

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.

March 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:

- All those who attended the Ash Wednesday service from across ASMA, and for the way that this service highlighted our partnership in the Gospel.
- The continued gratefulness of all who are accessing the Foodbank. Pray for stamina for the leaders and volunteers who faithfully serve as part of this vital ministry.
- The emerging leaders from ASMA churches taking part in a preaching course led by Simon.
- Those across ASMA who are growing as disciples of Jesus. Praise God that many are taking part in the Come to Life Lent Course, and some are doing Alpha in small groups or 1-2-1. Thank God for a really special Alpha Holy Spirit morning at St Edyth's recently.
- All the opportunities for churches to engage with schools. Give thanks for those volunteering in the Wellbeing Hub at Oasis Brightstowe and for all those who serve as school Governors.
- All the Trinity Placement Students involved across ASMA – for the life and joy they bring!
- All those continuing to engage with online church, and especially families taking part in Rise and Shine (Shirehampton), Explore@4 (Stoke Bishop) and Messy Church (Lawrence Weston).

Ask God for:

- Wisdom as the churches make plans for reopening buildings and Easter services, considering what is possible and wise whilst also making the most of every opportunity. Pray especially for St Mary's Shirehampton, deciding how to re-start the popular weekday coffee mornings.
- His Spirit to be at work amongst all children and young people as many return to school. Some of the ASMA churches have seen an increase in anti-social behaviour in their parishes, reinforcing the fact that young people are bored and some are disillusioned and struggling. Pray too for Children and Families workers and all Christian parents who are seeking to help children cultivate their own faith in Jesus.
- His blessing on those planning to be married in the ASMA churches, especially those who have had to move their ceremony date once or several times.
- The swift completion of the Space4Makers building project.
- Courage and boldness for all Christians as they share the Good News about Jesus.
- His strength to be with those with complex needs or addictive behaviours who are reaching out to the churches, and those suffering silently. There has been a recent rise in the number of people making contact. Thank God that churches can be a place of refuge and help.
- His blessing on those struggling with their mental health, and also on the explorations taking place into 'Social Prescribing'.
- His blessing on the St Mary's Stoke Bishop 'Church Weekend@Home' on March 13th.

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