



Southam & Bishops Itchington Congregational Church

QUARTERLY PRAYER GUIDE

September - October - November 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 27 - Sunday 28th August 2016

Reflection - Deut 30:10 - The Lord your God will delight in you if you obey his voice and keep the commands and decrees written in this Book of Instruction, and if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

Streets - Beech Close, Tudor Lane, Elm Close

Church groups/events - Coffee Pot

The Town - Volunteer drivers who provide a vital service for the housebound.

Faith Organisations - Combined Churches in Southam

Week 28 - Sunday 4th September 2016

Reflection - 2 Sam 22:20 - He led me to a place of safety; he rescued me because he delights in me.

Streets - Bull St, Bull St Mews, Falcon Court

Church groups/events - Our Church Secretary and other working quietly in background to organize pulpit supply, room bookings and various rotas.

The Town - The new school year and a new chapter in the lives of children, parents and staff at local schools.

Faith Organisations - Leamington Night Shelter

Week 29 - Sunday 11th September 2016

Reflection - Psalm 1 - Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked ... But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

Streets - Those who live and work on local rivers and canals

Church groups/events - Our Minister and Deacons

The Town - For young people seeking or entering the world of work, college or university.

Faith Organisations - For those who, over the years, have kept the faith alive here at Wood Street .

Week 30 - Sunday 18th September 2016

Reflection - Proverbs 3:12 - For the Lord corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights.

Streets - Gorse Lea, Old Ford Avenue, Bascot Rise

Church groups/events - Junior Church and crèche

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

Faith Organisations - The work of CORD.

Week 31 - Sunday 25th September 2016

Reflection - Psalm 18:19 - He led me to a place of safety; he rescued me because he delights in me.

Streets - Manders Croft, Wattons Lane

Church groups/events - Paintpot

The Town - Southam Ramblers, local artists and photographers - all enjoying changing autumn colours. Gardeners and farmers harvesting their produce.

Faith Organisations - Council for World Mission

Week 32 - Sunday 2nd October 2016

Reflection - Zeph 3:17 - For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty saviour. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.”

Streets - St James Crescent, St James Road

Church groups/events - Missions group and their preparations for Mop Night Hot Choc.

The Town - The travelling community who bring the Mop to Southam each year.

Faith Organisations - Long Itchington Congregational Church

Week 33 - Sunday 9th October 2016 - Harvest

Reflection - Psalm 36:8 - You feed them from the abundance of your own house, letting them drink from your river of delights.

Streets - Heather Close, Red Lion Close, Meadow Rd, St Mary's Close

Church groups/events - For the work and witness of the Graham Adams Centre.

The Town - Our post office and local banks.

Faith Organisations - For the Christian Aid Partnership initiative

Week 34 - Sunday 16th October 2016

Reflection - Romans 12:10 - Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other.

Streets - Ascot Way, Stoneton Close

Church groups/events - A reflection on our 176th Church Anniversary, for blessings of the past and of hope for the future.

The Town - Southam's pubs and cafes providing friendly nourishment and refreshment.

Faith Organisations - The Jewish community in Coventry and Warwickshire as they celebrate the Feast of the Tabernacles.

Week 35 - Sunday 23rd October 2016

Reflection - Psalm 35:27 - But give great joy to those who came to my defence. Let them continually say, “Great is the Lord, who delights in blessing his servant with peace!”

Streets - Radbourne Close, Priors Meadow, Watergall Close

Church groups/events - Those who spread the word through the Storyboard, Messenger, Web Site and Facebook postings.

The Town - Our refuse collectors and recycling centres.

Faith Organisations - The Congregational Federation

Week 36 - Sunday 30th October 2016

Reflection - Proverbs 12:22 - The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.

Streets - Sycamore Grove

Church groups/events - For all packing shoeboxes for the Samaritans purse scheme for children, some of whom are victims of war. For Sue who organizes the collection.

The Town - Bonfire and firework displays. Our volunteer Firefighters and local First Responders.

Faith Organisations - Samaritans Purse's work of collecting & delivering shoe boxed gifts.

Week 37 - Sunday 6th November 2016

Reflection - Micah 7:18 - Where is another God like you, who pardons the guilt of the remnant, overlooking the sins of his special people? You will not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight in showing unflinching love.

Streets - Galanos House and Poppy Lodge

Church groups/events - For welcoming door stewards and coffee makers.

The Town - Remembrance day services and parade. Remembering all victims of war and conflict and all those who work for peace.

Faith Organisations - The Quaker community and their work for peace.

Week 38 - Sunday 13th November 2016 - Remembrance Sunday

Reflection - Psalm 147:1 - Praise the Lord! How good to sing praises to our God! How delightful and how fitting!

Streets - Bridge Court

Church groups/events - Luncheon Club and Tuesday Club

The Town - For the Southam Foodbank, the volunteers running it, all who donate and especially all who need its services.

Faith Organisations - Coventry Cathedral Ministry of Reconciliation

Week 39 - Sunday 20th November 2016

Reflection - Jer 15:16 - When I discovered your words, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God of Heaven's Armies.

Streets - Warwick Rd, Hartley Gardens, Newstead Drive

Church groups/events - Work with young people

The Town - Southam Christmas Lights Group and other organisations preparing to light up the town for the Christmas season.

Faith Organisations - The Outreach Singers and their mission through music.