

Church buildings have often been called “a house of prayer” where we can come to meet with God. You are very welcome to come in at any time when the building is open and just be quiet, or pour out your heart before God.

Sometimes we find it helpful for others to pray with us, or for us and overleaf you will find some suggestions as to how those needs might be met.

MORNING PRAYER

9.00 am every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Wallis Room.

A half hour service takes place on these days to pray for the life of the church, the world, and our community here in Paddock Wood.

Everyone is welcome to these services.

If you have anything you would like included in these times of prayer, either

- come along
- contact the church office
(Tel: 01892 837617
email: office@standrewspw.org.uk)
- the clergy
- pastoral assistants

SERVICES

1st Sunday in the month

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday in the month

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Church Lite

3rd Sunday in the month

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion
4.45pm Messy Church for Families

4th Sunday in the month

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Service including
prayer requests from
Prayer Visiting
6.00pm Holy Communion

5th Sunday in the month

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Morning Service

If you would like any more information on prayer and the opportunities mentioned in this leaflet please contact the Pastoral Assistant:

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WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer is:

- **Talking to God** - we usually do that
- **Listening to God** - how often do we do that?
- **Acting on our prayers** with God's help

PUBLIC PRAYING

You will always find St Andrew's Church praying:

- At regular services in church
- At special occasions for specific reasons

SMALL GROUP PRAYING

Church is not the only place you can pray; in fact we are encouraged to pray at all times and in all places. There are many small groups who meet specifically for prayer.

- In homes with friends
- At Bible Study / Prayer Groups
- With someone who makes themselves ready to listen to you and pray with you or for you.
Who can you ask - a Christian friend, a minister or other church member

PERSONAL PRAYING

Where can we pray?

- At home or anywhere
- In church during the week as well as on Sundays

How can we pray?

The following headings may be helpful if you don't know where to start. No special words are needed, just speak your mind - that is what God wants.

- Father, Abba, Dad:-
- I am so sorry ...
- Please help ...
- I don't know what to do ...
- Thank you so much for ...
- Allow time to be quiet and listen for his prompting ...

Jesus' disciples asked Jesus how they should pray and he gave them what we call The Lord's Prayer. You could also use this as an outline.

Our Father, in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY

Prayer Chain - This is an opportunity for a specific situation to be covered in prayer for a short time. For example, if someone you know is very ill and you would like prayer cover, call the church office or a Minister and they will ask others involved in the scheme to pray. This is kept as confidential as you would like.

With a friend - anywhere

In church after / during services. There is a prayer ministry team that works within the church. You can spot them by their badges. They will be very happy to pray with you, or for you - just ask. The prayer corner is available whenever the building is open - which is most weekdays and at times over the weekend.

PRAYER VISITING

The church takes seriously our Lord's command to care for and pray for one another - so this is why, occasionally, you may have a card to say there will be a visitor at your home asking if there is anything you would like us to pray about.

These prayer requests are included in the prayers on the 4th Sunday in the month during the morning service.