

Monthly Prayer Gathering for November



St Matthews

helping local people follow Jesus Christ

Psalm 52

*For the director of music. A maskil of David.
When Doeg the Edomite had gone to Saul and
told him: 'David has gone to the house of
Ahimelek.'*

- ¹Why do you boast of evil, you mighty hero?
Why do you boast all day long,
you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God?
- ²You who practise deceit,
your tongue plots destruction;
it is like a sharpened razor.
- ³You love evil rather than good,
falsehood rather than speaking the truth.
- ⁴You love every harmful word,
you deceitful tongue!
- ⁵Surely God will bring you down to everlasting
ruin:

- he will snatch you up and pluck you from your
tent;
he will uproot you from the land of the living.
- ⁶The righteous will see and fear;
they will laugh at you, saying,
- ⁷'Here now is the man
who did not make God his stronghold
but trusted in his great wealth
and grew strong by destroying others!'
- ⁸But I am like an olive tree
flourishing in the house of God;
I trust in God's unfailing love
for ever and ever.
- ⁹For what you have done I will always praise you
in the presence of your faithful people.
And I will hope in your name,
for your name is good.

A Time of Thanksgiving

What can we thank God for over the last month?

Praying for People

- Pray for housebound members of our church especially Diana Aidam, Dorothy Aimes, Vi Chambers, Thelma Fogarty, Frances Ross, Rob Thurgood and Freda Tuke.
- Pray for the Freeman family following the death of Tony Freeman.
- Pray for James Mckinnon currently in hospital.
- Pray for those in our church who are caring for a friend or a member of their family.

Praying for St Matthew's Church

- Give thanks for all that God has taught us through the bible book of proverbs – pray we may fear the Lord in all we do.
- Give thanks for encouraging numbers at Families Together in October.
- Give thanks for our time of fellowship at the recent church lunch.
- Give thanks for a number of new young people who have started coming to Roots.
- Give thanks that all the planned building work for 2024 is complete.
- Give thanks that we have successfully completed our grant application to Biffa for approx. £50,000 for the refurbishment of the church centre. Pray that the application may find favour in February.
- Pray for our upcoming sermon series from chapters 24 and 25 of Matthew's Gospel thinking about Jesus' second coming.
- Pray for newcomers settling into church life especially the newcomers' tea on 24 November.
- Pray for our Christmas Craft morning on Saturday 30 November for 5 more volunteer helpers and for a good number of guests.
- Pray for the PCC meeting on Monday 18 November. The PCC will be particularly discussing the church vision and seeking to agree the 2025 budget.
- Pray for the ladies' lunch on 8 November and men's Christmas meal on 6 December.

Praying for St Ethelburga's Church

- Give thanks the Hope Now visit in October – please continue to pray for the church in Ukraine.
- Give thanks for the £10,000 grant from the diocese towards roof repairs and a £15,000 grant towards the salary of a new children and families worker. Please pray for the right person to see the advert when it goes out in January.
- Give thanks for good numbers at Messy Church on 20 October – pray for good follow up and for many to come back in November.
- Give thanks for the recent offer from someone to buy the St Leonard's Church site. Please pray for this person as they carry out site investigations.
- Give thanks for a generous response to the latest gift day and for the PCC as they set the 2025 budget on Monday 26 November.

Praying for Christians Against Poverty

- Give thanks that we are close to appointing a new chair of trustees to start in January 2025. Pray for the trustees as they work together to develop a new 3-year vision for CAP.
- Give thanks for the five people/families who have gone debt free this Autumn.
- Give thanks for ongoing referrals from secular agencies.
- Pray for wisdom about how to increase the number of appointments each month.
- Pray for the presentation at the Rye "Churches Together" service in January and that the Lord would provide four new befrienders.
- Pray for Gill Knox and Nick Warren especially when meeting complex clients.
- Pray for many evangelistic opportunities.

Praying for Hastings and St Leonards

- Please pray for Hastings BC especially for Judy Rogers (Mayor of Hastings), Julia Hilton (Leader of the Hastings) Jane Hartnell (Managing Director) and Nigel Sinden and Billie Barnes (our ward councillors).
- Pray for Katy Bourne the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner.
- Pray for Jay Mendis-Gunasekera who is the district commander for Hastings and Rother Police.
- Pray for our medical services especially those who work at the Conquest Hospital. Pray especially for members of our churches families who work in the NHS.
- Pray for Christians across the town to shine like stars in their different roles and workplaces.

Praying for our Country and World

- Pray for Donald Trump following his election as the next American President.
- Pray for areas of conflict in the world especially Gaza, Yemen, Lebanon and Ukraine. Pray for restraint, peace and cease fires.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for all world leaders.
- Pray for our MPs, our cabinet ministers and the Prime Minister. Pray especially for Christian MPs in parliament and Kemi Badenoch as the new leader of the opposition.