

The Four Ways Mission Community

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is so good to write to you all again, the weather has changed, and we are getting a little well-needed rain. I know we don't want it but it's good for the earth!

In our live services we have had a mixture of Celtic morning prayer and reflections from the fire and the bread resources book and we have been so well supported. This week, we are adding prayer slots that you can watch covering prayers for the community, children and those who are ill or isolated. They are very simple prayers that can be watched or shared.

The link to Mission Prayer is <https://www.facebook.com/mission.prayerprogramme>

I hope that each and every one of you are keeping safe and are all well. As well as having our morning service I am holding an afternoon prayer session in my prayer space that is in my office and I bring all of you to our God. It is so very important that we don't lose our perspective on prayer as it connects us in a spiritual way with each other and our Lord Jesus Christ. We are a family, a family under God's watchful eyes - we are his creation and God's love is boundless. We may not be in our buildings, but we are still church - the body of Christ in the world and God is always within us and around us. His Holy spirit is gifted to us if we accept it, and I urge you to open your hearts and minds to that belief. We stand in his light, he is our rock to which we are anchored, he will always be ready to save, to embrace and fill us with good things - even in death we are gifted salvation through our Lord. I can never comprehend how great God truly is, how we are accepted. It fills me with wonder and gives me strength.

May I remind you all to please get in touch with me if you need prayers said for anyone you know or for yourselves. You do not have to have them read out in our services - they can be said in the stillness of the afternoon prayer time.

The prayer slots on the Mission Prayer Programme will be available tomorrow (1st May). Kerry and I completed a set of prayers for all occasions today and they will be uploaded during Friday.

We have been asking people to send in hymn requests and photos of flowers and gardens which we can use on our projector. We always have a hymn before the service, so please join in. We have had some wonderful hymns played - some we know, some we don't - and it's been a great experience.

We have a few of our members in hospital at the moment so, may I ask that, in your personal prayers, please remember all the other churches and your fellow worshippers that they might make a great recovery.

So, thank you all for being church, a living breathing example of Christ in the world. Thank you for the love and support you share with your communities and families and thank you for being you.

With every blessing for the future,
Fr Shaun