

Prayer Gathering for August 2026



St Matthews

helping local people follow Jesus Christ

Psalm 72

Of Solomon

Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.

²May he judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.

³May the mountains bring prosperity to the
people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.

⁴May he defend the afflicted among the people
and save the children of the needy;
may he crush the oppressor.

⁵May he endure as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all generations.

⁶May he be like rain falling on a mown field,
like showers watering the earth.

⁷In his days may the righteous flourish
and prosperity abound till the moon is no
more.

⁸May he rule from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

⁹May the desert tribes bow before him
and his enemies lick the dust.

¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of distant
shores
bring tribute to him.

May the kings of Sheba and Seba
present him with gifts.

¹¹May all kings bow down to him
and all nations serve him.

¹²For he will deliver the needy who cry out,
the afflicted who have no one to help.

¹³He will take pity on the weak and the needy
and save the needy from death.

¹⁴He will rescue them from oppression and
violence,
for precious is their blood in his sight.

¹⁵Long may he live!
May gold from Sheba be given to him.
May people ever pray for him
and bless him all day long.

¹⁶May corn abound throughout the land;
on the tops of the hills may it sway.
May the crops flourish like Lebanon
and thrive like the grass of the field.

¹⁷May his name endure for ever;
may it continue as long as the sun.
Then all nations will be blessed through him,
and they will call him blessed.

¹⁸Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does marvellous deeds.

¹⁹Praise be to his glorious name for ever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen and Amen.

²⁰This concludes the prayers of David son of
Jesse.

A Time of Sharing

How have we seen God at work in our lives and in our church in the last month?

Praying for People

- Pray for all those members of the church currently looking for work or facing redundancy. Pray the Lord would provide them job and help them to trust him as they search for work.
- Pray for all those struggling with their physical or mental health.
- Pray for our year 6 children preparing to transition to secondary school and children preparing to start Reception in September.

Praying for St Matthew's Church

- Give thanks for new people joining us on Sunday. Pray for them to settle into church life.
- Give thanks for all the Lord has taught us in Isaiah – may we live out the truths we have learnt.
- Give thanks for the generous response to the Gift Day and the financial sustainability it brings.
- Give thanks for a good time of friendship and fellowship at the church picnic and at the Men's Crazy Golf Evening.
- Give thanks for the ministry of Friendlies and for the enjoyable time at the final afternoon tea.

- Please pray for our August sermon series in Mark's Gospel.
- Pray for our joint Sunday Club and Creche sessions in August.
- Pray for a good number to sign up for the Equip Course starting in September.
- Pray for new people to join the gardening team and Ben Masters Stevens as he prepares for two painting days in August.

Praying for our Staff Appointments

- Pray for the right person to apply to be the new Assistant Minister and for wisdom for the members of the appointment panel.
- Pray for the diocese as they seek to find us a curate for summer 2027.
- Pray for the Church in the Wood PCC as they begin to prepare the role description for their new Community Worker.
- Pray for our current staff: Matthew Foy, Sara Ainsworth, Pauline Blythe, Fran Wratten, and Mike Dunmil.

Praying for St Ethelburga's Church

- Give thanks for new people coming on Sundays. Pray that they may settle into church life and for the Welcome Tea on Sunday 6 September.
- Give thanks for the ministries of Morning Stars, Ignite and Messy Church and pray for the teams on their summer break.
- Pray for the plan to launch a new group for 0–5-year-olds on Sunday mornings from Sunday 13 September. Pray for Ruth Hine as she leads this group and for Sara Ainsworth as she prepares to lead the older group.
- Pray for Morning Stars in the park on 20 August. Pray also for one new leader to help with Morning Stars from September.
- Please pray for the ongoing negotiations with the diocese regarding the sale of the St Leonard's Church site.

Praying for Hastings and St Leonards

- Please pray for all the staff at Hastings BC especially Robert Cottrill as the Chief Executive.
- Pray for our MP Helena Dollimore.
- Pray for Katy Bourne the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner.
- Pray for Simon Yates who is the district commander for Hastings and Rother Police.

Praying for Our Country and World

- Pray for Andy Burnham as our new Prime Minister.
- Pray for all the countries in the Middle East and for a peace agreement with Iran.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine and for negotiations between Russia and Ukraine to restart.
- Pray for persecuted churches, especially for believers who are rejected by their families because of their Christian faith.