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# **GET IN TOUCH**

## **CHURCH OFFICE**

The church office will be closed to physical visitors. but phone calls will be answered as normal between 9.30am-12.30pm. You can also email: reception@fulwoodchurch.co.uk. Please get in touch if you have any questions or need any help. You can also contact our Pastoral Care team using the details below.

# PRACTICAL SUPPORT

# **PASTORAL CARE**

Our pastoral care teams are ready to respond in appropriate ways to offer any support they can reasonably give. If you need help, or know of anyone who does, please contact them through the use of this form.

#### HARDSHIP FUND

We have launched a hardship fund for those who need financial support. To download an application form visit: fulwoodchurch.co.uk/hardshipfund

# **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

Ben and Catherine Cooper would like to express their gratitude for everyone's support, encouragement, generosity and prayers as they moved to London at the start of August. They are settling in, but missing the Fulwood church family and the Peak District!

Please let us know if you have any news you'd like to share with the church family.

# **NEWS & EVENTS**

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Join us either online at 10.30am or in person at 10.30am or 6.30pm.

Book online for 13th September

## Sunday 13th September

'Together in Christ: A shared relationship'. Ephesians 1:15-23 Pete Scamman

## MEET THE TRAINEES

Dan, Eloise, Jonny, Jordan, Rafa and Will join the Ministry Trainee scheme, and Natacha, Sam and Toby continue for a 2nd year. You can find out more about them and the ministry areas they will be serving in by watching this video.

#### **DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

This senior leadership role will have varied set of responsibilities that supports the operational running of church life. Further details are available online, or please contact Steph for a job description. The closing date is 30th September.

## **ELECTORAL ROLL & 2020 APCM**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in October/November (date TBC). This will be a hybrid in-person and online meeting. Only those on the Electoral Roll are eligible to vote at the APCM. To join the Electoral Roll, please complete the Electoral Roll form and return it to Carolyn Edmonds. If you signed a form in 2019, or early 2020 you do not need to complete a new form.

#### LEAVING GIFTS

You can contribute financially to Chris Conn's leaving gift at: fulwoodchurch.co.uk/leavinggifts You can also write a message for Chris and Lucy on a postcard sized card (4" x 6"), and send it to Steph Johnson (Christ Church Fulwood, Canterbury Avenue, S10 3RT) by 18th September.





# 7-13 SEPTEMBER

# PRAYER DIARY

#### **MONDAY 7**

Pray for us as a church family and especially for all those who are worn and weary, for the frail and the vulnerable and for those who will weep this night. Ask the Lord to give us the capacity to love and comfort one another as we ourselves have been comforted, knowing that, in Jesus, we have a Saviour who understands our every weakness and has opened the way to the throne of Grace.

The Vicar's Council meets tonight. In Paul Williams' continued absence ask the Lord that they might have wisdom, sensitivity and integrity in their responsibilities as our leaders.

# **TUESDAY 8**

Small Groups are starting up again. Pray for those who are starting, or returning, to leadership. Ask that the Lord would supply every good gift needed for this calling and that their group members would be supportive and encouraging, committed to meeting together, growing in love and bearing fruit that lasts.

#### **WEDNESDAY 9**

Pray for the leaders of the nations to have wisdom, courage and insight at this time of change and uncertainty. Ask that they might be determined to defend the principles of freedom, love and tolerance, even at the expense of their own popularity, and to protect and safeguard those fleeing from war and persecution.

### **THURSDAY 10**

Even during lockdown, the committee of our "Building for the Future" project have been working hard and making progress. Thank God for their efforts and ask for his overruling in all the plans and permissions so that everything is done for his glory and for the growth of the kingdom.

Pray for those who are unwell that they would not lose the assurance of our Father's grace and peace and would continue to trust him.

#### FRIDAY 11

The Abbeyfield (Christ Church) House has been providing independent living for older people since 1978 but has now closed. Please pray for the residents that they might soon feel settled in their new homes, for the staff, and for the trustees as they work through the winding-up process. Thank God for the ministry and witness of the house over these many years.

# **SATURDAY 12**

Our Mission Partners, Marcus and Jen Watkin, arrive back in the UK today, hoping to return to Thailand in the New Year. Pray for good use of the time here and for Mark, their Thai Christian colleague, who will oversee the otherwise empty Juniper Tree Retreat Centre in their absence.

The Church Graft Team for Oughtibridge is commissioned today. Pray for both the graft team and for the existing church members that the Lord would go before them into this venture and that there will be healthy growth and real fruit as they join together and become one.

# **SUNDAY 13**

This morning we continue our series in Ephesians. Pray that the "God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know him better" and ask that, as Pete Scamman preaches, we would be encouraged to take God at his word and rest in his promises.

# PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH (from Barnabas Aid)

O God, our refuge and our strength, our very present help in time of trouble, have mercy on our brothers and sisters around the world who live with the reality of anti-Christian violence. We pray for the countless thousands who have been injured or bereaved and have had to flee their homes and livelihoods. Comfort them with the reality of Your presence, protect them like a mighty fortress, and make the escalating violence cease. May the Name of Your Son Jesus Christ be glorified as Christian victims of violence forgive and love their persecutors, just as He did. (Psalm 46)