



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021

Thank you for being willing to pray for the Churches in Central Sutton. We are grateful to the Churches for sending some items for prayer and thanksgiving

Duke Street Church

We are thankful for:

- opportunities to continue worship and prayer on-line
- Carron our children/youth pastor who has settled so well with us and made such an impact despite the constraints of Covid
- the way people have encouraged and supported each other, spiritually and practically, during this time

We ask prayer for:

- wisdom as we open up activities in due course
- the appointment of a new team leader/pastor (process ongoing)
- vision and energy as we seek to share the love of Jesus with our community

Holy Trinity Parish Church

We are thankful for:

- A strong sense of community within the church, with good leadership by clergy, wardens and others in lay leadership
- A good pastoral team and the strengthening and building of connections within the church community and also with the wider community
- The use of technology to enable us to continue to gather in a safe and inclusive way, for worship, planning and fellowship.
- The opportunities that this pandemic has presented, to be creative, to re-evaluate and to step out of comfort zones and try new things

We ask for prayer for:

- Our children and families and all those who have been unable to access worship on-site or on-line, and for our ongoing seeking of ways to connect with and nurture these groups of people
- For those who are particularly vulnerable within this community, including those who are isolating and those who are on the front lines in various sectors
- For our development as an Eco Church and our deepening sense of responsibility to care for the planet
- Our financial situation, particularly with regard to the survival of the Trinity Centre, and the situations of all who are struggling financially because of the pandemic

Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church

We pray for all who are working to provide food for the hungry, and the homeless.

We thank our SVP and those who take the food and clothing to those living on the streets.

We pray for those who are anxious and feeling lonely in lockdown, may we be generous in spending time giving them a call and listening to them so that they have hope for the future.

Real Life Church

We are thankful for:

- The success of Christmas Events (Online Sunday Meetings, Messy Christmas Kids Event, Doorstep Carols) in meeting people and sharing the good news of Jesus
- The good health of our church in the current climate
- The provision of technology so that we can meet online and stay connected

We ask prayer for:

- The church to stay connected online during Lockdown
- Our many parents who are having to adjust again to Home Learning
- The Good News to continue to spread through our online presence

St Peter's Maney

We are thankful for:

- the faithful members of our Care Team who are sharing love with those who are struggling
- the gifts of many ensuring we are able to worship from home
- the continued commitment to being disciples of Christ.

We ask prayer for:

- a number of the congregation who are in need of medical care
- our youth ministry and how we might move forward
- for wisdom as we discern God's will for us.

South Parade Methodist Church

We are thankful for:

- The church Pastoral system which has been invaluable in keeping in touch and offering prayerful support especially to those living alone.
- The church members who have engaged with all aspects of Digital Church
- That many of the church members have stayed safe and well.

We ask prayer for:

- A clear sense of vision for mission post pandemic
- The members of church groups which may not restart after lockdown.
- Those who have become fearful about the future, that we might offer hope and encouragement.

Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church

We are thankful for:

- The support of churches, schools and the community to keep the foodbank open
- The good health of our team
- The opportunity to develop lots of resources and ministry opportunities online

We ask prayer for:

- The right words and care to give to those who use the foodbank
- The young people we support who face real challenges with education and isolation
- Continue ability and creativity to bless and strengthen people online

Sutton Coldfield United Reformed Church

We are thankful for:

- The Continued ministry of our Parish Nurse throughout the pandemic
- The support of volunteers and generous gifts of many in the community which has allowed our Food Bank to continue to operate
- Technology which has allowed us to provide online worship and to meet for fellowship and the business of the church on line.

We ask prayer for:

- Those who feel disconnected from their church while we are not meeting in person, particularly those with no access to the internet and online resources.
- Those churches who may not survive
- Those facing difficult health issues, particularly mental health, at a time when health resources are stretched.