CHRIST CHURCH BARNSTON ST MICHAEL'S PENSBY

Areas for Prayer

In this long list of concerns, pray to bring the grace of God into every situation. As you allow the Holy Spirit to prompt you, you may find yourself spending longer praying about a given area or moving on to topics and needs not covered here.

The end of the pandemic throughout the world

Vaccines

The scientists producing the existing vaccines (and ready to work on new vaccines should the mutations require it)

The roll out of the vaccine programme in the UK. Include our local expression of that in the Woodchurch Leisure Centre and Clatterbridge Hospital with other potential sites in the future. A ready and regular supply of enough of the vaccine to hit the planned targets.

The roll out of the vaccine programme throughout the rest of the world, especially the worst hit countries – USA, Brazil, India

The roll out of the vaccine programme in the poorer countries who are currently having little access to the vaccines. And for those responsible for ensuring that this happens.

Treatment

Front line health and social workers, especially for the hospital doctors and nurses who are bearing the brunt of the burden. That they will find the strength to keep going. That they will be protected from the infection themselves. For the hospital chaplains as they pray for and counsel both patients and staff.

For those who have caught the virus, for mild illnesses and a fall in the death toll, courage when breathing gets so difficult, for those who have to go into a coma in order to be ventilated – never knowing if they will wake up again, for speedy recovery and a special prayer for those struggling with the disability of Long Covid, for better understanding, increased resources and effective treatments for Long Covid.

For the family and friends of those who have to watch their loved one suffering and for the many who have been bereaved.

For those who are finding it hard to wait for their turn to receive the vaccine and a special prayer for the families of those bereaved when the promise of relief was so close.

Pray for the most vulnerable in terms of physical and mental strength, for their safety and patience to persist with the strict isolation that they have had to observe.

Pray for those who are taking advantage of the situation to carry out vaccine fraud, for those opposed to vaccination and are working to undermine confidence.

Schools

For the children who have seen a whole year of their education disrupted, a long time for a child, for those facing important exams this year, for the loss of their friends and important social connections, for our own Sunday School children, for the physical safety and well-being of the teachers, for their ability to learn new ways of teaching remotely, for the enthusiasm to persist with a career that has changed so much, for head teachers and school governors called upon to deal with situations that are way beyond their previous experience.

Prisons

Where the prisoners have been so vulnerable to the virus, for the restrictions in family visiting, the loneliness and isolation, the resorting to drugs to ease the pain

Churches

For the ability to cope when so many old and cherished patterns have become impossible, when the fellowship that has been so precious is no longer possible, for the work of the Holy Spirit to help us imagine new ways of doing things and communicating the gospel, to grasp the opportunities of the hour rather than just waiting for things to go back to normal, to keep hope alive, expecting to see God work in new ways in these new circumstances, to especially care for the most vulnerable and isolated.