

### **A Prayer from Kennington**

O God, we pray for our church in Kennington. Although we are a small congregation, members have enjoyed returning to church after Lockdown. We are an elderly group and at present it is a struggle to fill the position of Stewards and other relevant posts, as well as the other jobs needed to keep the church going. We pray especially for those who are ill or have age related problems. May they know that they are valued and let us show that we care for them. Help them to cope with any pain and help us to build each other up when life becomes hard. We pray O God that you will show us the way of managing things in order that our worship and church life can continue. Amen

### **Prayers for Lime Walk**

Dear Lord, we offer these prayers to you.

Please be with those who arrange and attend the Tuesday Drop In. It offers people who may be isolated in the community an opportunity to gather and find support and companionship over a cup of tea, cake and activities.

We give thanks for this work.

We pray that even in these times of financial difficulties we may continue to raise funds for our Outreach projects. The money goes to a variety of organisations helping people in need both at home and abroad.

We pray this work may flourish.

We remember and pray for those in our worshipping community who, as a result of the pandemic, remain apprehensive about returning to Church based worship We also pray for those who have become increasingly frail during this time.

Please make them aware they are surrounded by love.

We give thanks for Stephen and Liz Spain who along with their family are a blessing to us. We pray that You may guide their ministry and that we may give them the welcome and support that they need in the new and very special work they have undertaken.

We thank you for your blessings to us all and all in the Oxford Circuit. Amen.

### **Church of the Holy Family, Blackbird Leys**

God, our loving Father, hear our prayer for the church in Blackbird Leys.

We ask that the Church of the Holy Family may be the light of Jesus in Blackbird Leys and Greater Leys. May the whole church, renewed in your Spirit, say "welcome" to all as they come through its doors, and may they together and as individuals be able to show their earnest desire to welcome. May they have a servant's heart to rejoice at seeing others set free from every obstacle. Give them, Father, the grace to love their neighbours with all the love they have for you. May their new building become a new home for Blackbird and Greater Leys, and may they discover anew their ecumenical foundations. Above all, Father, may they seek your will in everything, discovering what it is that you want to fulfil in them. Amen

### **A Prayer for Cowley Road**

We ask you to pray for the people who worship at Cowley Road, the Leadership Team, and to pray particularly for our plans for how we bring the Good News of God's love in Christ to our community. We think particularly of the homeless, the lonely, the sad and the desperate, and pray that we can be a light for them. Amen

### **A Prayer for Great Milton**

My Lord and Saviour, on those days when we feel "dry" in our walk with you, help us through your Holy Spirit, to draw closer to you and renew our faith.

With this in mind we would value prayer as we plan to restart a coffee morning for our village.

### **A Prayer for Watlington**

We thank You, heavenly Father for the church in Watlington, for the Minister, Rev Stephen Spain, and for each member of the congregation. We ask You to continue to bless them as they worship together and as they show your love by reaching out to the community. May each member be strong in the Lord, growing in grace and in knowledge of the Word day by day.

We ask your blessing on the coffee mornings held on the first and third Friday of each month and on the Lunch Club also on the first Friday of the month. We pray for the people from the community who come to these events, that they may come to know your love and be encouraged to learn more about You, Lord Jesus.

We pray too for the people who regularly use the church premises, the Art Hub and the Guides and Rangers. May the building be used for your purposes, Lord, and may the folk who enter it be aware of your presence always.

Father, please specially protect the elderly members of the congregation from all harm that they may remain active in your service. And we ask that younger families, children and teenagers will be drawn to join the church.

Above all we pray that the gospel will be faithfully preached Sunday by Sunday and that the church may be a light shining out into Watlington and surrounding area. Amen

### **A Prayer for Wesley Memorial**

Living and loving God,

At Wesley Memorial we hope to re-enter our newly completed building in the fullness of its transformation. We pray that God will help us to fulfil our calling to serve our congregation and our community through the new opportunities it offers us.

In the name of Jesus

Amen