

# Global Mission Committee | PRAYER POINTS

## Please pray with us for three local churches

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### St Christopher's Springfield, April 2024

- We give thanks to the Lord that our reordering project is finished, and the church is now clearer, cleaner and easier to use. We pray that as activities return to the church that they will enjoy settling into the new space and find that there is much they can do now which they couldn't do previously and this in turn stimulates new ministry.
- We have a number of new people and families who have recently come to St Christopher's, who have 'found' us after living locally for some time. Please pray they settle with us, and they are blessed and become a blessing to our church and community.
- We pray for those in our congregation and community who suffer with mental ill health of various kinds. Please pray for the Lord's healing touch to restore and rejuvenate.

### St John's Sparkhill, April 2024

- **Discipleship:** continued growth in Christlikeness for us all, encouraged by a culture of transformation embodied in culturally appropriate means of engagement with one another.
- Growing interculturality. We are a collection of many different minorities and want to celebrate this intentionally and well.
- **Community:** continued embedding of the Church within our context (eg. through the Gaza humanitarian fundraiser on 27 April), meaning that Muslim neighbours experience St John's as a place which is *for* them.
- **Evangelism:** increasing 'Nicodemus' moments where we can have conversations about the deep things of the Spirit with local people; appropriate ways of building relationships with these neighbours and friends.
- Thank God for the increasing numbers of people who come into the life of St John's through the foodbank (and, indeed, for our growing numbers over all: up to a third of our congregation is under 18 too). Pray that many other doors will be opened into the life of the Church.
- **Service:** Continued changes at Narthex, and our increasing 'reach' across the city and region. We don't want to build an empire; we do want to model a better way of supporting resilient local communities and helping them strengthen and grow.

### St Andrew's Chelmsley Wood, January 2024

1. We have been praying about securing funds for a youth & Community worker. We have received some funds but still a long way off the final target. Please pray for someone who can assist us with writing bids for funding.
2. We have our new 'Mammas Matter' postnatal group. The first one which ran last year was a huge success with over 14 young moms within the community taking part. The group is oversubscribed. Please pray for the network with midwives, health visitors, workers and moms and partners alike that there will be breakthroughs in terms of health, well-being and relationships within families that are positive and bring fruit.
3. Finally, pray for us as a leadership team, to be protected and sustained in this ministry for the protection of families, especially in their home.