

Prayer Focus 6th October 2019

The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. Psalm 145:8

Lord Jesus, we thank you that You are so gracious to us.
You chose to look on us with compassion and understanding.
Your love brings a richness and colour to our lives.
You call on us to follow You, growing more like You each day.
Help us to follow Your pattern of grace and compassion when dealing with people.
May we be slow to judge and ready to forgive.
May we look and listen more than we speak.
It can be very hard sometimes, but You have given us Your Holy Spirit
to help us look at others through Your eyes of compassion.
May we be so filled with Your grace that we able to bring it into every situation.
May we truly be able to say "a joy that knows no limit, a lightness in my spirit,
here in the grace of God I stand". Amen

EBC & Local Focus:- Pray for both Alpha groups meeting in the church.

Pray for the If My People Pray churches together pray meeting on Wed 9th Oct where police officer Karl Snooks who has been working with members of The Wave Team will speak about the current situation with County Lines and other local issues he would like prayer for. Pray for good relationships between people and the police in Swanage.

Street of the Week :- Marsh Way

Community Prayer Diary:- The Fire service and crew - Phil Burridge (station manager)

National & World Prayer Points:- Give thanks to God for clean water and safe sanitation in this country. Pray for the work of those organizations such as, ToiletTwinning, Oxfam and WaterAid, who are helping people who still live without running water and safe toilets. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), every £1 spent on sanitation has a return of £5.50 from increased productivity and lower health care costs. Pray that more people will enjoy the amazing benefits of a simple toilet. Improved sanitation helps reduce contagious diseases, raises living standards and makes life safer for women and girls.

The Sultan of Brunei is seen as the protector and defender of Islam. As a result of his influence, policies that favour Islam over other religions are legally executed and enforced by all government officers. All churches, including registered ones, are monitored and restricted by the authorities. Non-traditional Christian communities cannot register as churches, but must register as secular organisations. Conversion is considered illegal, and believers from Muslim backgrounds come under intense pressure to return to their original faith.

Lord Jesus, may the light of Your love pierce through the darkness in Brunei.

Please protect our church family there – especially those who come from Muslim backgrounds. Help believers in Brunei to be light and salt in their communities, so that others may come to know You and Your salvation. Amen