

1st For the Partnership Sunday evening services which were held throughout August. It is good to worship together and we thank God for this opportunity. Our services were varied, and it is good to have some new input into evening services.

2nd For little children starting school for the first time, possibly feeling lonely or lost and homesick. For those who will start them on their educational journey. For all children “moving up a place,” and for all who will cross from Junior to Senior school making new friends etc and for all teenagers like Luana and Mayra, Robert and Silvia Jordan’s daughters, having to adapt to a new way of school life, very different to what they left behind. We pray for the friends they will hopefully make and help them to “feel at home”. We pray for all those going off to University not forgetting the many who either did not get the grades they needed or who cannot secure a place in any University.

3rd For the service led by Rev’d Ward Jones for the Induction of Rev’d Mark Barrett as superintendent for the Swindon and Marlborough circuit. For the welcome to Rev’d Tony Barnes (now retired) as part time minister in the circuit.

4th For the weekly Luncheon Clubs in our churches re-starting for another season. We pray for the elderly who look forward to these luncheons week by week as it often is the only contact they have with others and we pray for those who week by week make up menus and who cook and serve and those who ensure all goes smoothly with rotas etc.

5th For all Prayer Groups and House Groups in our churches where we can share and together learn about God’s love. For the leaders of these groups and the work they put in. For the commissioning of Sunday club leaders at 9.30am in Christ Church..

6th For the people of Pakistan, China, Haiti. Chile and other areas where disasters have struck and there is no hope of getting back their homes or belongings and their life’s work. We remember the hundreds of cases where families have lost loved ones. For the Red Cross and the work they are carrying out at this time and all organisations who are taking food, clothing etc out to these countries.

7th For our Refuse collectors in Swindon and outlying places, who serve the community week by week often with very little thanks and who we often take for granted.

8th For all unemployed people writing letter after letter, sending CV’s but all to no avail and we pray that they will still feel valued by society and not worthless after each “Sorry, we have no employment places at the moment”. For the Partnership minister’ “team building” day.

9th For our services of Worship that they may be a loving and joyful commitment to God’s love.

10th For the music in our Partnership churches, giving thanks for our choirs and choirmasters and the work put in to glorifying God through music.

11th For Wiltshire Historic Churches “Ride and Stride” fund raising event.

12th All ethnic minorities suffering marginalization the world around. For the concert at 4.00pm in Christ Church given by Peter Eyles

13th For all in positions of power and responsibility whose decisions can change the world for better or worse. For our own Government, that they may work together for the good of our country.

14th For all in office in our churches, especially Church Secretaries and Treasurers who carry the brunt of the smooth running of our churches.

15th For the re-commencing of our Junior Church classes and for the teachers who so readily give their time to this important part of starting children off on their church life. For the start of the Alpha course 7.30pm at Christ Church. and the 8pm prayer/healing group at St Mary’s.

16th For Justice and strength for all who speak out against corruption.

17th For the people of Northern Ireland as the uncertainty there grows again. For all people in war torn zones throughout the world. For peace in our world, a world broken and bruised.

18th For those who will be married in our churches this month, thanking God for the love between husband and wife, and asking God’s blessing on them.

19th For our Armed Forces deployed throughout the world, many working in very dangerous uncomfortable situations, and as cuts are imminent especially with Military equipment in each of the Forces, we pray for those charged with making these difficult decisions and ask that God will be in the minds of them all, giving them wisdom before power, and love before hate. For the Battle of Britain commemoration service 3pm at Christ Church.

20th For the people in our churches who keep the premises up together and flower arrangers who Sunday by Sunday make our churches look colourful and inviting.

21st For United Nation's International Day for Peace and the churches' International Day of Prayers for Peace.

22nd For ministers and Lay Preachers who fill our pulpits when our own ministers are elsewhere. Help us to make them welcome and to listen to them with open hearts as they preach the Word of God

23rd For older members in our Partnership who are examples of faithfulness to us all.

24th For all local charities throughout Swindon and the people who work tirelessly fund raising etc. We give thanks for our local Hospice and the wonderful work carried out there by doctors, nurses, and carers.

25th For all in our town, living in poverty, and for those scared of leaving their homes because of neighbours and others in their street. For all those who feel lonely, sad, upset or afraid.

26th For energy to keep going and not give up even when tiredness, frustration, and having to cope with something which has upset us. May we walk in other people's shoes before judging.

27th For all acts of repentance and words and gestures of forgiveness both given and received.

28th For our own families, giving thanks for our homes and those we love, remembering situations where families cannot be together when someone in the family works away, possibly in another country.

29th That our thoughts and actions may be pleasing in God's sight.

30th For Lawn Primary School Harvest service at 10am in Christ Church