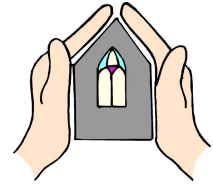




Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church Summer 2010 Prayer Focus



Please use this sheet to pray for our Church life and our Church family, during the summer months.

This month, we especially ask your prayers for our Gary as he approaches his ordination. The service will be held at 4.30 on Sunday 27th June in Bognor Regis. Please remember Gary in your prayers at this time and in the days before when he will be on retreat in preparation for his special day.



Prayer Points

We ask your prayers for

- ◇ Gary our Minister, as he prepares for his ordination. We pray that the occasion of his ordination will be a time of special blessing for him and for his family. (You may wish to use the prayer opposite which comes from the Ordination Service.)
- ◇ Please pray also for Gary and Luzia, giving thanks for Luzia's pregnancy and ask that all will be well during the next few months.
- ◇ for Rev. Chris Esgate as he prepares to leave the Maidstone circuit, and that he will again have the opportunity to minister and serve the Lord.
- ◇ for the leadership of the Maidstone Methodist Circuit as preparations continue to join with other Circuits in the area.
- ◇ for Ray Borrett, as he leads worship in our Circuit for the first time, and as he is recognised as an accredited Local Preacher within our Circuit. We ask a special blessing on him and on Deb for all that they both can offer in worship.
- ◇ We give thanks and pray for all those people within our church who help to lead worship in our Own Arrangements services and other services. We pray that their contribution to worship will be blessed, for them and for our Congregation.
- ◇ Please pray for those people who are just completing the present Worship Leader's Course, Ali, Alan Wood and Sylvia from our Church, Roger from Bearsted, Rod from Burham, Kathy and Irene from Tonbridge Road, and Peter from Snodland.
- ◇ Please pray for all the Local Preachers and Ministers who lead worship in our Church, so that each service will help us draw closer to god, be more like Christ and be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- ◇ We ask God's blessing on all of us in our Church and that each of us can fulfil our calling to be the people of God working for him in this place.

A Prayer from the Ordination Service

You may wish to pray this prayer for Gary

Gracious God

As you call and ordain this your servant to this ministry, we ask you to fulfil in him the work you have begun.

Grant him unfailing love for those people among whom you appoint him as pastor and teacher. May he boldly proclaim your truth and faithfully celebrate your sacraments.

Give him wisdom and patience in his witness and service.

Sustain and strengthen him at all times, giving faith and perseverance to all who believe in you through his word.

May he be counted worthy at the last to enter into the joy of his Lord.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God for ever and ever. **Amen**

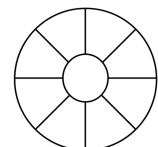
Gary will be asked to:

- Remember your call.
- Declare the Good News.
- Celebrate the Sacraments.
- Serve the needy.
- Minister to the sick.
- Welcome the stranger.
- Seek the lost.
- Be a shepherd to the flock of Christ.
- As you exercise mercy, do not forget justice;
- As you minister discipline, do not forget mercy;
- That when Christ the Chief Shepherd comes in glory
- He may count you among his faithful servants.
- To God be glory for ever. Amen.

Please continue to pray that God will sustain Gary in his calling.

Prayer Wheel

The Prayer Wheel is a group of people who are willing to pray for others in the Church, and their families and friends, whenever prayer is requested. When a message is received by one person on the Prayer Wheel it is passed on to another person on the wheel, and then on to the next. If you need prayer you can contact Christine Malins on 01732 842647 who will contact other people on the Prayer Wheel, who will also pray for you. You can also contact the Church Office.



For any prayer request, you can also contact THE CHURCH OFFICE:
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