

# Month of Prayer Theme: Too Busy to Pray? January 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Introduction		New Year's Day 2019!		3rd PrayerSEARCH Using the scriptures for prayer. Hourly prayer sessions.	4th PrayerFAMILY 11.30-12.30 & 2.30-4.30pm PBC THATCH		6th ALL-AGE Service Slow Down I Want to Get off! 10.00am
				6pm-Midnight	INSTAPrayer 6.00-7.00pm PBC THATCH		6.30pm Communion
Week One	7th PrayerSPACE Allowing space for prayer. Quiet reflections for prayer. 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm, 5.30pm	8th 7.30am Open Prayers TUESDAY@10 All welcome to a special prayer meeting at the regular T@10 gathering. 10.00am	9th 9.30-10.30 Acts4sharing Prayer Meeting Home of Sue Wall	10th Small Group Meeting 10.30-12noon Home of Adam & Pip	11th PrayerFAMILY 11.30-12.30 & 2.30-4.30pm PBC THATCH  INSTAPrayer 6.00-7.00pm PBC THATCH		13th Sunday Service  Matters Arising 10.00am  6.30pm Evening Service
Week Two Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25th		15th PrayerENCOUNTER Worship and praying for one another. 7.30-8.30pm	16th Small Group Meeting 10.30-12noon Home of Chris & Fran	17th Prospects Group Prayer Come and join the prospects group for prayer. 7.30-9pm	18th PrayerFAMILY 11.30-12.30 & 2.30-4.30pm PBC THATCH  INSTAPrayer 6.00-7.00pm PBC THATCH		20th Sunday Service & Communion  I AM in control! 10.00am  6.30pm Evening Service
Week Three Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25th	21st WoPfCU Begins Small Group Meeting 10.30-12noon Home of Nick & Rachel	22nd WoPfCU 7.30am Open Prayers  Churches Together Prayer Meeting King's Church 7.30pm Wesley Centre	23rd PrayerCREATIVE Exploring creative ways to pray. Pop in at a time to suit you and yours. 7.00-7.00pm	24th WoPfCU	25th PrayerFAMILY 11.30-12.30 & 2.30-4.30pm PBC THATCH INSTAPrayer 6.00-7.00pm PBC	26th Churches Together Meal St. John the Baptist Church 7.30pm	27th Sunday service Satisfaction Guaranteed 10.00am 6.30pm Evening Service
Week Four			30th Small Group Meeting 10.30-12noon Home of Trevor & Anthea	31st PrayerCELEBRATE Worship, prayer and testimony. 7.30-8.30pm	"Prayer does not end here!"		

### MoP 2019 Introduction

Prayer is at the heart of all believers and we believe that we are called to pray persistently, with passion and in recognition of the power that our prayers can have – prayer is a privilege which we must live out in our lives! We recognise that prayer requires discipline and can take on many forms – we can pray in silence, with others in groups, through creative and artistic means in our homes, work places, cars and at the chapel! With these aspects in mind we have tried to create a 'programme of praying' for the month of January – this is not with the express aim of praying **only** in January but of helping us all to 'run a prayer race' throughout the rest of the year and beyond. Simply, we aim to pray!

## The MoP 2019 Theme

During this training and exploring period of January 2019 we would love you to join us in studying our over-arching theme: Too Busy to Pray. The theme has been built around an interesting book by Tim Chester *The Busy Christians Guide to Busyness* which explores the rhythm of Bible reading and prayer in today's modern world – the book encourages us to think and engage with the ways we cope with busyness and how Bible reading and prayer are not optional extras for modern day living. It asks us the question: how do I fit it all in? Thus, the aim of the study, throughout the MoP, is to develop our prayer life within the busyness of work, rest, play and retirement!

#### Resources

There is a prayer/small group guide available for this period. It will contain a study for each week of the prayer month. The Sunday teaching programme (am) will open up the theme and the study will aim to enable you, and your study group, to engage further in discussion with the theme. These studies will be used in Home Groups, a MoP Small Group (during the day in various homes - coloured 'yellow' on the timetable) and referred to in the larger meetings (coloured 'pink'). The materials could be used to start a small group that runs for the month of January OR why not agree to meet with one or two others at a time that suits you.

## The book

**The Busy Christians Guide to Busyness** is the title of Tim Chester's book – it is an easy read but is not necessary to take part in the MoP. However, it may help you explore the theme in greater depth should you wish to do so! We will be making an order for books in December so please place an order with the Church office should you require a book.