

Prayer Focus 16th February 2020

There are different kinds of gifts. But they are all given to believers by the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4

Holy Spirit You are welcome here,
even though we may not know you as we should.

So often we have listened to confused teaching and heard of bad experiences.

Forgive us for not listening to you directly.

You are the Spirit that fills each believer and unites us as the body of God.

Jesus promised us a gentle and loving helper.

Your gifts are all aspects of love, enabling us to grow as a united body.

Help us to show real care for one another as we exercise these gifts.

We want to model our relationships on the love Father, Son and Spirit show for each other.

We want to show the world the Christian body working in close harmony for the good of all.

Help us to take to heart Paul's teaching that your gifts are always to be exercised with love.

They are practical gifts enabling us to live rich and full lives,

we want to use them to transform ourselves and thereby this world into the likeness of Jesus.

Make us all bold Lord in seeking greater depths of your gifts,

help us to encourage each other as we learn together.

May we be gracious to each other if we make mistakes in exercising your gifts,

but never let us turn our backs on them out of fear.

Creator God we need all of you in our lives to let your kingdom come. Amen

EBC & Local Focus:- Pray for all those involved in the planning of "30 minute church" for next Sunday and for those who will attend.

Street of the Week :- Swanage School

Community Prayer Diary:- Besom Paul & Davina Freedman

National & World Prayer Points:-

Please pray for all those effected by the recent severe weather.

Pray for the emergency services.

Pray for the ongoing situation for more than 911,000 Rohingya people who have fled violence in Myanmar, and are now living in refugee camps in Bangladesh. Of these, almost 60 per cent are children.

Lift up the Rohingya people who've lost everything – their family, friends, homes and livelihoods. Pray that God will be close to them as they mourn, that he will protect them from harm and restore what has been lost.

Pray for wisdom for all organizations who are in the camps helping people and giving them the tools they need to overcome hardship.

Pray for long-term, peaceful solutions to the Rohingya crisis.