

LENT

2024

PRAYER GUIDE



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ST PETER'S
LOUDWATER

WEEK ONE

PRAISE

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and His love endures forever." Psalm 136:1

Let's begin this season of Lent in praise. Giving thanks for how good God is and all that he has done for us.

List 10 things that you are grateful for today.

What words would you use to describe God? Tell him what he means to you.

Praise God for all that he is doing at St Peter's, we have so much to celebrate! Watch the 2023 highlights video on YouTube to see all the amazing things God has done through St Peter's last year!

St Peter's exists to demonstrate the love of Jesus by being a source of spiritual hope, practical help and authentic community

WEEK FIVE

Global Mission

Our heart is global. We partner with a number of organisations and individuals to support the important work they are doing in sharing the gospel with the nations. Spend time this week praying for our partners. Find out more about each organisation on our website stpetersloudwater.org/globalmission

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Rene and Lydia van den Berg (heading to a remote village this month to help school teachers and translators, pray for safe travels in difficult terrain)

Ian Cheffy

Mark and Audrey Skinner

Deep Roots Uganda

(upcoming recordings of teaching material for radio broadcast, new ways to distribute recorded teaching, relationships with the local diocese and wisdom for the team in how to move forward)

The Church's Ministry among Jewish People (CMJ)

Beit Immanuel Congregation

Mercy Ships

Ruth Walne (Good team work during a very busy time, the maintenance of the boat and its facilities following a flood in an equipment room, peace for patients being operated on, relaxing and refreshing time off and family back home)

You can sign up to receive monthly prayer updates by emailing alisonp@loudwater.org

WEEK TWO

5 MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Pray for each of our 5 ministry priorities. We want to see lives changed by the love of Jesus in all of these ministries and opportunities to live out our vision.

Love Loudwater:

Holiday Lunch Club, Back 2 School project, CAP Money Course, One Can Trust, Baby Bank, Community cafe, future cookery courses, community choir, upcoming Easter Funday

Kids and Youth:

Tuesday Tots, Tuesday Youth, Friday Friends, Friday Club (more volunteers to join the team), Remind courses in schools, TLG coaching programme in Loudwater School (more coaches needed, and for Cathy as she leads the team), Sunday kids and youth groups, youth life group, the 7 young people getting baptised on Easter Sunday, Lighthouse Live and Lighthouse Holiday Club, Loudwater kids choir, Youth weekend away (young people to grow in faith and build new lasting christian friendships).

Seniors:

Young at Heart, give thanks for our current volunteers, more helpers and drivers for young at heart, a co-leader for young at heart, team of befrienders to do home, care home an hospital visits, those sick or unwell in hospital.

Worshipping Communities:

Preachers and service leaders, worship team, AV and tech teams, prayer ministry team, hospitality and other Sunday serving teams, midweek communion service, Sunday services, prayer.

Discipleship:

Life Group leaders, Life groups, mentors and mentees, discipleship courses, bible study group

WEEK SIX

Ourselves

This week we want to pray for ourselves

Repentance

Start your prayer time in quiet, read Psalm 51. Use these words of scripture as an act of repentance bring before God your sins and transgressions. Receive God's forgiveness, spend time waiting in his presence.

Relationships with others

Is there someone you need to forgive? Is there someone that you need to seek forgiveness from? Pray for you relationships, ask God to show you his eyes for your friends and family and wisdom in how to demonstrate his love in your role as friend/sibling/parent/child/co-worker etc.

Ask God to help you identify key relationships in your life that will be life giving to you, who can offer you good biblical wisdom when life gets tough?

Identify 3 people in your life that you want to intentionally share your faith with this year. Commit to praying for them to come to know Jesus every day.

Spiritual disciplines

How are you growing in spiritual disciplines? Reflect on these nine core disciplines, how can you grow in each of them this year?

Sabbath, Prayer, Fasting, Solitude, Generosity, Scripture, Community, Service, Witness

WEEK THREE

VALUES

These are our values, they are what we want to be like as a church and as individuals when we are at our best.

Grab your bible and look up all of the verses. Pray into each value and ask God how you can become more like Him. Is there a value you want to see more of in your life?

Loving Family - Matt 12:48-50

Expectant Prayer - Matt 6:9-10

Generous Giving - Matt 6:19-21

Humble Service - John 13:14-15

Courageous Mission - Matt 28:18-20

Determined Discipleship - Matt 11:28-30

Passionate Worship - Luke 7:37-38

WEEK SEVEN

What has God been saying?

As we enter Holy Week reflect back on what God has been saying to you over the last 6 weeks. You might find it helpful to ask these questions.

What is one thing I have learnt about God over the last 6 weeks?

What is one thing I've learnt about myself?

What value do I want to see more of in my life, how can I achieve this?

How am I serving at St Peter's?

What can I do to help serve God's vision to demonstrate the love of Jesus by being a source of spiritual hope, practical help and authentic community?

Has God given me a word or picture that could encourage the church?

How do I want to grow as a disciple of Jesus in 2024?

Got a story to share? Email vicar@loudwater.org to share your testimony or word from God with Danny.

Don't forget to join us at one of our Easter Services and events!

WEEK FOUR

Danny, our staff team and ministry leaders

Pray for our leaders. Pray for God's blessing on them and their families. For the health of our team and their families, we have sensed that our staff team and their family's health has been under attack for a while now. For wisdom and discernment as they make decisions, and for unity as they lead us.

Rev Danny and Alison Rodgers

Emily Plumridge - Assistant Pastor

Geraldine Shiels - Operations Manager

Mark Humphries - Kids and Youth Pastor

Charlotte King - Kids and Families Pastor

Beth Gill - Worship Pastor

Tracey Dalby - Church Administrator

Jon Shallow - Church Warden

Nicola Rayner - Church Warden

Heather Flood - Treasurer

The PCC and Deanery Synod representatives

Richard Smithies - Seniors Ministry Lead

Sue Smithies - Pastoral Care Lead

Angie Wilkie - Prayer Lead