

Prayer Focus for the Week

Those with particular needs...

- Ann A
- Anita A
- Francis B
- Iris B
- Emily C
- Cyril & Veronica C
- Mary D
- Mary F
- Jean F
- Joyce & Derrick G
- Nick G
- Rob G
- Barbara G
- Beryl G
- Gwyneth J-I
- Tom & Ann M
- Michelle M
- Beryl P
- Pattie P
- Maddie R
- Mary R
- Sheila R
- Dave T
- Kenda T
- Audrey T
- Charles & Selina T
- Clive T
- Doreen W

Please regularly uphold Maddie J, Matthew H and Judy C in your prayers as they serve God both in this country and abroad.

Other items of Prayer and Praise this week:

- **Continue to pray for Michelle M and all the family, and others who have health concerns** - Dave & Sue T, Nicky and Rob G, Chris J, Roy E and others.
- **Jon W** as he prepares to go to Calcutta with BMS for 6 to 10 weeks. Pray for Jon & Rachael & the boys
- **All planned events for January, especially the Alpha Course.** Please pray for Steve and Julie as they head this up, and for everyone who is thinking of attending.
- **Pray for all those involved in youth work here**, from the tinies to the teens, that they will know God with them as they serve Him with the youngsters, Pray too for the parents of the children and young people, that something of God's love will be shared with them through these ministries.
- **Church Family Weekend in March** - that this will be a great time of building relationships, discovering new things about ourselves and one another, and sharing our dreams together for our new church.
- **Help with our Sunday morning bible classes, and also Sunday morning crèche** - pray for volunteers to share in these vital ministries
- **Pray for those who are facing huge challenges this year, of whatever kind**, that they will keep looking to God for guidance and strength.

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 18th January **Music Practice at 7:30 pm**
Tuesday 19th January **Alpha Supper and Alpha Launch**
Sunday 24th January **Covenant Sunday**
Monday 25th January **Cleo for all ladies at 7:45 pm**
Wed 27th January **Light Lunch**

Church Family Weekend...

**'Building Church for the Future,
Building Church for the Community,
Building Church for You!'**

Friday 19th March until Sunday 21st March 2010 -
a really important weekend in the life of our church.
Please take a booking form and reserve your place!
Many of you may know you want to come...it would be
really really helpful if you let Jude know!

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Shrewsbury Baptist Church is now on Facebook

If you would like to give regularly towards the life and work of Shrewsbury Baptist Church we would encourage you to set up a standing order from your bank account and, if you are a tax payer, complete a gift aid form. You will find a form containing all the details you need on the welcome desk, or for more information please speak to one of the leadership team.

Shrewsbury Baptist Church

We warmly
welcome you
to worship today

Sunday 10th January 2010

10:30 am Morning Worship
6:30 pm Deeper

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WORSHIP FOR TODAY

We give a very warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today, particularly any newcomers here for the first time!

10:30 am MORNING WORSHIP

Our minister Charles Crosland will be leading the service and continuing in the series based on the book 'The Forgotten Ways Handbook' by Alan Hirsch. The title of the second in this series is: 'Jesus is Lord'.

During the service please feel free to use the crèche which is available for babies, toddlers and their carers. There will be activities for children in the hall. Teens will go out to their bible classes just before the sermon.

At the end of the service there will be an opportunity to pray with the prayer team

Please do stay after the service if you possibly can, and share time for a chat over tea or coffee.

6:30 pm Deeper

Charles will lead our meditation on Psalm 8.

**Morning services are now recorded on to CDs.
Please speak to Alistair if you would like one.**

*As we look to the New Year with all its challenges we may well be thinking of making plans and resolutionsone very good one might be to read and reflect on God's word more. Here's some advice from John Ortberg:
'Read for transformation, not information.....to be filled with knowledge about the bible, but to be unwashed by it, is worse than not knowing it at all.'*

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK

This week small groups will meet in various homes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and also Friday morning. Please chat to Charles or Steve if you would like more information about these groups. All other activities take place here, unless otherwise stated

Monday 11th	INFG Quiz Night at the Abbey. 8 pm for food, 9 pm for optional quiz.
Tuesday 12th 10:00 am	LITTLE FISHES back in the swim at the Hive in town.
Wednesday 13th 7:30 pm	BASEMENT - teens coffee bar, loads of activities and a time for God
Thurs 14th 10:00 am	SEEDLINGS - for mums, carers, babies and toddlers
Friday 15th 10:30 am 6:30 pm	OASIS - ladies prayer and bible study -all welcome! TARGET CHALLENGE - for all primary school age children
Sunday 17th 9:30 am 10.30 am 6:30 pm	MUSIC GROUP practice MORNING WORSHIP, with Steve continuing with the Forgotten Ways series 'CLOSER' - Why Prayer is important to Me? Prayer and Communion

After Christmas a time for thank yous !

- ✓ This morning we will be thanking those who have stepped down from leading our church over the past few years. We owe them all an enormous debt as they've served so faithfully in difficult times of great change. Thank you to David B, Chris J, Rachael M, Peter R and Carol S-R.
- ✓ Thank you everyone who's worked so hard to make our Christmas services and the Brunch so very worthwhile!
- ✓ Thank you Jude for organising the New Year Lunch last Wednesday at the Prostar.....despite the weather it was a very lovely occasion. There are many photos on our church's Facebook page.
- ✓ Charles and Susan, and Steve and Julie send their heartfelt thanks for all the cards and good wishes they've received.
- ✓ Anna H has written this lovely message, which I'm sure is echoed by many who received gifts from the church at Christmas time:
'I just wish to convey a king sized thank you to all church friends for thinking of me at Christmas - a lovely thought and I will enjoy my gift - thank you so much. Another exciting year!' Anna.

Alpha

Asking questions? Looking for answers?

The Alpha course is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed manner over ten, thought provoking weekly sessions. It will begin with an introductory supper on **Tuesday 19th January 2010.**

We'd love to hear from anyone who is interested in coming along to Alpha - please speak to Charles or Steve! This a brilliant worthwhile way to start a New Year - why not get involved??

Also we need a team of volunteers to help with preparation of meals, setting up and serving the meals, and clearing away afterwards, not every week, but on a rota basis. Again

Charles has asked us all to reflect on these questions.....

1. How did you see God at work in your life this week?
2. What is God teaching you in his word this week?
3. What conversations are you having with pre-Christian people?
4. What good can we do around here--and how can we get some of our neighbours in on it?
5. How can we help each other in prayer?