



# Prayer Partnership

Stratford Churches Together

Winter 2005

## Welcome to the New Prayer Partnership Newsletter

**T**his newsletter is designed to:

- \* Foster a sense of togetherness in prayer (even when we are physically apart!) including a suggested town-wide prayer focus.

- \* Keep you informed with up & coming

prayer events/meetings. (You can advertise your prayer event/meeting here!)

- \* Provide some feedback from prayer events any answers to prayers.

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## Children – Our Future Generation

### Prayer Focus

**P**lease pray:

- \* *For all those who currently work with children*

- \* For all groups of children, who meet in church premises

- \* *That the material used may inspire and challenge the children to think about God and Jesus; they are the future generation!*

- \* That volunteers/helpers will come forward if more are needed.



**W**e want to include news articles to help inspire us about the projects that are happening in and around the town.

This month we are focusing on children's work at **St Andrews, Shotton**.

The particular groups to pray for are:

### **Praise & Play –**

**Under 5s** meet weekly on a Wednesday for interactive worship.

### **Fellow Travellers –**

Children between **3** and **10** years have their own service on a Sunday morning.

Next Edition we will focus on:

### **Young People**

**Wise Words: “Seven Days Without Prayer Makes One Weak”**

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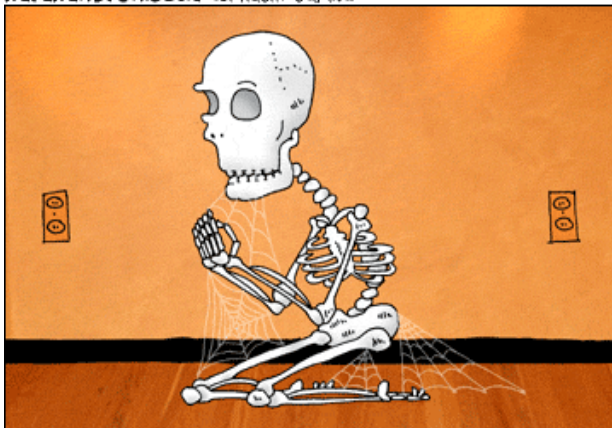
*\* Give thanks for success so far, safety of volunteers, building protection, free Housing Advice, all donations of food and finance.*

\* Pray for God's guidance for future development of the project.

\* Pray God's will be done in relation to the project.

\* Pray God's will be done in relation to the future of the Island cafe.

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Thanks to Rovis Lee (See 1Thessalonians 5:17) 10-27-2005

MORGAN WAS A FIRM BELIEVER IN PRAYING WITHOUT CEASING

**J**esus got up very early in order spend time with His Father and pray - Mark 1v 35, Luke 4 v 42 (I'm always deeply impressed by this).

Should we ask ourselves the question: How important is it to us to spend time in prayer - to make our time with God our first priority?

Does it matter where we pray? Can God hear us anywhere? Does He answer our prayers? Well, He heard Jonah even though Jonah had been disobedient and tried to get away from God (Jonah 2 v 1).

Some more examples of prayer:

Acts 4 v 31 (wow!), Acts 7 v 59, 60 (Stephen), Acts 12 v 5 - 18.

How about that for answered prayer!

Ephesians 1 v 17 - 21 and 3 v 14 - 21

The letter to the Ephesians is my favourite book. I love the way Paul just gets carried away with the greatness of His Lord! And what a prayer and promise. What endless resources we have in Christ!

Just allow the truth of these verses to sink in - they will help you to pray in great faith.

*Kathryn Reynolds*

## Dates for Your Diary

### Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2006

Forum Meeting, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity

### Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2006

Ecumenical Supper at Methodist Hall  
Tickets £5.

Speaker Jane Holloway, National Prayer Director from World Prayer Centre (Birmingham).

### Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2006

Ecumenical Service at Baptist Church  
Speaker Ian Knocks

### 18-25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2006

Week of prayer for Christian Unity:

- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm at St Gregory's Sacristy

- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> - 12.30pm at Guild Chapel (TBC)
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> - 10.30am at Baptist Church
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> - 10.30am at Baptist Church
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> - 12.30pm at Guild Chapel (TBC)
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm St Gregory's Sacristy

### Mon 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006

Next Prayer Partnership Meeting  
7.30-9.00pm

Salvation Army Hall, Scholars Lane.

At this meeting we will pray together for the town and launch some small ecumenical prayer groups for those interested.

We have 3 hosts who wish to meet at differing regularities and times (day and evening) and are situated in different parts of the town.

For more information about any of these events please contact Ruth on 07791 089409 and leave a message.