



*Southam & Bishops Itchington
Congregational Church*

QUARTERLY PRAYER GUIDE

June - July - August 2016



By creating this prayer guide we hope to enhance the overall vision and effectiveness of the life of our Church. Please use this prayer guide as part of your weekly devotions, alongside any Bible Study or Prayer you undertake. Use it once a week, use it once a day, however prayer works for you please remember these areas before God. Thank you.

We include four areas for you to remember in your prayers - the individuals, families, homes, businesses and amenities on the streets of Southam, the life of our Church, life in the town of Southam, and the work of faith groups around us. Where there are additional or urgent prayer matters these will be included in *The Storyboard*.

Week 14 - Sunday 29th May 2016

Reflection - Matt 12:21 - This fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah concerning him: And his name will be the hope of all the world.”

Streets - Oxford St, Banbury Rd

Church groups/events - Missions group & those who spread the word via Storyboard, the Church web site and social media

The Town - Southam Town Council

Faith Organisations - The work of the Fosse Food Bank at the Graham Adams Centre.

Week 15 - Sunday 5th June 2016

Reflection - Acts 2:26 - King David said this about him: 'I see that the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. No wonder my heart is glad, and my tongue shouts his praises! My body rests in hope.'

Streets - Bridge End, Tattle Bank

Church groups/events - Minister, deacons and church officers

The Town - Young people preparing for school and college examinations

Faith Organisations - Work and witness of Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

Week 16 - Sunday 12th June 2016

Reflection - Romans 5:4 - And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

Streets - Pendike St, Mountfield Gardens, Sovereign Court

Church groups/events - Luncheon Club and Tuesday Club

The Town - Nurseries, pre-school groups and childminders

Faith Organisations - Traidcraft

Week 17 - Sunday 19th June 2016 - Fathers Day

Reflection - Romans 5:5 - And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Streets - Windmill Way, Glebe Rd

Church groups/events - Flower arrangers, stewards, church cleaners and coffeemakers

The Town - Those who lead activities for Scout, Guide, Cubs, Brownie and Rainbow groups

Faith Organisations - The Parish of Our Lady & Saint Wulstan's Catholic Church work and outreach.

Week 18 - Sunday 26th June 2016

Reflection - Romans 8:24,25 - We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)

Streets - Linley Rd, Springfield Grove

Church groups/events - Those who visit the homebound

The Town - The weekly Tuesday market and monthly farmers market

Faith Organisations - Combined Churches in Southam

Week 19 - Sunday 3rd July 2016

Reflection - Romans 12:12 - Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

Streets - Shepherds Hill, Napton Rise, Herdwyke Close, Rainsbrook Close

Church groups/events - The Pineapple Club for young people

The Town - Southam Children's Centre

Faith Organisations - Warwick Inter-Faith Forum and Rugby Inter-Faith Forum, promoting mutual understanding and co-operation between faith groups

Week 20 - Sunday 10th July 2016

Reflection - Romans 15:13 - I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Streets - Little Park, Park Lane

Church groups/events - Church Meeting

The Town - Flower displays in town centre and local gardens thanks to Southam in Bloom .

Faith Organisations - Congregational Federation & its General Secretary Yvonne Campbell

Week 21 - Sunday 17th July 2016

Reflection - 1 Cor 13:7 - Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Streets - Tomwell Close, Chestnut Place

Church groups/events - Junior Church and crèche

The Town - The cricket club and the bowls club

Faith Organisations - The work of the Iona Community and Wild Goose Publications

Week 22 - Sunday 24th July 2016

Reflection - Eph 4:4 - For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

Streets - Green Spaces–recreation grounds, sports grounds, public footpaths, green verges

Church groups/events - Paintbox and Parent & Toddler Group at GAC

The Town - Families enjoying school holidays and all those providing holiday activities for children.

Faith Organisations - Christian Aid

Week 23 - Sunday 31st July 2016

Reflection - 1 Thess 1:3 - As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Streets - Wattons Lodge

Church groups/events - Musicians and sound engineers

The Town - The business community in the town centre and the industrial estates

Faith Organisations - Leamington Christian Mission

Week 24 - Sunday 7th August 2016

Reflection - 1 Tim 1:1 - This letter is from Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, appointed by the command of God our Saviour and Christ Jesus, who gives us hope.

Streets - Springs Crescent, Grange Rd

Church groups/events - For outside groups who use the church premises.

The Town - Our clinic, doctors' surgeries and first responders

Faith Organisations - The Emmaus Project – working with homeless people, in Coventry

Week 25 - Sunday 14th August 2016

Reflection - Romans 12:9 - Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.

Streets - Ash Grove, Tollgate Rd

Church groups/events - The Graham Adams Centre

The Town - Preparations for Southam Flower and Produce Show

Faith Organisations - The Greenbelt Festival – where arts, faith and justice collide.

Week 26 - Sunday 21st August 2016

Reflection - Heb 3:6 - But Christ, as the Son, is in charge of God's entire house. And we are God's house, if we keep our courage and remain confident in our hope in Christ.

Streets - St Wulstan's Way, The Furrows

Church groups/events - Coffee Pot and Listening Post. The Prayer Chain

The Town - Southam firefighters and young firefighters based at Southam firestation.

Faith Organisations - The Council for World Mission