

AVONSIDE MISSION AREA

Avonmouth - Lawrence Weston - Sea Mills - Shirehampton - Stoke Bishop

Joining together to fast and pray in our own time on the first Monday of the month.

February 2021

Thank you for joining us in prayer and fasting this month. Do take time today to praise God for all that He is doing across our Mission Area and to pray that He would lead us forwards in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Praise God for:

- The stories we have been hearing of people coming to faith, growing in faith or taking their first steps in exploring faith in recent months. Pray for those doing the Alpha Course.
- Provision of food and funding which is enabling the Bristol NW Foodbank to continue to meet the high level of demand for food parcels.
- The emerging leaders across ASMA who are taking part in an informal preaching course.
- Individuals making contact with local churches for the first time, many of them struggling and in need. Pray for wisdom for the church leaders about how to offer support and care.

Ask God for:

- His comfort and compassion to be at work through Helen Johnson, currently supporting five families in Shirehampton who are arranging funerals for their loved ones.
- His peace to be with wedding couples across the Mission Area who have already had to postpone weddings from 2020 and now may have to postpone again.
- His love to surround all those who continue to feel lonely, especially those who haven't been out of their homes for nearly a year.
- His help for the Foodbank Staff who are often trying to support clients over the phone who have significant mental health concerns.
- His healing for three of the Foodbank office team/former staff who are seriously ill.
- His blessing on the ASMA Lent Course 'Come to life', created in partnership with Hazelnut Community, focussing on the God of creation and the way this affects all our relationships.
- His guidance as ASMA engages with the diocesan Transforming Church conversations.
- His blessing on our work with those struggling with their mental health, and also on the explorations taking place into 'Social Prescribing' (GP surgeries directing people to church-based activities for support).
- His wisdom to be with all the church leaders as they continue to navigate changing demands and circumstances due to the pandemic.
- His blessing on the building work of Space4makers in Avonmouth, experiencing some delays.
- His help for those facing redundancy or the closure of their small businesses.

Whilst the national mood might be despondency and hopelessness, pray that God would sustain all the Christians in the Mission Area to hold onto the hope of Christ and live in a way that points others towards it too.

Please spend some time listening to God, discerning His direction for the Mission Area. If you would like to pass on any words or pictures you feel are from God, please email vicar@stmarysb.org.uk