



Connexional Prayer and Praise Sheet

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1 Timothy 2: 1–4 (English Standard Version)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

During the last few months, as I have visited various churches within our Connexion and spoken with individuals, I have repeatedly heard the call for God's people to return to prayer. A number of churches did return to holding regular prayer meetings again following the Bible Study Series 'Renewing our calling...' Others have responded to a leading by God's Spirit to personal renewal and dedication to God beginning through prayer. These churches are reporting an increase in attendance and interest in the Fellowship by the community.

As we prepare as a nation for the next UK General Election on the 4th of July, Christians as individuals, and as churches, have a responsibility to pray for the candidates and the discussions being held, to listen to the ongoing discussions regarding the various manifestos and pledges and to use our vote responsibly and prayerfully.

See <https://churcheselection.org.uk/> for further details.

May God richly bless you always,

Dorothy Kendrick, Connexional President

Praise & Thanks

David and Mary Robinson - Roe Green IM Church

On the 18th of May, the committee of NTC (Network of Thai Christians UK) had an excellent day together. Please give thanks for the 141 registrations for the annual camp (23rd-26th July) and ask God to enable the remaining preparations to be completed efficiently.

Prayer

For David and Mary Robinson and the Network of Thai Christians (UK)

- Sheffield Group. The 1st of June is the last meeting for group leader, Mrs Cha before she emigrates to Australia. Pray for suitable leadership arrangements.
- Colchester Group. Presently meeting on Zoom, the 3 members are looking for a meeting place, so they can invite their Thai friends; pray for guidance.
- Ajarn Isara is the speaker at this year's camp. Pray that he gets his visa in time, and for his preparation of Bible messages.
- Parallel programmes. At camp, there will be programmes in English for husbands and the children; pray for these and a needed extra creche helper.
- Pray Mary's ongoing medical care will be effective.

Paul and Janice - Easington Lane IM Church

Paul's results from his operation reveal that his tumour was actually lymphoma in the brain. He is now under the Freeman Hospital ready to start intensive chemo and a stem cell transplant. However, there is a 70% chance of curing it altogether which is good news. He needs a couple more scans, which will begin on Monday the 3rd, and treatment will probably then start in the afternoon. He may have to stay in hospital for three weeks.

Please pray for the scans and for the treatment starting today and for the Lord's protection for Paul throughout his time in hospital. Please pray for all the professionals involved in his treatment and those taking care of him, that they will be given wisdom and treat Paul with dignity and care. Pray for Paul to be strengthened during the treatment and for him to remain in peace throughout the procedure. Please pray protection and strength for Janice as she travels back and forth to visit. Also, please pray for all his family, especially one of Paul's daughters who lives out in Australia; may they too be aware of God's presence in this situation.

Harold Williams - Sutton Village Community Church, St Helens

Harold has had an MRI and is awaiting an appointment with the consultant. Please pray for wisdom for all decisions regarding treatment and care.

Raymond Jackson - Past President, formally of Greenacres IM Church, Oldham

Raymond has recovered from a serious chest infection and has been moved to a local care home for respite. Please pray that he will put weight on that his medication will get represented for stomach and pain relief. Please also continue to pray for Marlene and family.

John Dawson - Noble Street IM Church, Bolton

John is keeping stable and is settled. Please pray he will be assured of God's presence and know His peace. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for his family as they arrange his ongoing care.

Events

Pray Your Part: General Election 2024

The General Election will be a moment for the nation to ask important questions about the future. Pray Your Part is an invitation from the bishops of the Church of England to encourage prayer and participation in the life of our nation and communities, both as voters and as citizens.



This 21-day journey of prayer and reflection (from Friday the 14th of June until Election Day on the 4th of July) is designed for use in the run-up to the UK General Election. Each day explores a different theme, with a short Bible reading, reflection and prayer for a different aspect of our common life.

You can sign up for the daily election reflections and also pre-order the prayer booklet (available as single copies, 10-packs or 50-packs) from Church House Publishing at [Pray Your Part \(chpublishing.co.uk\)](http://Pray Your Part (chpublishing.co.uk))

It really would be great to hear from you so please do submit any 'Prayer' requests to share from your churches, or news to be included in the 'Praise' section to resource.centre@imchurches.org.uk The next issue will be produced at the start of July.
