

Monthly Prayer Gathering for October

St Matthews

Bible Reflection from Psalm 6

*For the director of music. With stringed instruments.
According to sheminith A psalm of David.*

- ¹ Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger
or discipline me in your wrath.
- ² Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am faint;
heal me, Lord, for my bones are in agony.
- ³ My soul is in deep anguish.
How long, Lord, how long?
- ⁴ Turn, Lord, and deliver me;
save me because of your unfailing love.
- ⁵ Among the dead no one proclaims your name.
Who praises you from his grave?

- ⁶ I am worn out from my groaning.
All night long I flood my bed with weeping
and drench my couch with tears.
- ⁷ My eyes grow weak with sorrow;
they fail because of all my foes.
- ⁸ Away from me, all you who do evil,
for the Lord has heard my weeping.
- ⁹ The Lord has heard my cry for mercy;
the Lord accepts my prayer.
- ¹⁰ All my enemies will be overwhelmed with shame
and anguish;
they will turn back and suddenly be put to shame.

Praying for our World

- Pray for politicians who are making decisions about how best to control the virus.
- Pray for all those suffering with Coronavirus and the medical staff treating them. Pray for scientists trying to develop treatments and a vaccine.

Praying for our Community

- Pray for Hastings Foodbank and for the people who need to access that support. Pray for sufficient donations and perseverance for the foodbank team.
- Pray for the groups seeking to support the homeless especially the Seaview Project and Surviving the Streets. There will be no Snowflake Night Shelter this year.
- Pray for all the staff and residents of the care homes in our community

Praying for our Mission Partners: London City Mission

- Pray for London City Mission as they seek to equip churches to reach Londoners with the love of Jesus. Pray for ministry to individuals.
- Pray for missionaries working with some of the most vulnerable in London including the homeless and those with mental health difficulties.
- Prayer for creativity as many normal outreach activities are not possible.

Praying for St Ethelburga's Church

- Give thanks that most people are back on a Sunday and for new people now attending. Pray for those not yet able to join on a Sunday.
- Give thanks for the PCC away morning last weekend and the unity of vision. Pray for Matthew and the Churchwardens as they seek to clarify 3 or 4 priorities for the next year.
- Pray for Messy Church on 18 October with the theme of the Lost Coin.
- Pray for the appointment of a new Head of School at St Leonards CE Academy from January 2021.

Praying for our Church

- Give thanks for a joyful and encouraging harvest festival.
- Pray for our Sunday services this Autumn looking at the big questions. Pray for guests to come and for God to stir hearts.
- Pray for the children at Sunday Club as they start a new series in Daniel. Pray they would grow up never knowing a day when Jesus was not their Lord and Saviour.
- Give thanks for the two new small groups started on a Monday morning.
- Pray for the new PCC and SLC (PCC Standing Committee).
- Give thanks for God's financial provision and pray that he might provide in response to the recent gift appeal.

Praying for Individuals

- Pray for the members of our church family in nursing and residential care homes.
- Pray especially for Joyce Blackledge, Peggy Blythe, Celia Bray, Vic Chalcraft, Vi Chambers, Diana Aidam, Thelma Fogarty, Ailsa King, Frances Ross, Pat Burr and Freda Tuke.
- Pray for two people we would like to come to know Jesus.