

ALVECHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH

‘OPEN TO GOD, OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY’ PRAYER DIARY – August 2022

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 7th

Local Baptist Churches for Prayer:- Franche BC, Kidderminster

Loving Lord, we enter your house today with our hearts full of love for you, knowing that whatever storms we go through in life, you are always there for us. We bring to you all those who are living with loss whether it be from war, natural disaster or illness. Lord, be with them and comfort them.

International Youth Day:- As we look towards International Youth day on the 12th August, we thank you for the work of the Children, Youth and Families Round Table of Baptists Together – joining the dots between Church, Home and Community. We pray that we may have a greater understanding about how we nurture faith in those children, youth and families, whom God has put beside us?

Allotment Week:- On a global scale we are constantly looking for ways to ensure the world has enough food but on a micro level we thank you for councils across the UK encouraging people to use spare land for allotments and in many case share their produce. We pray for all in Alvechurch involved in *Incredible Edible*.

Satellites:- Organised by Youthscape and taking place between the 9th and 13th in Peterborough, *Satellites* is a five-day summer gathering designed to inspire teenagers to live with God at the centre of their lives all year round. We pray for all who will be at this gathering.

This Week:- We pray for the residents of Crown Meadow, The Buckleys, Buckleys Green, Swans Walk, Glebe Road, Heron Close, Kingfisher Court, Cygnet Close, Willow Brook Road, Oaktree Close, Birmingham Road, Althestan Close, Rectory Gardens, Old Rectory Lane, and for friends who live outside the village.

Further details of the local churches mentioned can be found on page 14 of the August Newsletter

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 14th

Local Baptist Church for Prayer: Pershore BC

Loving Lord, as we enter your house, our Heaven on Earth, to worship you. We bring to you today the peoples of Ukraine and Russia and the War which still rages on. Help those doing the fighting to see what they are doing to one another and comfort those who have lost loved ones, their homes, their livelihoods.

Baptist World Aid:- We pray for BMS supported workers Marsha Scipio at Baptist World Aid and Roshan Mendis in the Asia Pacific Region that they are able to help Baptist networks to respond quickly to disasters.

Anniversaries:- At the end of July and in the first two weeks of August we remember the anniversary of VJ Day, the destruction of Hiroshima and the outbreak of the First World War. With thoughts of these three historical facts we bring to you all areas of the world facing conflict today.

World Humanitarian Day:- On the 19th August each year we celebrate World Humanitarian Day. The purpose of World Humanitarian Day is to raise awareness of the plight of civilians around the world who have become caught up in conflicts, and also honour and raise support for the humanitarian workers who risk, and sometimes lose, their lives to help.

Over 130 million people throughout the world are currently in crisis, either through war or natural disasters and are in need of humanitarian aid.

This Week:- We pray for the residents of Coopers Hill, Callow Hill Road, Blythesway, Randall Avenue, Hinton Avenue, Tanyard Lane, Brookside Close, Tanyard Close, Hollington Road, Tonyn Close, Wattes Close and Red Lion Street.

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 21st

Local Baptist Church for Prayer: Dunnington BC

Loving Lord, you gave us the flowers, you gave us the trees, you gave us the antelope and the bees; for these and all the miracles of life we are forever grateful to you. We worship you Lord, for each new day you bring and ask that you be with all from ABC. Keep them safe, keep them well, we pray.

China:- Pray for the Church in China increasingly burdened with Government restrictions. We think especially of the requirement to obtain a permit (sometimes refused] from the Provincial Government, to continue sharing the Gospel through the internet.

Dnipro Hope Mission:- DHM is actively working with church partners in Eastern Ukraine, to provide life-saving care for refugees and disabled and elderly residents of care homes. Partners also offer medical supplies for the injured, support for pastors who are themselves providing pastoral support to local units of Ukrainian soldiers. We pray for those working for this organisation putting themselves at risk every day.

National Road Victim Month:- In this month when so many travel, be close to those who have been involved in accidents whether small or life changing. Be particularly with families where lives, because of accidents, will have life affected for them in many ways.

This week:- We pray for the residents of Meadow Lane, The Square, Radford Road, Mill Court, Swan Street, School Lane, Redditch Road, Grange Lane, Bear Hill, Bear Hill Drive, St Laurence Close, Snake Lane, The Gaunts, Withybed Lane, Warbank Close, George Road, Withybed Close and Withybed Green.

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 28th

Local Baptist Church for Prayer: Far Forest BC

Loving Lord, with hearts full of love and a peace that only you know, we worship you through prayer, scripture and song. If the rest of the world felt the love and peace you know, surely the hating and fighting that engulfs our little piece of the universe would end. Lord, help those in need, to find love and peace in their hearts.

Notting Hill Carnival:- After a two year absence, Notting Hill Carnival returns to the capital this weekend. As the streets of west London are filled with Caribbean colours, music and flavours we pray that it will be an opportunity for different races to come together and for all of us to examine our own lives, views and opinions.

International Day of the Disappeared:- This day which is held annually on 30th August gives the chance for us to recognise the numbers of people and in particular young people who go missing every year. We pray for their families that they will receive all the support they need.

Over 70,000 young people go missing every year.

World Council of Churches:- The 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches takes place in Karlsruhe, Germany, under the theme '*Christ's love moves the world to reconciliation and unity*' this next week. We pray that discussions that take place will result in actions that will support friendship and love across the world.

This Week:- We pray for the residents of Latimer Road, Branden Road, Tranter Avenue, Rose Avenue, Dellow Grove, Robins Hill Drive, Lewkner Houses, Station Road and Scarfields; for residents of the care homes in our village.

The prayers this month have been compiled by Gill Jones, Lisa Seeney and Dave Shoemith. If you have a prayer topic you would like included next month please e-mail Dave at dshoemith@yahoo.co.uk