

Bible Reflection

Song: All Creatures of Our God and King

Praise and Thanksgiving

Oughtibridge Chapel Unification

- Thank God for the unanimous decision of chapel members to unite with OPC from 17th October.
- Pray for our brothers and sisters at the chapel, who are wrestling with a mixture of emotions about this step. Pray for their last service on Sunday 10th October, as they remember with thanksgiving all God has done in and through them over many years.
- Pray for our first united service on 17th October to be a positive and joyful time.
- Please pray for members of existing chapel small groups as they consider what to do going forward and how they might integrate with the wider membership of the enlarged church.
- Pray for Chapel members to feel loved and warmly welcomed into our fellowship through the coming months.
- Pray for the Lord to help and bless Chapel members as they adjust to new ways of doing things in all sorts of areas. Pray for grace, patience and peace among us as we all seek to love each other well.
- Please pray for the leadership of the Chapel and OPC as we work through a great many

Our Witness Locally

Thank God for:

- Regular visitors at Sunday services and mid-week ministries.
- An open door to share the gospel in our community.

Pray for:

- One or two people you are seeking to share the gospel with.
- The Parent and Baby and Parent and Toddler groups meeting on Wed and Tue mornings. For good attendance, growing friendships and opportunities to speak of our faith and invite people to events.

- practical issues related to uniting and harmonising our two churches.
- Pray for members of the chapel as they join us to find new ways to serve in a variety of ministry areas.
 - Pray for the way this development is communicated locally and that it would be seen for what it is – a positive step and a demonstration of Christian unity.
 - Satan is fiercely opposed to Christian unity and the growth of God's kingdom. Pray that the Lord would scupper any of his attempts to create division or distraction.
 - This unification is happening because we believe it will allow us to be more effective in fulfilling the mission Jesus has given us to be growing as disciples and making new disciples. Pray that exactly that expectation would be realised in the years ahead.

- People who are meeting to read the Bible one-to-one with a Christian either because they're exploring Christianity or because they've recently become a Christian and are beginning to learn to live as a disciple.
- People to hear the gospel through our Sunday services and come to faith.
- Good conversations to come through the monthly 'Church Family Litter Pick'.
- Creativity in finding new ways as a church to connect and reach out to unbelievers in our community.
- Pray that many would come to faith in Jesus through our witness as a church.



6th Oct 2021

Church Life

- Thank God for our series in 1 Peter; pray that we would be attentive to God and would increasingly live in light of Christ's return.
- Thank God for the successful (re)start of the youth Bible study groups on Tuesday evenings
- Pray for the 'Small Groups Vision Evening' on 20th October and for those groups launching in November – for high engagement and for these groups to be effective in strengthening community and discipleship in the church family.
- Thank God for all those serving in a wide variety of ways, often giving many hours.
- Pray for successful fundraising for the refurbishment of the parish centre, due to commence in March and for David Stanley as he heads up the fundraising process.
- Pray for those who have recently joined our church to feel welcome, to build friendships and be growing as disciples.
- Pray for the Men's Breakfast and Church Walks to be great times of growing friendships and spiritual encouragement.
- Pray for the new 'Church Family Care Group' beginning to meet on Sun 10th Oct to be well attended and be a real help and support to members of our church.

Those who are unwell:

- Dave Gill recovering from a broken leg
- Doreen Brook
- Roy Womack
- Jean Pearson
- Evelyn Coulson
- Denise Balfour's mother, Margaret.

Those in leadership positions:

- Helen Hayward and Andrew White (Church Wardens) and Helen Kean (Deputy Church Warden).
- Anna De Castro (Children, Youth and Families Worker)
- Chris Tufnell (Vicar)
- The PCC, next meeting on Tue 12 Sep
- Those heading up ministry teams.

Pray for any specific needs or requests among your group

Our Nation

Thank God for:

- The situation nationally allowing for much of life to return to 'normal'.
- The freedom we enjoy to worship and live in obedience to God – something lacked by so many Christians around the world.

Pray for:

- The nation's physical health as we enter the winter period, with respect to covid, flu and the backlog of medical procedures.

- Covid cases, hospitalisations and deaths to continue to fall.
- The Government to lead the country with wisdom and justice and that they would preserve the freedom for Christians to share the gospel.
- For the church throughout our nation to be faithful to God's word and bold in speaking of Jesus.

God's Global Mission

Thank God for:

- Our new mission partnerships with Panshak Panbish (in Jos, Nigeria) and Julian and Beth Baalbergen (church planting in France).

Pray for:

- Panshak, his wife Esther and their children. (1) For him to remain committed to the gospel of Jesus. (2) For more opportunities for the gospel. (3) For financial provision for many needs. (4) For protection from jihadists who attack churches and incite division.

- The Baalbergens – (1) for them to be able to sort out their health insurance and visas so they can move to France (currently they're been told that to get either of these they need the other in place first). (2) for practical arrangements like a new home, bank accounts, transport. (3) For Christian friendships to support and encourage them. (3) For all the family, especially the children (Brielle, Ezra, Nell and Joni), as they adapt to the changes of living in France. (4) For learning to relate well to French people and beginning to share the gospel.

Song: What a Friend we have in Jesus