**WESTFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH PRAYER BULLETIN 152: JANUARY 2021**

Thank you for your continued prayers for our church, our people and our community. Please include the following with your own prayers this month:

 **WESTFIELD \ OUR FUTURE**

We thank and praise God for bringing us safely to this New Year.

We give thanks to God for adding two new members to our church this month. Bless them Lord. It is a great encouragement to our fellowship. We pray for other people within our fellowship who at this time are learning more about the positive step of joining church membership and the benefits it has for everyone.

We pray for the charities our church tithing has supported with donations sent at Christmas to: ***The Bible Society, CLIC Sargent Children’s Charity, My Daddy’s Haven, Immanuel Project, Caring For Life,*** ***and New Joy International Gospel Church, Bradford.***  We pray for the important work that these organisations continue to do which touches people’s lives at home and overseas. We pray that despite the changing times that these organisations will maintain good revenue streams so they can keep helping underprivileged people.

Please continue praying that the right building contractor will become available to undertake the development work of the main church building as planned, and which will be within our costings.

Please continue to pray for the elders of Westfield, that they will listen to God and be given wisdom through the discussions and decisions made about our church, and especially in this time of pandemic.

We remember the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers and their leaders. Please pray for any Zoom meetings that will take place on-line whilst the girls cannot meet inside our church hall building at this time. Please pray that the Zoom sessions will be a blessing for all involved and that the girls will receive a lot of encouragement from them. Also pray for the leaders as they prepare the Zoom meetings and know the very important role they are playing as they lead and speak in to these girl’s lives.

 **WYKE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL**

Please remember all the Wyke Churches and their leaders in your prayers. Please pray for the continuing witnessing and outreach of the Wyke churches and how they are speaking in to their surrounding communities in this pandemic period. Please pray for strong unity within each church and that there will always be strong unity across our five churches amongst the leaders and the respective congregations.

We commend to God the invaluable work of the Wyke Foodbank and how extremely important this ministry is to the clients and their families. We pray for wisdom for the trustees and the steering committee in their decision making at this difficult time when the pandemic is impacting how the foodbank is run. We pray everyone will see the hands and feet of Christ working so vividly in this ministry and King Jesus would get all the glory from it.

 **Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)**

This month’s prayer theme is on Joy (prayers are from MAF’s Prayer Diary):

Pray for the work of *Every Home For Christ in Chad* as its staff bring the Gospel to the remotest villages in northern Chad by camel caravan. The workers have few home comforts because all their belongings must be carried on the camels. MAF pilot Stefan Hug says, ‘I was amazingly humbled that the Gospel was worth more to them than all the wealth and prosperity they had before they accepted Jesus into their hearts.’ Pray that everyone they reach will experience the joy of knowing Him.

When hardship strikes, people often seek their Creator. Lift up our partner *Solidarity Ministries Africa for Reconciliation and Development,* which sends pastors from South Sudan to minister to refugee camps such as Kakuma, Uganda. Praise God for the security that comes from knowing Jesus.

In 2020, it felt as if life was put on hold. May isolated communities be still and know joy amidst sadness and peace during life’s storms.

In the same way that David stilled Saul’s soul when he played his harp, may God replace our fears with the joy of the Lord. Pray for all those needing to hear His still small voice.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness (Galatians 5:22). Today, ask God to provide MAF staff with an abundant harvest.

No one expected the events of this year. As we look towards this new year of 2021, may God enable our personnel to effectively serve Christ and bring joy to the hurting, helpless and vulnerable people this year.

Please pray for any in our community who are in a worse place in 2021 because of the impact Covid-19 has had on them and their families.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR GOD TO SEND US WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST. MATTHEW 9 VERSE 38**