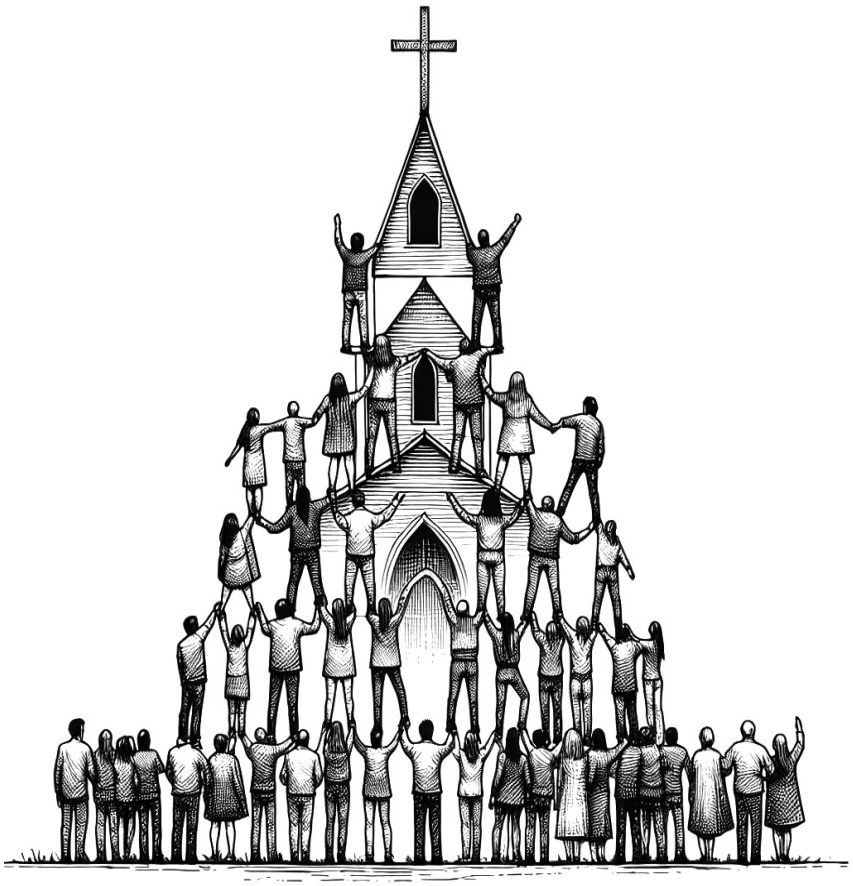


St. Paul's Church

Canford Heath – Poole

Prayer Diary

APRIL 2024

Strive *or* Thrive?

A week of prayer & reflection *following* our *special* day of *prayer* for the *future* of St. Paul's Church.

APRIL - WEEK TWO - Strive or Thrive?

"And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." - Jesus
Matthew 12:49-50

13	❶	Lord, continue to reveal to us the path You want us to take in the months ahead
	❷	Staff & Pupils at Canford Heath Junior School
	❸	For those people grieving after the recent earthquakes in Taiwan
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14	❶	For those who feel God leading them to help St. Paul's, in whatever way, to step up
	❷	For those who keep our streets clean & G Ps, Staff & Patients at Creekmoor Surgery
	❸	For new believers in Eritrea, where converting from Islam is dangerous.
	✍	
15	❶	For those who joined our Easter services – may You grow the seeds of faith in them
	❷	People who want to baptised and for Christians to remember their baptism
	❸	For those in Nigeria where Islamists kill more Christians than anywhere else.
	✍	
16	❶	For the financial needs of St. Paul's to flow in and help us flourish.
	❷	For the hope of the Gospel to spread across our community
	❸	The people in N.Korea, especially those preaching Jesus in secret.
	✍	
17	❶	Holy Spirit remind us of the thoughts and experience we had on the day or prayer.
	❷	For farmers who despite isolation continue to serve and provide.
	❸	For our church family in Pakistan, where Christians are classed as unworthy
	✍	
18	❶	Lord, bring to our minds the ways in which I can support the ministry of St.Paul's
	❷	Those using Harbourside Park for leisure & exercise
	❸	For the people of Yemen, where it is illegal to convert to Christianity
	✍	
19	❶	Lord we pray for momentum in moving Your mission in our church forward.
	❷	H.M. Coastguard in Poole
	❸	For house churches to thrive and remain safe in Iran
	✍	

"Faith comes through God's Word and through praise.
Faith grows as you praise the Lord."
Wesley L. Duewel

APRIL - WEEK THREE - Strive or Thrive?

Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.
1 Corinthians 12:27

20	❶	For perseverance as St. Paul's strives to a beacon of truth and light on the heath
	❷	For our literal neighbours & Staff & Pupils at Hamworthy Park Junior School
	❸	For those in Libya where openly Christian people face abduction and slavery
	✍	
21	❶	Reveal to us the resources we can share, be it finance, time, prayer, encouragements
	❷	Canford Heath social club & Staff & Patients at The Hadleigh Practice
	❸	For Sudan to continue its move towards greater religious freedom.
	✍	
22	❶	For the body of St .Paul's church to grow in number and in spiritual maturity
	❷	Library Staff and for those who rely on them
	❸	Lord, let Afghans hear Your message and the only way to salvation
	✍	
23	❶	Lord, fill us with the desire to grow Your church, to share truth, light and the Gospel.
	❷	Officers & other staff at BCP Council
	❸	Those in Pakistan where Christians feel unsafe and are treated as second class.
	✍	
24	❶	Father, the harvest is plentiful, May You prepare the harvest & send us out to reap
	❷	ARCH & Those using Branksome Recreation Ground for leisure & exercise
	❸	For new Christians in Afghanistan where conversion from Islam is very dangerous
	✍	
25	❶	God, help us to be a church known for rejoicing always and praying ceaselessly.
	❷	Public transport drivers
	❸	For countries where secular ideas have impacted church growth.
	✍	
26	❶	Lord,help us be a church that appreciates & supports every part of the church body
	❷	Building industry and those who monitor building safety standards
	❸	For leader in Sudan to continue to make steps toward religious freedom.
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"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?"

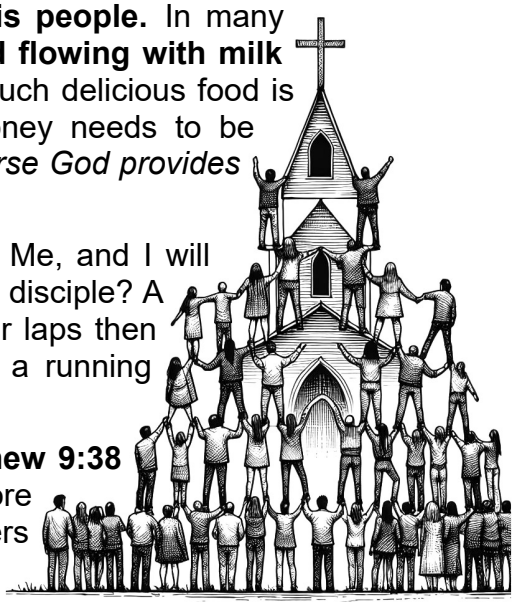
Corrie ten Boom

APRIL - WEEK FOUR - Strive or Thrive?

Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
Hebrews 10:25

27	❶	Father, how can I support the rest of my church family?
	❷	Beamish rd & Staff & Pupils at Bearwood Primary & Nursery School
	❸	For people worldwide who use, deal, smuggle and produce drugs to see the light.
	✍	
28	❶	Father God, we pray for those who are considering taking on roles within our church
	❷	Ashdown close & GPs, Staff & Patients at The Harvey Practice
	❸	For the church to grow worldwide in number, unity, love for all, fellowships & in faith.
	✍	
29	❶	For faithful churches everywhere praying and working for their church's growth.
	❷	Downlands place & Poole Harbour Commissioners
	❸	For the invisible church worldwide to build stronger bonds of fellowship.
	✍	
30	❶	Father God, help us be prepared to ride the crest of the wave when You send it.
	❷	'Feed the minds' (see feedtheminds.org)
	❸	For the Holy Spirit to be revealed across the world.
	✍	

God has made many promises, or covenants with His people. In many passages such as **Deuteronomy 6:3** God promises **'a land flowing with milk and honey'**. Sounds delightful. Of course the provision of such delicious food is wonderful,,,,but milk needs to milked from a cow and honey needs to be collected from the hive – this all means work! (*unless of course God provides specially trained cows that can aim into a milk bottle!*)



In the New Testament Jesus tells His disciples "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."' - **Mark 1:17 –** are you a disciple? A fisher of men? Unless these 'fish' are going to jump into our laps then we are going to have to do some work! (There might be a running theme here…)

Back To Jesus (always a good idea) who says in **Matthew 9:38** "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest." **Matthew 9:38**

As we pray for the future of our church we can remember that God has promised to build His church (**Matthew 16:8**) and that He has called us to do our part (**1 Corinthians 12:12**). But it will require work, finance and constant prayer that goes beyond these last two weeks. **Dear Lord,** continue to reveal to us the direction of our labours, grant us strength and determination, love and compassion. Prepare for us that plentiful harvest for us to reap and thrive for Your glory, for ever and ever **Amen.**