

July 16<sup>th</sup> - August 5<sup>th</sup>  
2023

## GET IN TOUCH – CHURCH OFFICE

The church office is open 9.30am-12.30pm, Monday-Friday. To contact us, call or email: 01142301911 / [reception@fulwoodchurch.co.uk](mailto:reception@fulwoodchurch.co.uk)  
Please get in touch if you have any questions or need any help. You can also contact our pastoral care teams using the details below, or any member of staff using the 'Contact us' page on the church website.

## PASTORAL CARE

Our pastoral care teams are ready to respond in appropriate ways to offer any support they can. If you need help, or know of anyone who does, or if you need more information, use [our website](#).  
One team is the **Visiting Team** who love to chat and spend time with people. They will happily call on the phone or pop round to talk, just once or regularly if you would like that.

## GIVING @ CHRIST CHURCH FULWOOD

The church is funded by the generous giving of the church family. If you can, we encourage you to give joyfully in response to God's loving mercy. You can do this by: regular giving; standing order with your bank; payroll giving; via [Give a Little](#) by credit card/applepay/googlepay. Everything you need, including Gift Aid declarations, can be found on our [giving page](#). We give thanks to God for this financial sacrifice and for your partnership in the gospel.

## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### SUNDAY 16 JULY

**10.30am** Revelation 4:1-11 – *Rob Mullock*  
'The King upon his throne (Part 1)'

**6.30pm** Acts 4:5-31 – *Andy Oatridge*  
'The name of Jesus'

### SUNDAY 23 JULY

**10.30am** Revelation 5:1-14 – *Rob Mullock*  
'The King upon his throne (Part 2)'

**6.30pm** Acts 4:32-5:11 – *Andy Cook*  
'The holiness of God'

### SUNDAY 30 JULY

**10.30am** Psalm 2 – *Matthew Lawes*  
'The Son of God'

**6.30pm** Acts 5:12-42 – *Justin Roberts*  
'The unstoppable Gospel'

Book socially distanced seating online [here](#).

## BIBLE TRAINING YORKSHIRE

*Bible Training Yorkshire* trains ordinary Christians to hear God's voice more clearly and profoundly in His Bible. Our hope is that students would grow in their own walk with God, and also be equipped to disciple others. The course happens in Doncaster one day a week during term time and you can come for a whole day or just the mornings. The next term will start in September. For more details speak to or email [Rob Mullock](#).

## SUMMER READING – TRUE FRIENDSHIP

This summer we have lots of copies of *True Friendship* by Vaughan Roberts which we are selling for £1 each. This is a great opportunity for us to think again about how to do friendships well in our church family life and beyond. Pick up a copy any Sunday from 16 July, and then read it this summer!

## 14 JULY – LAST FRIDAY CLUB THIS TERM

Friday club meets for the last time this term on Friday 14 July in church from 10am-12 noon. This will be followed by a meal in the church centre for those who have already booked. We will restart Friday Club on Friday 8 September. All older people are very welcome.

## WOMEN'S WALKING AND RUNNING GROUPS

Meet at 10am on July 14 by the co-op, we'll wander for an hour and finish with a coffee, and will adapt the route as needed for pushchairs, walking abilities. Please contact Liz Johnstone (07825775852) or [Alison Linsky](#) (07963917058) for more info.

## 15 JULY – GARDENING

All very welcome to join and help with gardening 9am-1pm, Saturday 15 July, with refreshments around 10.30am. There is much to do as always and we enjoy a good time together. Come for as much as you can. Speak to [Fiona Lockwood](#) for more information.

## 17 JULY – JIM CROSSLEY INSTALLATION

Jim Crossley, having been sent from Christ Church Fulwood for ordination has been appointed as Oversight Minister at Christ Church Hillsborough and Wadsley Bridge. He is being licensed and installed at 7pm on Monday the 17 July. Anyone is welcome to join and support him. You can park just across the A61 at Kilner Way Retail Park.

## BURNGREAVE FOODBANK

The Foodbank has distributed twice the amount of food this month than it did in the same month last year and need continues to increase. We urgently need your support please. The most urgent items required are:

- Tinned soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Vegetables
- UHT milk

If you would prefer to give money, then please do via [this link](#).

Thank you to those who have been putting items in the food bin in the Church Centre

## 9-23 JULY – STATION HOUSE TEA GARDEN POP UP CAFE

My name is Mia Wheatley, I'm part of the church family and for my gap year, I plan to go on a discipleship training school with YWAM. To raise money we are setting up a pop up cafe just off the Monsal Trail with my friends. It would be great if you could come along and buy some tea and cake to support me! We will be open every day from the 9-23 July, opening times: 10:30am-5:30pm. The address is Station House, Millersdale, Derbyshire, SK17 8SN. Follow our Instagram [@stationhouseteagarden](#) for more updates. Thanks!

## 10 AUGUST – FILM NIGHT

Thursday 10/8/23 in the main church building.

Time: arrival from 7pm for film at 7.30pm

Film: Due to licensing agreements we cannot advertise the name of the film outside of church but do ask at the office for more information or on a Sunday! It will be a 12A.

Come along to a relaxed film night, followed by a short informal group discussion about thoughts on the film and the world views it portrays. Bring a friend and some snacks!

## 12 AUGUST – GARDENING

All very welcome to join and help with gardening 9am-1pm, Saturday 12 August, with refreshments around 10.30am. There is much to do as always and we enjoy a good time together. Come for as much as you can. Speak to [Fiona Lockwood](#) for more information.

## 20 AUGUST – NEWCOMERS MEAL

A chance, for anyone who has joined Christ Church Fulwood recently, to get to know some of our church family and staff team over a meal, and hear about our vision as a church. Please can you book so we know numbers and can cater for any dietary requirements. It will take place in the church centre, on Sunday 20 August, 12.30pm. To find out more and to book, click [here](#).

## 19-25 AUGUST - YOUTH HOUSEPARTY 2023

House Party is happening this year from Sunday 19 to Saturday 25 August! Booking is now open and will remain open until 7th August. We're very excited to be able to offer places to all young people currently in Y9, Y10, Y11, Y12 and Y13. To find out more or book please click [here](#).

If you would be willing to support this ministry financially or are keen to provide help for young people who may not be able to afford a place, you can donate [here](#) or please get in touch with [Andy Cook](#).

## 26 JANUARY – 3 FEBRUARY 2024 FULWOOD 20S&30S SKI TRIP

The Fulwood Ski Trip will be back in 2024! It is a great opportunity for a fun holiday, where we can build our friendships, build our faith in Jesus, and bring others in too. We are going with Gold Hill and we have exclusive access to bookings for the next few months. For more info see [here](#)

## TWO MORNING SERVICES SURVEY

We are making plans to move back to two morning services, and have put together a survey to gather opinions and wisdom on this. You can access it [here](#) or pick up a paper copy on the reception desk.

## ACCOMMODATION NEEDED FOR HUNGARIAN FRIENDS

Accommodation needed for two Hungarian young people (friends of David & Reka Oatridge) serving at the Oakes camps this summer. Dates needed are:

- > Wed 12 - Sun 23 July (11 nights) for one
- > Thur 27 - Sun 30 July (3 nights) for both
- > Tue 1 - Thur 3 August (2 nights) for both
- > Sat 5 August (1 night) for one.

Please email Andy Oatridge [andy@acorn.hu](mailto:andy@acorn.hu) if you're able to help.

July 17 – July 23

# PRAYER DIARY

*"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18)*

## MONDAY 17

Pray for Jim and Sonia Crossley, and their son Ted, as they begin their ministry at Christ Church Hillsborough and Wadsley Bridge where Jim has been appointed as Oversight Minister. Pray for the service of licensing and installation at his new church tonight and ask the Lord to go before Jim and the family as he takes up the task of leading God's people there.

Pray much for our PCC. There's no 'end of term' feel about tonight's agenda with vital issues such as finance, recruitment and General Synod to discuss.

## TUESDAY 18

Remember in prayer Philip and Margaret Hacking in all their struggles with increasing frailty. Pray too for David and Catherine, their son-in-law and daughter who are caring for them in Harold Hill, Essex. Give thanks the blessing that Philip and Margaret were to us in over 50 years of ministry at Christ Church Fulwood.

## WEDNESDAY 19

For many, the name of Philip Hacking (see above) is synonymous with the Keswick Convention which is now in full flow. Pray for all those who will teach and preach during the next three weeks and that all who hear will be much blessed and well-equipped for ministry upon their return home. Give thanks for the many from Fulwood who have 'cut their ministry teeth' at Keswick and gone on to full-time Christian work around the country.

## THURSDAY 20

Jonathan Norgate, working for '2:19 Teach to Reach', is leading an online seminar today on using their resources in English teaching outreach - pray for those attending to be equipped for fruitful ministry in their churches. Pray too for 2.19's directors Dave and Maura Baldwin, bearing significant family burdens just now, asking the Lord to sustain them as they continue to lead the ministry.

## FRIDAY 21

Much gospel work is going on under the banner of "Summer Serving" – pray today and over these next weeks for Camps and Beach Missions; for Christians in Sport and Keswick Kids; for Acorn in Hungary and UCCF in Montenegro; for The Oakes and for Yorkshire Camps. Pray especially for youngsters from Fulwood who are venturing into ministry for the first time, asking that this experience will set them on course for a lifetime of faithfully serving the Lord.

## SATURDAY 22

Pray for the Fulwood Youth Houseparty (August 19-25) and for our own Youth Team leading and teaching from the Book of Exodus. Give thanks for this opportunity to build on connections made with the youngsters over this year. Pray that bookings will not be so last-minute as to create problems and pray that parents would see this week as a helpful complement to their own responsibility to disciple their children for the other 51 weeks of the year.

## SUNDAY 23

As Rob Mullock preaches this morning from Revelation 5:1-14 pray we would respond by giving "praise and honor and glory and power" to God.

Pray too for Andy Cook preaching from Acts 4:32-5:11 tonight and pray that we, in hearing, would heed both the encouragement and the warning.

Ask the Lord to bless the work of the Ministry Partnership Team. Today Brian Vivian (preaching) and Bob Dunigan are at Greenhead Chapel.

## PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH (From Barnabas Aid)

*Heavenly Father, we bring before you those Christians who have left the majority religion of their country to embrace the Gospel. We pray for these new members of your family that they will grow in spiritual maturity. Please protect them from any attempts to force or coerce them into denying their Christian faith. Enable them to stand firm as they grow in their love for their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen*



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July 24 – July 30

# PRAYER DIARY

*"The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all"*  
(Psalm 34:19)

## MONDAY 24

Pray for the ministry of Prison Fellowship, remembering especially the work of prison chaplains and asking for wisdom and discernment as they pastor those with especially complicated lives. Give thanks and pray too for opportunities to use the 'Christianity Explored Prison Edition' which meets the unique challenges of sharing the identity, mission, and call of Jesus with those serving time in prison.

## TUESDAY 25

Give thanks for the work of 'Street Pastors' in Sheffield, bringing help and hope to those who frequent the City Centre at night, whether that be for work or leisure. Pray for safety for the teams, for good conversations about faith and for more helpers to come forward.

Pray too for another City Centre ministry – the 'Parish Nursing Project' based at St Matthew's, Carver Street, with registered nurses reaching out to promote the health of body, mind and soul of the members of a very diverse community.

## WEDNESDAY 26

As many local churches return to the use of the 'Common Cup' for communion services, pray for wisdom for our leadership team as they discern the best way forward in this regard for us here at Fulwood.

## THURSDAY 27

Praise God for good things happening at neighbouring churches including Christ Church Stannington (where people have joined from St Thomas Crookes), All Saints' Totley, where Ben Tanner (once a member our Youth Group) is the Vicar and All Saints' Ecclesall, where Godfrey Smallman and Simon Oatridge (both former members of Christ Church Fulwood) are part of the Staff Team.

## FRIDAY 28

Praise God for God's provision and faithfulness over the past 10 months that Rachel Hopkins has served at Kompiam Hospital in Papua New Guinea. Pray that Rachel would now settle back well to life in the UK, and for guidance and discernment as she considers her next steps.

## SATURDAY 29

The Summer months are often promoted as a good time to read good Christian books. Pray that might be the case for each one of us and that we might even continue that habit throughout the year. Pray for discernment in our reading and pray we will not neglect Christian classics and that, in reading them, we will "keep the clean sea breeze of the centuries blowing through our minds" (CS Lewis).

## SUNDAY 30

Pray for Matthew Lawes preaching from Psalm 2 at the start of our Summer series, "The Messianic Psalms of Christ". Give thanks for this opportunity to revisit the Psalms but pray that we will not neglect the treasure within them during the rest of the year.

This evening Justin Roberts will be preaching from Acts 5:12-42. Pray for Justin as he speaks and pray that we would be encouraged and emboldened as we hear the message of "The Unstoppable Gospel".

## PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

*(From Barnabas Aid)*

*Almighty God, we pray for the increased availability of Bibles in all languages. Please protect translators in their work, especially those in regions hostile to the Gospel. We pray that more Christians with limited access to Scriptures will have the joy of reading and listening to your Word in their native tongue, for we ask in the Name of the Living Word, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*



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July 31 – August 6

# PRAYER DIARY

*“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable— if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things”. (Philippians 4:8)*

## MONDAY 31

Anja Lijcklama a Nijeholt heads today to Indonesia for two weeks to participate in the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) World Assembly conference. Pray that this time with others involved in global student ministry will be a great encouragement for Anja in her own work with postgraduate students in the UK and Europe.

## TUESDAY AUGUST 1

Give thanks to God for the Scriptures that teach, train and correct and in which is found the wisdom leading to salvation through Jesus Christ. Pray for all involved in the translation, distribution and production of the Bible worldwide, for The Bible Society, for Good News for Everyone and for Wycliffe Bible Translators. Pray that the Lord would be shaping his people by the Word that brings life and hope through Jesus, the living Word.

## WEDNESDAY 2

Pray that, if any good comes out of the present controversy in the Church of England, it will be that God, in suffering errors to arise, will lead us to a closer and clearer definition of the truth and expose those who have “rebelled against the words of God and spurned the counsel of the Most High” (Psalm 107: 11).

## THURSDAY 3

Pray for our Safeguarding Team – for Heather Charlton and Sally Hewson, our Safeguarding Officers, and for Anna Wade, dealing with administration and with the organisation of Safeguarding training. Pray that we, as a church, might be faithful to our commitment to promoting a safer environment and culture; to caring pastorally for those affected; to safe recruitment of workers; to responding promptly in all cases.

## FRIDAY 4

Pray for the older ones amongst us who are prevented by frailty from enjoying the benefits of being part of a Church Family. Ask that each would know enduring grace and abiding faith to overcome their doubts and fears. Pray too that those of us who are more mobile would seek out those who are infirm and walk with them as their days draw to a close.

## SATURDAY 5

Give thanks for those members of the Music Ministry team (Becc Walsh, Pete Longbottom, Jonny Wong, Peter Gore, David Godwin, Marie Hancock) who have stepped up to lead bands, plan rotas and oversee the audio/visual requirements until the time we appoint another music minister.

## SUNDAY 6

Jonny Dyer preaches from Psalm 8 this morning and Rob Mullock preaches from Acts 6:1-7 this evening. Pray we see afresh the priority of prayer and the ministry of the word and give thanks for the freedom to worship the one whose glory is higher than the heavens.

Pray too for Stephen Gordon and David Vickers (preaching) as they take this morning’s service at Philadelphia WRC.

Pray for Marcus and Jen Watkins as they take on the task of writing this weekly prayer diary, giving thanks for their willingness to serve and for their openness to the Holy Spirit.

## A CLOSING PRAYER

*Thank you, Heavenly Father, for the comfort, assurance and peace we have in knowing that nothing can separate us from your love; in knowing that you will bring to completion the good work you have begun in us and in your world. Father, in the name of Jesus, by the power of the Spirit, we bring our prayers and requests to you. Do exceedingly beyond all we can ask or imagine. Startle us with your faithfulness and astonish us by your generosity. For our family, for our friends, for our church, bring renewal of hope, restoration of love, repentance of sin. Stir us up, shake us up, and send us out. Make us like gospel fountains in our community. Work miracles in our midst, for the fame of Jesus and the glory of your name. Amen*

*(Adapted from <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/scotty-smith/a-prayer-for-praying-in-the-spirit/>)*



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