

PRAYER DIARY 2019

Why should I fast?

Throughout the Bible, God requires His people to humble themselves before Him and to pray. An important feature of this is that the responsibility to humble ourselves is always placed on us. (I humbled my soul with fasting – Ps 35:13) Fasting goes alongside prayer as exercising of humbling ourselves and calling on God to act.

How do I fast?

The usual type of fasting is voluntary abstaining from food for spiritual purposes. Occasionally fasting from other things which we have become reliant upon may also be appropriate.

Fasting can be from a single meal or for a longer period of time. It can be helpful to have habits of fasting - such as fasting from the same meals each week for a period of time. Longer fasts should never be done without proper consideration of physical health implications.

The best way to start is to commit in advance to missing one meal and spending that time in prayer; either fast and pray by yourself or with one or two others.

Prayer Gatherings: (PS - Prayer Studio)

Tues 21st May: 8am, (PS) - *Listening & Praying*
Tues 21st May: 8pm, HT - An hour of prayer - **Mission**

Thurs 23rd May: 3:15pm, (PS), **Children's & Family Prayer**

Tues 28th May: 8am, (PS) - *Listening & Praying*
Tues 28th May: 8pm, HT, An hour of prayer - **Ministry**

Tues 4th Jun: 8am: (PS) - *Listening & Praying*
Tues 4th Jun: 8pm: An hour of prayer - **Community**

Sun 9th Jun: 6:30pm (HT) - **Worship Prophecy Prayer**

MISSION:		MINISTRY:		COMMUNITY:	
20/5	Global Mission: Pick up one of our Mission booklets and pray for our mission partners that serve abroad. For protection, fruitfulness, health and strong relationships.	27/5	Carers & Tots. Great & Small & Tiny and Tots. For relationships to grow & the simple sharing of faith. People to find a place of support and belonging.	3/6	Community Groups that use our building: Our HT site is used by a number of external organisations such as the Stoke Recovery Group & the Downs Syndrome Group - pray blessing upon all who use it
21/5	Local Mission: Pick up one of our Mission booklets and pray for our mission partners that serve here in the UK. For protection, fruitfulness, health and strong relationships.	28/5	Ocean Kids: that our children would grow up in their relationship with God. For the leaders & parents.	4/6	Seniors: as well as the many groups we support, pray for those of older years who live within the Parish. That God would meet them and meet their needs in this season of life
22/5	The World: take some time to bring before God those situations around the world that he brings to mind. Pray especially for God's people in those places, that they would demonstrate God's love.	29/5	Trinity Centre to have an impact & expand our current ministries. That we have the resources to develop new ministry opportunities	5/6	Schools: Pray for the students and staff of the primary & second schools in our Parish. For the CU's, Assemblies & Lessons we run. For those who serve as governors.
23/5	Trinity Centre - This will enable fresh expressions of Church. Pray that we have the resources, gifts, vision & creativity to develop ways of being church that will connect to our changing culture and context.	30/5	Youth Ministry: that our young people would grow in faith. For their leaders & parents. Protection in the pressures they face.	6/6	Trinity Centre - Cafe. That we would have the resources needed to run this. That it would be a community cafe to serve the needs of those around us. A place of belonging, welcome & hospitality.
24/5	Church of the Good Shepherd: Pray that as this congregation is being shaped for mission it would have an increasing impact in Widmer End.	31/5	Seniors: Pray for our wide ranging ministries - Keep Fit, Bowls, Tuesday centre, Prime, home visits & special events. For those who come & lead	7/6	Those in needs: Debt, Mental Health, Bereaved. Struggling in relationships, health concerns, loneliness and feelings of isolation.
25/5	Manor Farm: Pray that God would give opportunities and resources for this congregation to serve and and connect with those living in the Rose Avenue Estate.	1/6	Life Groups: that these would foster a sense of family. Pray for the leaders and new leaders to be raised up - so we have capacity for new groups	8/6	The Carers in our Community: our doctors, nurses, carers, community workers, and youth workers. That God would sustain them as they serve others.
26/5	Holy Trinity & Connect: As the most visible church in the Parish - pray that this congregation can creatively respond to the wider needs of Hazlemere community and be a place of welcome and belonging to all.	2/6	Sunday Church gatherings. That people encounter God, lives are transformed, relationships develop and people are welcomed.	9/6	Holy Spirit would empower all God's churches in Hazlemere. That the blessings we receive would over flow to our community. Pray for our and their leaders.