



Together in Prayer for Sheffield
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Working together to encourage citywide prayer

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"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD" is the reassuring challenge of Psalm 46:10. Though we be surrounded by all manner of turbulence in the world, and faced with headlines that speak of 'meltdown' and 'a global financial Armageddon'; though '*nations are in turmoil, and kingdoms fall*' [psalm 46:6], nevertheless, the word of the Lord to His people is '*Be still and know that I am God*'; the sovereign God, in control over all the affairs of His earth. "I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth". [Psalm 46:10]

So, whatever might be going on around us, we are to know that "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in times of trouble...The Lord Almighty IS WITH US, the God of Jacob IS OUR FORTRESS...therefore WE WILL NOT FEAR" [Psalm 46:1,2,7]. If that is the living reality in our hearts, we will increasingly have opportunities for sharing the source of our confidence and hope in the Gospel, with the many who will be fearful about what is happening in the world.

Let us pray that the Church in Sheffield will have a renewed capacity for making time to "*be still and know that I am God*", and be in that place of faith in Him that opens the way for the 'river whose streams make glad the city of God' [psalm 46:4] to flow in and through us to the needy world around us.

John Beyer - Sheffield Prayer Team

Quarterly Prayer Concert—Wesley Hall, Crookes. 9 till noon.
Next meeting : 29th NOVEMBER

National Adoption Week

10 - 16 November 2008.

A life changed for good – this is what National Adoption Week is all about.

Since its launch in 1997, National Adoption Week has been held each year to encourage more families to consider adoption. When we think about our children, let us thank God for them, and ask for a special blessing for all the children who do not have a stable family background.

Please pray: for children in your own family, naming them before God, and thanking Him for placing them in a loving home. Ask God to bless your family unit.

Please pray: for children who at the moment are outside a safe family environment; are awaiting adoption or foster families, or are in need of a place in a care home. Please ask the Lord to keep them safe and provide for their needs.

Please pray: for people considering adoption and for wisdom in their decision making.

Please Pray: that Christian beliefs will not be a hindrance to adoption applications, and that suitable couples will be accepted.

Please pray: that people willing to take on older children will come forward and godly role models will be put into place in young lives.

"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."
(Matthew 19:14)

Let's Celebrate The gift of



On
3rd December 2008
at

Salvation Army Citadel, Psalter Lane
From 7.30pm

A time of inter-church celebration and prayer for Sheffield

Let's thank God for
all that has been accomplished
in Sheffield
through Hope08 and
pray for all that is to

**Wear your
HOPE T-SHIRT!**



Churches working together to encourage citywide prayer and unity.
Further details from Sheffield Cross Links.
tel: 0114 2493956.
Email: admin@sheffieldcrosslinks.co.uk
www.sheffieldhope08.co.uk

National Anti-Bullying Week 17th - 21st November 2008

This years theme for anti-bullying week is "Bullying and Racism "

Please pray for all those being bullied whether because of race, creed, colour or difference.

Please pray for children being abused in this way: that they will be strong enough to seek help; that helpers will be wise and fair in dealing with the problems of bullying

www.antibullyingweek.co.uk/

Each month the Sheffield Prayer Team meet to pray for the monthly prioritised areas of the city. You are invited to join us at the Sheffield Cross Links office for that prayer time. Every third Wednesday in the month from 10.till 11.am . For further information, or if you have prayer points for your area please ring the SCL office: 0114 2493956.

Bathing An Area in Prayer For a Month

Each month we focus on a segment of the city. Starting NORTH, and working clockwise, we will cover every area of Sheffield.

This month please pray for the churches in: S6 & S30
MALIN BRIDGE. LOXLEY. PHILADELPHIA. OWLERTON.
MIDDLEWOOD. WORRAL. WADSLEY BRIDGE.
OUGHTIBRIDGE. STOCKSBRIDGE.

- Pray for church leaders; for the wisdom and power of God in their lives and in their preaching of the Gospel.
- Pray that the people of God in these areas will be brighter lights and stronger salt; greater witnesses for the Gospel
- Pray for unity among the brothers. No matter what denomination, tribe or stream, pray that God will unite together His children.

Halloween & Bonfire Night

The fears of hooliganism and antisocial behaviour that surround trick or treating and bonfire night are legitimate, and for many the build up to these events is a real concern.

Please pray that that peace will prevail on our streets during the build-up to bonfire weekend.

Please pray for children allowed to go out 'trick or treating'; for their safety as they knock on unknown doors; for people who might be fearful to open their doors at this time.

Please pray for opportunities for Christians to 'redeem' these event; that good connections are made in the community during this time; that good will and kindness will abound and not mischief and tricks.

Please pray for the safety of all those attending bonfires . Pray for families and children, for the fire brigade on one of their busiest weekends, for hospital staff dealing with burns and accidents.

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it...' Psalm 24:1

Energy Saving Week (20 - 26th October) .

The week will encourage people to take the time to be 'green' and take action during the week to save energy.

Let us remember our responsibility as stewards of this good earth and ask God to make us more aware of ways to take our responsibility seriously.

Let us thank God for our own 'full barn' in a time of imminent famine.

Let us ask God to give us an awareness of our own extravagances, and set them within His boundaries, conserving , recycling and sharing where possible.

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk

What is an Intercessor? : Clues from the Word.

Over the past nine months we have looked at Enoch, Abram, Abraham, Moses, Aaron, and St Paul for clues about what an intercessor is.

This month we will concentrate on Isaiah, looking at Isaiah chapter 63: 7-14

Isaiah says that he is one who remembers the kindnesses of the Lord, praises Him, and reminds His people of them: Isaiah 63:77

I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD,
the deeds for which He is to be praised,
according to all the LORD has done for us—
yes, the many good things He has done for the house of Israel,
according to His compassion and many kindnesses.

8 He said, "Surely they are my people,
sons who will not be false to me"; and so He became their Saviour.

9 In all their distress He too was distressed,
and the angel of His Presence saved them.
In His love and mercy He redeemed them;
He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

10 Yet they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit.
So He turned and became their enemy and He himself fought against them.

11 Then His people recalled the days of old, the days of Moses and his people—
where is He who brought them through the sea,

with the shepherd of His flock?

Where is He who set His Holy Spirit among them,

12 who sent His glorious arm of power to be at Moses' right hand,
who divided the waters before them, to gain for himself everlasting renown,

13 who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in open country, they did not stumble;

14 like cattle that go down to the plain,
they were given rest by the Spirit of the LORD.

**This is how you guided your people
to make for yourself a glorious name.**

Vs7 . Note Isaiah's stress on the plural of '*His kindnesses*'

Vs.9-12 '*He too was distressed*'—see the compassion of our God. But it is not to be taken for granted. When God '*fights against us*' it is to cause us *to recall* His many kindnesses, and to seek a fresh anointing of His Holy Spirit, for the sublime reason given in the last line!

Next month I will pick this up at Isaiah 63:15. I pray that we may all live in the good of 'His compassion and many kindnesses'

My love to you all. Noël