

Church Prayer Meeting

4th May 2020

Praise: Read, Reflect and Pray

Psalm 103

Thanksgiving:

May 8th this year is the 75th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe) when the Allied Forces finally overcame several dictators and their wicked regimes. There was great joy amongst the peoples of Europe and their allies, and release for many persecuted and imprisoned (Ravensbruck, Auschwitz, Belsen, Dachau). Read how God answered the prayers of his people over a similar threat from a dictator in:

1 Kings 19 v 14-19, 20-21, 35-37.

Give thanks for the sacrifices of a generation to free us from tyranny and the answers to many prayers.

Give thanks for the current inspiration to our generation by Captain Tom.

Pray for those held in tyranny today in various parts of the world: North Korea/China/Middle East/Some African Countries/Indonesia etc.

Prayers for St Peter's and local community

Isaiah 55 v 10-11

- pray for the services and videos sustaining the church and others.
- pray for those who cannot access the internet that they may be sustained by personal contact.
- those in the ABC and other children's groups keeping linked over the internet.
- those in the wider community seeking answers to fears and anxiety.
- those worried about finances/jobs/ businesses.
- that all our contacts may bear fruit.

Prayers for the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Pray over the many issues in the news:

- safety of NHS staff and all other key workers.
- availability of PPE.
- safety of staff and residents in care homes.
- insight for all those managing the situation logistically and politically.
- that those scientists seeking to find a vaccine and understand how the virus works may have success.

Pray also for the management of the pandemic abroad especially in developing countries with poor or non-existent health services. Most of the major Christian charities are appealing for support for medicines and food. Those working in Muslim countries are also bringing to our attention the discrimination against Christians in receiving aid of food or medicines. They are persecuted in more ways than one!

With all the problems with Coronavirus, the locust plague is getting forgotten.