

PRAYER AND PRAISE

December and January 2021/22

Rector – Will Pearson Gee



My prayer points are:

Personal: Healing for my mother-in-law now staying with us.
Patience and perseverance for Lucia as she cares for her.

Energy and zeal for Advent and Christmas

Work: Our Christmas services
All my talks - for fresh inspiration
Our evangelism
For more to offer help

Mission & Outreach – Keith Croxton



Please pray for the Christmas Food Parcels being delivered this month, that they will make a huge difference to families struggling this Christmas period. **Give thanks** to all the schools, churches, and individuals

who have donated food so these parcels can be sent to those in need.

Pray for all those coming into The Centre this month, that they will experience the joy of Christmas. .

Pray for the Food Bank team as they shop and deliver parcels throughout the Christmas period: pray for their protection from illness and tiredness during this busy time.

Brian and Ann Hubbard.



Attendance at Rebound continues to be small, although recently there's been more engagement and sense of belonging. However, Rebound always was intended as a feed-in to CAP Life Skills and the exciting news is we'll be relaunching this in the new year.

We're planning to start on Thursday 20th Jan, and we already have 10 people who've expressed an interest. Praise the Lord for this so far, but **please do also pray** that:

The Lord and His Spirit are truly with and in and behind CAP Life Skills.

The right venue becomes available to us
All the people He wants to attend will be free on Thursday mornings, will sign up, and will attend consistently
The Lord points us to the right helpers to fully support the programme
No dark forces and evil powers will overcome this God-inspired work
Especially **do pray that people** will learn new ways to live their lives and may also encounter Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Our Church link in Bradford St Johns Great Horton under John Bavington



Please pray for various Christmas events and services. In particular our Carol services which we hope will be effective evangelistically. Also, Christmas lunch when people who are alone will be welcome to join us for lunch in church.

Please pray for our new intercultural worker who we hope will be appointed in December to help draw all the international members of Saint Johns into full participation in church life. His name is Asumani Susho. He's a Congolese refugee and a wonderful Christian brother.

Please pray for the relaunch of a small group system in mid-January. All our small groups closed at the start of the pandemic. We see this as a vital element of church life for everyone's discipleship. **Please pray** for high levels of participation.

Finally for December: **we give thanks** for all those who volunteer in the red letter project (our community work) and **pray for God's** blessings on those who receive a hamper of Christmas food from our food bank. Several people have become Christians through this work.

Please pray for our main carol service on 12th December.

Mission Partner - Created Creative



Thanking God for all He is doing and has done over 2021.

Please pray as we head into 2022 the Lord continues to guide and lead the Created Creative team into His plans and purposes for the year

ahead.

Please pray for the creative sessions coming up in December and January, for the team and those taking part.

Please continue to pray for grant applications and the process and financial support for the ministry.

Please **pray** for 2 new trustees one with finance skills and one with ICT skills to join Pauline Stanton-Saringer, Angela Hardy, Mandy Hagon, and myself. If you feel prompted to find out more or know of someone who might like to be part (it doesn't have to be a local person thanks to zoom) do let me know.

For more info, please email Emma Cottrell info@createdcreative.co.uk

Kate Pellereau - Curate



Please pray for all the Christmas services. There is lots to do, but it is an amazing time to serve God and share the good news with our town.

Please pray especially for the Christingle service which I am

organising, although I have not been to one!

Please pray for us as we begin to think about next term - in particular a focus on evangelism and running the LLF course.

Pastoral Team Leader – Jo Wigley



Prayer Points: Please pray for those who are alone over the Christmas period, for who Christmas day is one of many spent on their own. **Pray that** we can connect with them and that they are shown kindness by their

neighbours. **Pray that** God gives us all compassion in abundance at this time when loving our neighbour is so important.

Pray for the single parent families and those housed in refuges, that they will be able to encounter the love of Jesus and be blessed with the hope and strength that only comes from Him.

Pray for those suffering with their mental health, for families who are grieving and for those in hospital or homeless over this Christmas period.

Praise: Praise God for the generosity of the people of our town in giving of their money and time to support those less well-off and in need.

Praise God for the sense of family and community we have in supporting one another.

Praise God that we have the freedom to share the Good News with others.

Worship & Production – Ali Burt



Praise God for another year and everything that he has done within the worship and production teams over that time – new skills learnt and all the different things we have done for Him, including the ones that haven't worked out! **Praise God** also

for the provision of new technology to help us in these ministry areas; the tech might not bring people to Jesus itself, but our ability to use it means we are less worried about the kit and can focus more on God's people.

Please pray for us going into next year, as we enter hopefully into a normal year. **Pray that** the worship and production teams will continue to develop in relationship with one another and with God, and that we might draw people to know him through our ministry. **Please also pray** that in 2022 I finally get to experience Easter properly!

Connect Groups - Michael Greig



Praise God for: both newcomers & existing church members wanting to joining a group; for the faithfulness of the of CG leaders.

Please pray for: Leaders: for wisdom re choice of study material; supporting the pastoral needs of their group;

leading hybrid meetings with some members on zoom & some in person.

New people being integrated into existing groups
Potential leaders to be identified & encouraged
Group members to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus and with each other

Eph 4:12 "equipping the saints for the work of ministry" that our CG's will raise up fruitful & effective disciples – who will find their God given role within the various ministries at BPC

Jesus said: 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.' John 8:31-32

Youth Team - Sam Graham



Prayer of Thanks: The launch of the youth café has been a huge success! Each week we are welcoming over 50 young people into the café. By the end of November, we had reached a point where the majority of young people now stay to chat and play games rather

than get food to take away. We have also reached a point with the young people where they are asking about why we run the youth café and questions about faith!

Prayer for: We do ask for continued wisdom as we develop all our youth ministry projects. Particularly now as we approach 2022 with new opportunities, High Leigh & schools work.

BPC Children - Jayde Crouch



Praise God for the growing kids' groups and the steadily growing team let this continue into the new year.

Pray for children's team as a whole, volunteers and core team included, as we look forward to celebrating

Christmas together and planning for New Year..

Praise God for the revival of Messy Church and Ark and the team there. Thank you for Beth a stepping forward to help lead our Ark. **Please pray** that together we can help make this ministry everything it needs to be. **Pray for me** as I prepare to leave in 2022 and **pray that the** Lord will send the right person to replace me.

Ministry Trainee - Olly Holland



Prayers for Hotdog Wednesdays: We continue to give **Thanksgiving** for all involved. Protection & strength for the volunteers. Most importantly for the souls who come to Hotdog Wednesdays to come to know Christ.

Prayers for pop up prayer pray for God's timing and contacts to be perfect, for guidance from the Holy Spirit as I pray for people.

Alpha: Please pray for a specific team of people to come forward who would be passionate about leading people to Christ through Alpha, and for more people to come forward to encounter Jesus through Alpha & for those who need to be discipled & aided in their walk with Jesus. **Please pray** for an Alpha team to be formed and trained as we enter 2022. **Pray for** a passionate and diverse team full of passion to share the gospel.

Outreach - **Please pray** for God's clear guidance..

Please pray for the Christmas meal that we are doing for 80 people on 22nd December. Please pray for the serving team of volunteers. Please also pray for the families as we gently share our faith with them at this special time.

Prayer Ministry Team – Chris and Cheryl Murray



What has God called you to do?

I felt called to pray for healing many years ago. I'm passionate about it and have prayed for people in the street, on trains, on a cruise ship, etc the latter person was a Jewish lady, and her husband, a doctor. They were SO surprised when she felt the Holy Spirit's power, and was healed from a number of aches, pains and physical limitations. I pray that they will have come to faith in Jesus.

There are others on the team who have had similar experiences.

If we don't respond positively to what God is calling us to, we'll never be fulfilled, but always be frustrated, even if our calling does not always appear to be very fruitful.

If you feel God may be calling you to this 'ministry,' please speak to Cheryl or myself.

We need more people involved, particularly regular worshippers at the 9 am and 11.

Prayer for the World - Zena Greig

BPC partners with the Mukti Mission in Pune , India, which is a refuge for 700 women and girls who have been abandoned, orphaned or have disabilities. **Pray for** the provision of their needs, for peace, protection and empowerment.

Pray too for the directors, Dr. Lorraine Francis and Mr. Anil Francis as they continue the work of restoring, rebuilding and renewing lives through the power and love of Christ and that Christmas will be a time of great joy for all.

Refugees: Please pray about the complex situation of those seeking refuge in UK and for wisdom for governments as they seek to avert tragedies and loss of lives.

Open Doors – Betsy Kolkea

Some of us are aware of the violence many Christians face in Nigeria. With the recent news that Nigeria has been removed from the US government's list of the world's worst religious freedom violators, Nigerian Christians feel abandoned. Whilst the US said this decision was based on fact, sadly more Christians are killed for their faith in Nigeria today than in the rest of the world combined. There has been an explosion of violence in religiously and ethnically motivated attacks and kidnappings. Just last month armed men killed one Christian and kidnapped 60 others during a church service in Kaduna state.

Let's Pray:

1. That the US government will reconsider their decision to remove Nigeria from their list
2. For God's peace to fill the hearts of believers as they hear this news and are tempted to feel forgotten and abandoned by the international community
3. That God would open the eyes of President Muhammadu Buhari to the violations of religious freedoms in the country and fill his heart with compassion and courage to make changes.

Prison Ministry - Paul Burgess



Thank God that restrictions are lifting slightly within some prisons. we had our first service for the lads last Sunday.

Restrictions are still in place and no volunteers allowed in. **Prayer**

requests for the lads suffering with mental health issues especially during this time.

Also for governors, prison officers and chaplaincy staff to be lifted up also **in prayer** please.

Please keep this leaflet and use it in your daily prayers.

Christmas Services

**Sunday 12th December
Messy Church 3pm**

The 6pm Carol Service

**Sunday 19th December
Crib Service**

**Nine Lessons and Carols Service
6pm**

**Christmas Eve
Christingle service 3pm**

Christingle service 5pm

Midnight Communion 11pm

**Christmas Day
BCP at St John the Evangelist
Radclive Church 9:30am**

Family Service 10am

**Boxing Day
Holy Communion Service 10am**