

WESTFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, WYKE
PRAYER BULLETIN 116 – JANUARY 2018

*Rev and Mrs
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Welcome to our January Prayer Bulletin. We would ask you please to include with your prayers for Westfield, our people and the things our church are connected with the following items:

WESTFIELD \ OUR FUTURE

We thank and praise God for this New Year of opportunity to serve Him and His people. We pray we will do everything at Westfield with Jesus at the centre, in Christian unity, and God will get all the glory and honour from it. We pray that people who come to Westfield's services, gatherings and social events will smell the fragrance of Christ's love, here, and take away His joy and peace.

We ask that as a church we are faithful in prayer, that we will listen for God's voice and be obedient to His leading.

Please continue to pray that our church can bring people in to the kingdom, and help people along with their faith journey, and that we see growth at Westfield.

Please pray that more people would be able to join our Tuesday evening and Sunday morning Prayer meetings. These Prayer meetings are such a blessing.

Please pray for the launch of SHINE, our new Sunday club for children, starting on Sunday 21st January. That the Lord will guide, bless and protect Louisa in this ministry.

Toddler Church (Elaine and Mick) – We had our nativities two weeks before Christmas. We don't rehearse because we never know what the children will do on this day. Parents and friends and grandparents came along – some we didn't know – but they all enjoyed them (and mince pies afterwards). The Tuesday nativity almost went without a hitch until Poppy, an angel, decided she wanted to hold baby Jesus and when mum told her to put him back she threw herself on the floor and started banging her head. Cute!

Wednesday's nativity took place without a Mary – no-one wanted to be Mary but Joseph stepped up to the mark and played the proud father very well.

The week before Christmas we had our Christmas parties. We'd asked the parents bringing older children to bring a present for them for Father Christmas (Mark and Adam) to give to them so they wouldn't feel left out. Lots of older children came. It was really good and Mark and Adam did very well (look out Santa!).

We start again on the 2nd and 3rd January. Please pray that all the mums and toddlers who came in the weeks before Christmas will come back after the holiday.

We thank God for those who come to help. We couldn't do it without them. Please pray for Sheila, Louisa and Carol who help on Wednesdays and for Joyce and Eileen who come to make the toast and drinks on Tuesdays.

Please pray for Louisa as she makes contact with the mums and grandmas and carers, especially as she talks to them about the new Sunday activity called S.H.I.N.E. (Serve Him IN Everything) starting soon for older children.

WE do thank you for your prayers. Every week we feel confident knowing that God is in control and no matter how many or how few come, God has a plan for each of them.

Thank you once again.

Westfield Youth and Children's Work (Louisa) – Hi everyone. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for my role at Westfield. This month I am asking for prayer for our new Sunday club for children called SHINE! We are starting this up on 21st January and I will

make it known to children and staff at local primary schools, our Mother and toddler group and also within our Westfield Brownie pack. Please pray for me as I share this with people that there will be a good response and that children who attended our Summer Holiday Club will return for this too. I am also visiting Worthinghead Primary on Thursday afternoons to share Praise and worship singing with groups of children there. Please pray for our link with Worthinghead to become stronger and that this work will be a blessing to both children and adults in the school.

I would ask that you keep Shirley Manor in your prayers and remember Zoe and myself as we work with these children in Messy Church. Pray that this continues to attract new children and that they are greatly blessed by it. Finally, please pray for protection over all this work and myself. Blessings and thank you, Louisa.

WYKE CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Please remember the Rev. Adrian Cragg who is retiring from his post as Vicar of St. Mary's Wyke, this month. We thank God for the way Adrian and Alyson have served St. Marys, our community as a whole, and particularly the Wyke Foodbank, this last five years. We pray that Adrian and Alyson will have a very healthy, fulfilling and happy retirement as they move to Skipton and share life in a different community setting. May God bless them in a big way! We also pray for the leaders of St. Marys, their parish and the work that continues there, after Adrian and Alyson have left.

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP (MAF): Including prayers from MAF's Winter Prayer Diary 2018

Praise God – For this New Year and the new beginning this represents. Dut Agwang has completed his training to become MAF's first pilot from South Sudan – the world's newest country. Give thanks for Dut's obedience and pray that more national staff will join us.

We thank God for those who remember MAF in their wills and for all the donations that come through legacies.

We pray for those in MAF who must decide on how best resources are used and spent. Lord, please give them wisdom to make good decisions which are effective and productive in your kingdom, and so bring You the honour and the glory.

The International nature of MAF is one of its strengths. This is particularly the case in Madagascar, thanks to the arrival of Swiss Country Director Samuel Jakob and his wife Sabrina, who was born in India. Pray for them and the team as they take our work forward. The Kundigs are another family with strong MAF ties. Emil is MAF Liberia Country Director and Pilot. His wife Margrit is Finance Manager. Their son Timon grew up with MAF and is now flying for us in Timor-Leste with our family. Pray for Emil, Margrit and Timon as they serve the Lord across two continents.

Please pray for those who have very little hope for 2018, and for those who do not have much to look forward to this year.

PLEASE ALSO CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR GOD TO SEND US WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST. MATTHEW 9 VERSE 38