

H4H February 2024

When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light so that no-one who believes in me should stay in darkness (John 12:44-46)

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him (Jesus) and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. (1 John 1: 5-10)

We stood in the gap – confessing and saying sorry to God for the failings of the church in this country and for the way that God’s name had been associated with our failings!

MRCT

Andy Thornton requested prayer for the following:

Current food provider has reduced amount on what they give to Food bank. At the moment Food bank giving to 120 families on a regular basis. Prayers for continued support so that there is enough food to hand out.

MRCT now have a new van want to use this to reach those who are unable to attend Food bank. Andy asked for direction on what will happen next and where God is leading them with reassurance, they are following God’s plan.

In the BHS building they now have capacity to run the School Uniform shop alongside Food bank. Prayers please for the success of this project.

Prayers and thanks to God for all the workers in different roles in the charity.

New Developments

Rev Sarah Swift asked for prayers for the new developments in Gilden Park, Newhall and the large development earmarked for Churchgate Street in the future

Pray there will be enough facilities, schools, doctors etc. Gilden Park has yet to provide these things.

Pray for residents moving in from London, many with fears that are not easy to let go of.

Pray for places and ideas where we can integrate with the community e.g. Easter Egg hunt which St Mary’s are organising on Gilden Park on Easter Saturday.

Give thanks for God’s hand on the New Hall session that St Mary’s Churchgate Street did for 60 year 4 children and that we managed to change venues from church to school at the last minute. Also, for the additional opportunities and doors that have been opened as a result of this.

Pray for the Session with Churchgate Year 4 children at the church on 29th February.

Great Open Door

Jo has asked for prayer for GOD as: we have a very a busy four weeks coming up:

* We have two double assemblies (Pear Tree Mead 27th Feb, Jerounds 19th March) which takes extra energy AND potentially two assemblies in different schools, we've never done before, to my knowledge, but are responding to school issues. It will tax the team to the max (26th March Holy Cross & Katherines).

* We are training up a partially sighted volunteer to help us make our assemblies more accessible to the visually impaired. Our assembly at Fawbert & Bernards on Monday 4th March will be very important.

* We are also running a new three-week puppet workshop in lunchtimes at St Albans school from 4th March. The hope is to train up children to use puppets as Christian outreach and share the GOD vision at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

Praise God we have a lot cooking, help us not to neglect a pot!!

Our Town

Health Service – Hospital; GP surgeries; Dentists; community services and Social Services

Please continue to pray into the situation with the health service locally. We consistently prayed for the schools when they were struggling, and God turned that situation around. We trust Him to do the same with our health service locally and nationally.

We continue to give thanks for the dedicated staff who work in the health service and under such challenging circumstances on a daily basis.

Pray for those who are waiting for face-to-face appointments, and who have been waiting for a long time.

Harlowbury School Please continue to pray for the new school to be built on Gilden Park.

Good News for Everyone (formally Gideons) Brenda gave feedback about how encouraged she had been by her visit to Passmores School. Please pray for the emails that Robin has sent out to School Heads offering them GNfE assemblies where pupils are offered the opportunity to take a small red Bible testament, should they wish to do so. This is a resource relating to Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development (SMSC), which all schools are required to provide for their pupils.

Walk of Witness – Please pray for those organising this and encourage others to join us as we witness to the importance of Good Friday and what it means to us as Christians.

Next meeting will be at Potter Street Baptist Church on March 24th. Please join us!