION”

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; **and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria**, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Think: Jesus told the disciples that when the Holy Spirit came they would be His witnesses. Notice he didn’t say “it would be nice if you could try to be my witnesses”, but “you WILL be my witnesses”. This isn’t an optional extra for the few enthusiastic ones, it’s a call on ALL of our lives – to be His witnesses.

WHERE? Jerusalem – that’s where they lived, for us we could take that to be our families, our very local neighbourhood, maybe our place of work.

Judea – that’s the area they lived in, for us we could take that to be our town and city

Samaria – that’s an area the disciples didn’t want to go to (in fact in Matthew, Jesus had told them not to go and preach to the Samaritans). We could take this to be the places and parts of society that others would find difficult to take the gospel, but God is calling us to.

Pray for all we do as a church in connecting people to Jesus

- Friendship activities
 - Craft
 - Toddlers
 - Community Choir
 - Men and Women’s activities
 - ...
- Compassionate activities
 - KMAC
 - Foodbank
 - Sharewear
 - Jericho Road
 - Street Pastors
 - Safe Families for Children
 - ...

Pray that God would highlight new ways we can connect people to Jesus

Pray for your “Jerusalem” – family, neighbours, work colleagues.

Listen: What is God saying to us as a church?

Friday 25th January: 8 - 9.30pm

“CHURCH ON A (GLOBAL) MISSION”

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; **and you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, & **to the ends of the earth.**”

Acts 1:8

Think: God’s mission didn’t stop at our front door, or our city – but should be to the WHOLE earth.

Today we want to pray for those we know who are taking His gospel to others across the globe. We also want to consider what our part in this could be (both individually and as a church)

Pray: For those we know of who are taking the gospel to other nations:

Rachel Wilson in Albania, taking the gospel to the children of Albania

- Pray for Rachel and her team as they prepare for the outreaches and training opportunities of 2019
- Pray for the church in Albania

Helen Vipass in Latvia, taking the gospel to the marginalised children of Latvia

- Pray for Helen and her team as they prepare centres and projects of 2019
- Pray for the church in Latvia

Pray for those you know and support

Listen: Where is God asking us as a church to get involved in world mission?

Where is God asking you to get involved in world mission, what is He asking you to do?

Please make every effort to come along to the “gathered” prayer meetings; it encourages and builds others up and God loves it when his people gather to pray.

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1 Sam 3:10 "Speak, for your servant is listening."