**WESTFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH PRAYER BULLETIN 156: MAY 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 continue to pray for the members and friends of Westfield and our wider church family. We pray for the safety and well-being of all our people and thank God dearly for keeping us safe thus far from COVID-19. We pray that the time will come soon when we will all again be able to worship and fellowship freely together enjoying all our meetings. We pray by God’s grace as we come out of the pandemic we will sense clearly the will of God for our church and how best to serve our community. That with our Lord’s guidance we would use our buildings in future to further develop and enhance the spiritual life of the fellowship and our mission and work in the community.

We thank and praise God for the good relationship Westfield has with all the other Wyke churches, and the strong bond of Christian unity that we feel.

Please continue to pray for all our church officers and that all work done through our church would please the heart of our God.

**WYKE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL**

Please remember in your prayers Christian Aid Week (10th to 16th May) as the Wyke Churches support this very important work. House collections can take place this year providing COVID-19 government guidelines are followed. Please pray for there to be good collections \ fundraising in our community and opportunities to witness well for Christ through the week. This year’s Christian Aid Week theme again highlights the challenge of climate change on the world and how we need to stand with people in places like Kenya to fight the climate crisis. Please pray that Christian Aid Week throughout the British Isles would be successful despite the impact of the pandemic and the restrictions still in place. Please pray that all the on-line events that are set to take place through Christian Aid Week will be well supported, help the cause, and bring awareness of the need for us particularly in the west to help people affected acutely by climate change.

Please continue to pray for the leaders of our Wyke Churches: Lucy at St. Marys, Lynn at Wyke Methodist Church, Glenn at Wyke Christian Community Church and Jane at Lower Wyke Moravian Church. Pray for their safety, protection and well-being in all the things they get involved with.

Pray also that Lucy, Lynn, Glenn and Jane would get support and help from their own congregations, especially when they face challenges and difficulties in ministry.

**MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP (MAF)**

Prayers are from MAF’s April to June 2021 Prayer Diary - this month’s theme is about "Hope For The Hungry":

* Praise God that MAF partners such as Tearfund and Medair deliver highly nutritious food to those affected by poor harvests, famine and food insecurity – particularly children and young people.
* One of the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals is to achieve ‘Zero Hunger’ by 2030. However, according to the world food programme, ‘135 million suffer from acute hunger largely due to man-made conflicts, climate change and economic downturns. The COVID-19 pandemic could now double that number.’ Pray that MAF will help its partners bring sustainable solutions to food insecurity, fairer distribution of resources, and improvements to poor agriculture practices.
* Isaiah 58:7 tells us, ‘Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.’ (NLT). Pray that MAF flights continuing to bring food and shelter to some of the world’s most vulnerable people will be used to full effect by those who are able to make the greatest impact.
* Next time you share Communion, whether in person with others or ‘virtually’ online, remember those for whom finding enough food for themselves and their families is a daily struggle. Pray that Jesus will send help to people in remote locations, as well as those living closer to home.
* Jesus said, ‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.’ (Matthew 5:6, NIV). Have faith that everyone who seeks Christ will be satisfied – whether their hunger is physical or spiritual.

Please remember in your prayers our local Councillors and Members of Parliament

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