During Lent we want to encourage you the People of Bradford and the members of your church or grouping to Praise God for all He is doing through His church in the City and particularly in the area of social and community action.

Please also pray for a project day by day.

In this booklet you will find that each day highlights a particular project working in the city. Sometimes these are area-based and sometimes city-wide. If you also know of a project that has not been mentioned here, do pray for it as well!

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DAY 1

All Saints Landmark Centre within All Saints Church on Little Horton Lane offers a range of activities helping the people of Little Horton live Jesus’s vision of life in all its fullness. Currently we provide:

- Drop in IT and job search support helping people over the 'digital divide', Mondays and Thursdays; as well as one-to-one mentoring developing aspiration and improving employability.
- Shine Together: Saturday afternoon social group for young people with additional needs from a variety of backgrounds, providing essential respite to parents.

Please pray for:

- reliable funding to help us keep all these valuable groups running, and praise God for our incredible volunteers!
- James Clayton and Jo Watts who run the two distinct projects - for provision, enthusiasm and insight to keep doing what they do well.
- The Trustee team in continuing to discern God’s ongoing will for Landmark amidst challenging times.

DAY 2

Restore Hope offers friendship to the working girls in the red light area of Bradford, providing practical support which includes giving out food and hot drinks, clothing and helping the women to access rehabilitation for those who want to break free from drug addiction. The team goes out onto the streets of Bradford in a mini-bus, three times a week on Monday evenings.

Please pray:

For the protection of these girls on the streets, that God will use the team to reach the girls and enable them to receive the help they need to get them off the streets of Bradford.

DAY 3

St Oswald’s West End Centre is set within St Oswald’s church on Southfield Rd. West End offers many activities including...

- IT facilities Jobsearch and Introduction to English.
- Gardening. Art & Crafts.
- Internet Café to encourage healthy eating.
- Lunch Club - a two course home cooked lunch
- interfaith sewing group – bring those of different faiths and cultures together.
- Mental health and peer support groups.
- Functional skills tuition.
- Walking Group.

The Westend Centre continues to offer a warm welcome to all comers of all faiths and of none, as well as the practical support and friendship to cope when life gets difficult.

Please pray for:

- Ongoing support and financial stability.
- Give thanks for the positive impact the Westend Centre has had, and the strong reputation it has gained as a result.
- The staff team and volunteers.
- All those who have come to see the Westend Centre as their home away from home.
**DAY 4**

The Anchor Project, based at St Clement’s Church, aims to serve the needs of the local community in BD3. We were delighted to celebrate our 15th birthday in 2019 and continue to be committed to providing varied opportunities and support for people of all ages and backgrounds, and to improving our local environment. We value relationships and through all our work continue to strengthen and develop friendships within our diverse, inner-city community. Our current activities include:

- BD3Care - a drop-in for asylum seekers and refugees for support, food and clothes.
- A lunch and activity club for elderly, isolated residents.
- ‘Everyday English’ classes - providing English conversation between local English speakers and local residents from many different countries.
- Toddler and carer singing and music group.
- An environment project, including a gardening club, gardening classes, an annual garden competition and festival, litter picks, mentoring a litter campaign group, and running trips to the countryside.
- Various one-off projects as opportunity arises, e.g. mosaic making, inter-faith lunches, cooking sessions, internet safety workshops etc.

Please pray for:
- The asylum seekers, that their cases will be assessed and dealt with fairly and efficiently and that they will feel valued and loved as they negotiate the system and wait for answers.
- Other people we work with, as they negotiate increasingly challenging financial situations.
- More opportunities for people to learn from, and enjoy being with, those seen to be ‘different’ from themselves.

**Day 5 & DAY 6**

BD4 Community Trust is the Umbrella organisation for 2 project’s, BD4 Family and GEMS.

BD4 Family is our family outreach project, providing various activities through term time, to engage and support families to play and interact together positively. We have groups to attend from pregnancy, all the way up to secondary school. These include; Parent & Toddler sessions, Baby Massage classes, First Friends, Culture Comforts, Tots Nursery Prep, Primetime and a coffee morning for parents. We also deliver 3 evidence-based parenting programmes, twice in the academic year, these are; The Family Links Nurturing Programme and Talking Teens, and The Henry programme.

GEMS is our senior outreach project and provides activities through the week for the over 55’s. We have a coffee morning at The Lodge Café in Bowling Park, an Asda bus-run, and a Thursday Day-centre with various activities, such as; gentle exercise, indoor bowls, nail painting and a yummy 2 course lunch.

We also have 2 Activity Leads at BD4 Community Trust, who do regular home visits, outreach and one to one support where needed. All our groups are fun, welcoming and provide a safe and stimulating environment for our families and older people, to thrive and enjoy the best from life.

Please pray:
- Protection for staff, volunteers + strength to keep going and growing in God’s vision for us.
- Funding to enable the groups to be sustainable and grow.
- Long term funding toward wages for staff and sessional workers.
- To continue to show God’s love and care to those we work with and support.
- To see God’s will at work in the lives of those we are in relationship with.
- To see God’s love moving within the lives of families and individuals, and the positive impact that will have on their lives.
**Day 7**

**Inn Churches** has grown from a month-long pilot to a thriving community project with more than 900 volunteers from churches and the wider community in Bradford. We have provided over 14000 bed nights for homeless and vulnerable people in the Bradford area since we started. We use available spaces in local churches with volunteers welcoming, feeding, and supporting the homeless during the cold winter months. Inn churches aims to provide a welcoming, warm and supportive atmosphere in which to meet our guests. We offer training to those looking to support their local community.

For the rest of the year Inn Churches continue to work with the homeless in partnership with other agencies in the city to provide a permanent and lasting change in the lives of the guests we have hosted. We also work to publicise the plight of Bradford’s homeless forming partnerships with local businesses, churches and charities looking to help the city’s poorest people.

**Please pray for:**
1. Our wonderful volunteers
2. A permanent and lasting home for our guests
3. Opportunities for guests to get into our back into work

**Day 8**

**Homeless Beanies’** goal is simple, it is measurable and achievable. We wanted to warm 4000 heads by the end of 2019 from there, the growth potential for an idea like Homeless Beanies is literally limitless. A syndicated statement has been the theme of many activist groups; “Think globally, act locally.” With Homeless Beanies we have the potential to think locally, act locally, and to think globally, and act globally. By buying a beanie for yourself or a friend, you give someone a little bit of hope.

Sometimes all people need is a spark and you will ignite a flame inside of them that is contagious. Be inspired, if buying a beanie is all it takes to change a piece of your world; why wouldn’t you?

**Please Pray for:**
- Knitting groups to get involved
- Our first employed formerly homeless person
- The homeless in our city and others, that they may find peace.
- That our new venture Good coffee for good causes is fruitful.

**Day 9**

Saint Arnold’s is the Methodist Churches presence in Bradford City centre. Working in bars and cafes across the city but mainly focussed on North Parade. There are a number of elements to the project including chaplaincy work, beer and hymn events and ‘Pub Church’ services.

Saint Arnold’s seeks to engage with those who might not normally encounter church by meeting with them in the settings where they are already gathering. The chaplaincy work gives a listening ear to those who’s voices might otherwise go unheard and the events and services offer a new way of being Church.

**Please pray for** our lead minister, Rev Graeme Dutton, our volunteer chaplains, our musicians, our members and our regular event attendees, that we might hear And respond to Gods voice in our city.
**Day 10**

The Lighthouse Group (TLG) works with young people who have reached crisis point in their education. The teenagers we work with are often victims of circumstances beyond their control, leading to missed educational opportunities that will impact their lives forever.

TLG provides intensive education and mentoring to support young people through their behaviour issues and back into mainstream school. We also run Early Intervention where local church volunteers go into Primary and Secondary Schools to provide one on one mentoring.

**Please Pray:**
- Students to experience transformation through love, acceptance and forgiveness.
- For wisdom for staff when faced with difficult and often extreme circumstances.
- For funding and for the right churches to partner with to open more UK centres
- For Early Intervention volunteers and students. That Headteachers would support the project happening in their schools.

**Day 11**

**Missional Generation** is a charity working with young people across Leeds and Bradford to inspire and equip young people for life engaged in the Mission of God. They particularly pioneer ways of helping young people to engage with their discipleship and their circles of influence through digital media, and equipping the broader church to engage with young people through new technologies, such as Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR).

The small team support local church groups and schools around Leeds and Bradford and also support individual young people in a significant way to help them discover their God given gifts and how to put them to good use in the world around them.

**Please pray for:**
- Ben Jones and Joanne Meehan who lead and co-ordinate MG’s day to day work.
- The upcoming Mission United Faith in Life (MUFIL) residential bringing young people from Leeds and Bradford together and equipping them for a life on Mission.
- Vision and wisdom both to keep up with current technological movements, and to wisely grow as a young charity.

**Day 12**

**Futurekraft** provide development and fundraising for small and medium sized churches, charities and social enterprises that desire sustainability and growth. We are a small team of Christians, passionate about equipping the church to transform communities and have chosen to use our talents, gifts and skills to make a positive contribution to the world. Through our work we provide organisations with the tools, experience and practical skills that they need to develop sustainable projects. It is our desire to see:
- Happy Leaders
- Healthy Organisations
- Hopeful Communities

**Please pray**
that God will continue to bless His people with great ideas and that we can provide many with the support they need to get off to a great start and ultimately bear much fruit.
**DAY 13**

Bradford Central Foodbank is hosted by the Light Church and gives 3 day emergency food parcels to hungry families across Bradford. Due to benefit delays, Universal Credit, low income or debt people reach a crisis point where they can’t put food on the table for their families.

We work in partnership with 150 referral agencies across Bradford so that we know that every family who comes through our door is in desperate need. We also offer to pray with everyone and also signpost them to other organisations who can help with the root cause of the crisis. We are currently feeding 75 families a week and we fed 5666 during 2019.

Please pray:
- for openness for clients who come to the Foodbank to faith
- Food donations to keep coming from the public to meet the need
- For supernatural answers to prayer for our clients

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**Day 14**

Bradford Scripture Display has been operating since 1938. We operate as a charity funded solely through gifts and donations. We are committed to portraying God’s word throughout our city of Bradford, relying on God’s promise that “God’s Word will not return to Him empty, accomplishing the purpose for which He sent it,” (Isaiah 55:11) and trusting that there is power in the name of Jesus.

Over the years, we have displayed God’s word on bus tickets, in bus shelters, at railway stations and on full size billboards at various locations throughout the city.

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**DAY 15**

Emerge is a youth work charity based in BD4. We aim to inspire lasting, positive change in the lives of young people by growing long-term, holistic youth work in local schools and community settings.

Our work develops supportive, consistent relationships, built on meeting young people in multiple settings and developing programmes which meet their needs.

These include:
- A community-based programmes including sport, social action and leadership development in partnership with local churches and community centres
- School based interventions supporting young people to develop resilience and overcome barriers
- A range of targeted projects addressing exploitation and supporting Looked After Children
- Opportunities for young people to explore faith and meet with others to build community within our Friday evening congregation (Xstream)

Alongside the above we offer support to churches looking to begin or develop youth work offering organisational support and mentoring for youth workers.

Please pray for:
- the young people we meet, many of whom live in tough and situations.
- our team of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to bring hope and love into their lives.
- the growth of strong partnerships and the resources to be found and sustained to better reach and impact young people in the future.

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DAY 16
Reach Beyond is an international mission agency based in Grattan Road. Our vision is that unreached people everywhere will hear about Jesus, see him in action and learn how to follow him. This is achieved through community development, healthcare and media projects worldwide, impacting unreached people groups when they are in their home countries, when they are journeying as refugees, and when they are on our doorstep here in the UK.

Current projects include Christian radio planting in Sub Saharan Africa, medical ministries in Central Asia, and humanitarian teams in the Greek refugee camps. Together with indigenous churches, other charities and agencies, and with local churches here in the UK, we aim to be the voice and hands of Jesus to those who don’t yet know him. Reach Beyond also run the Millside Centre in Bradford city centre, serving some of the most disadvantaged people in the city.

Please pray:

- For the six teams from Yorkshire churches who will be serving in the Moria refugee camp on Lesbos this year. Pray that their work and witness will bring comfort and hope to refugees struggling to survive in such difficult conditions.
- For a new radio station recently on the air in Togo which will reach six unreached people groups. Ask the Lord to open hearts to Jesus as people hear about him for the first time.
- For two junior doctors from the UK who are raising funds to be able to serve in one of the ‘stan’ countries of Central Asia.

DAY 17

Life Church Reach into local prisons on a regular basis. Please pray for continued favour with the prison authorities and also for open hearts of those inside to hear the good news of Jesus.

Streetwise The team go out onto the streets of Bradford twice weekly on Tuesday evenings. They give food to many of the homeless from the city, provide clothing, friendship, assist in finding accommodation and help access rehabilitation for those battling addictions. The team consistently go down to the centre of Bradford where they serve hot meals, hot drinks and sandwiches.

Please pray:
That God will continue to work through the team to help find homes for those desperately seeking accommodation, and for appropriate help to be given to the many homeless in Bradford.

DAY 18

Primetime Bradford delivers a variety of activities for local children and young people. A key aspect of our project is the use of young volunteers. Our Young Leaders Network allows sessions to be planned and led by young people, because who knows what the needs of young people are better than young people themselves?

We work in partnership with local churches, to support and resource the local church in engaging with the young people in their area. Our current partners are in Holmewood, Bierley, East Bowling, Sutton Tyersal, and Laisterdyke.

Please pray for:

- Our work as we continuously expand, re-think and take up new opportunities
- The staff and volunteers as job roles shift and settle. For our new Children and Families Worker – Isobelle
DAY 19

**St Christopher’s Family Centre** – works with parents and children aged 0-18 across Holmewood. We support young adults up to age 25. Our vision is to give children the best possible start in life, supporting their parents on their journey and create a safe place for young people. We run parent and toddler groups twice a week – Baby Sense includes toddler gym and baby massage, and Earlybirds is a pre-nursery prep group. We run after school clubs across a range of ages and activities, and link with local schools. We are developing our work with the Salvation Army across Holmewood to provide families work that is united and joined up. We call this the “Holmewood Youth Partnership”.

Through our activities we seek to enable young people to grow and develop in confidence, self-esteem and aspiration while also learning new skills. We also work to communicate the love of Jesus and some of our sessions focus on young people developing and growing in faith.

**Please pray for:**
A new lead youth worker advertised for, and for them as they settle in.
Our team of staff and volunteers in the busy weekly schedule of sessions and the children and young people who we work alongside, in particular those facing significant challenges in life.

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**Day 20**

**Sports Chaplaincy UK** - a brief description of what is done and the area it operates in: Sports Chaplaincy UK is a National Christian charity that believes the local church is God’s plan "A".

We have a dream to see an expression of God’s love and compassion in every community called sport. Sports Chaplaincy UK helps support, train and facilitate the appointment of sports chaplains in conjunction with the local church. Sports Chaplaincy UK is about finding fresh ways of modelling and demonstrating the radical love of Jesus in the life of the wider community.

This ministry is at its heart is all about service - “Serving sport through excellence in Chaplaincy”, turning rhetoric in to reality. Sport is more than an activity, it’s a community of people consisting of more than 25 million men, women and children in the UK – what a mission field!

The charity has seen an explosion in both the need for and people becoming Sports Chaplain - it is one of the fastest growing ministries of its type in the globe. There are hundreds of chaplains in the UK and Ireland, providing spiritual and pastoral care to professional and amateur sport.

Sports Chaplaincy UK locally, there is a chaplain at Bradford City and opportunities to serve at Bradford Bulls and Bradford Park Avenue.

Sports Chaplaincy UK also facilitates and supports "National Sports Sunday" which is the 17th May 2020 encouraging the local church to think and pray for their community of sport.
**Day 21**

Places of Welcome  
Every Wednesday from 2:30pm - 4pm at Bradford Cathedral  
A friendly and welcoming social space where you can meet new people and also enjoy refreshments.

**Day 22**

The Life Centre is situated at the heart of Bierley and is managed by Bierley Community Association Ltd. Our social mission is to *work in partnership to bring the community together – creating hope, realising potential and changing lives.* As such The Life Centre offers a wide range of activities and services each day of the week; over the last years we have partnered with experienced external agencies to provide: over 60s services, children’s and youth work, benefits advice, counselling, family support, messy play, job club, Zumba, karate, outdoor education, community food stall and access to an ICT suite.

Please pray:  
- As an organisation we continue to build up momentum and Bierley is an exciting place to be as God is doing great things at present. We need wisdom in seeing/hearing what He is doing and in following in his footsteps.  
- For Workers as they develop and expand our provision for over 60s in Bierley.  
- More volunteers to support the over 60s and children’s work.

**Day 23**

Shine operates from the buildings of St Stephen’s Church West Bowling in order to bring God’s Kingdom into our community through practical, emotional and spiritual help.  

We run over 15 groups each week from Little Dots music for young children, Well Words and Creative Threads for those who maybe are finding life hard at present, to English Chat, Refugee support, exercise classes, job searches and a group for those with addiction problems.  

We also run a Children’s Clothes Bank and have opened the churchyard as an area for all the neighbourhood. We hope to bring community through these, alongside a lot of eating together and larger activities during the year, so sharing God’s love to those who are often marginalised. Eden West Bowling works closely with us in outreach into our community.

Please pray:  
- That we will be able to sustain all we do and have the funds to expand.  
- That more people who come to activities will find Jesus as well as practical help.  
- That we will be able to complete the building work soon!
**DAY 24**

**Bradford Cathedral Carers' Crafts**
Every term-time Tuesday from 10am - 12noon.
Offering a warm welcome to carers looking for a friendly and interesting group to join.

**Day 25**

**The Red Letter Project at St John’s Great Horton** - The charity’s ethos is Christian, but its services and activities are open equally to people of all faiths and those of none. We seek to address issues of poverty in our community of Great Horton and Lidget Green:
- Poverty of resources – when people lack sufficient resources e.g. income, skills, qualifications or health to achieve a good standard of living
- Poverty of relationships – when people lack strong and supportive relationships, resulting in loneliness, isolation, stress and the loss of peace
- Poverty of identity – when people lack self-worth and a belief in their own ability to respond to challenges.

We have approximately 35 volunteers across the services we are currently running:
- A food bank; community shop and free cafe with advice workers from CHAS
- A lunch and activity club aimed at; but not exclusively for; the elderly
- Managing the public library
- Pre-school provision
- English classes
- EU Settlement advice sessions
- Small group youth work
- Family Film events

Please pray:
1. We are beginning to see more people engage with Alpha, the Start Course and invitation events. We have seen several people come to faith and become members of the church family. Please pray that this would continue and increase.
2. Give thanks for our many committed volunteers and pray that each one can continue to serve with love
3. Please pray for resources- to be able to keep offering free and subsidised services
4. For continued good relations with partner organisations- Bradford Youth Services; Age UK; Tesco; Storehouse; Yorkshire Wildlife Trust; Horton Community Farm and others.
5. For God’s guidance for new initiatives

**DAY 26**

**The Zephaniah Trust** aims to take the message of Jesus into schools in and around Bradford and the Spen Valley. We use music and the arts as a means of engaging and communicating with children.

Our four keyworkers, John Froud (singer/songwriter), Julie Wilkinson (storyteller), Julia Leech (Keyworker) and Yvonne Froud (Spen Valley worker) lead assemblies, RE lessons and presentations, both in schools and at host churches. We run arts workshops and events within schools and for community groups. In total we work in over 60 schools across Bradford and the Spen Valley, and we collaborate with other organisations and churches to run holiday clubs, the Big Light Party and other events and projects.

Please pray for:
- Our staff team: John, Julie, Julia, Yvonne, and Jenny our administrator.
- The children and teachers that hear our words – that those seeds may one day bear fruit.
- The necessary funding and volunteers to support our work.
- A vision for the future of the Trust and its work.
**Day 27**

Pete's Place was established in the Summer of 2018 as a simple drop-in session at St John’s Bowling Hub, East Bowling on Wednesdays from 11am – 1pm. We provide a safe and warm place to relax, meet other local people, have tea and toast, read the papers and have a warm homecooked meal. This outreach saw significant growth in 2019 from 6-8 people weekly to 15-20. Our sessions are informal and involve partnering with several local care providers which we signpost to (including foodbank, health, housing, employment, education etc.). We also offer emergency food and clothing parcels when required. We have seen a significant increase in the number of asylum seekers (particularly from Iran) who have made contact through Pete’s Place. We have established a weekly bible study during the sessions, and we have seen plenty of encouraging fruit recently; several commitments of faith made followed by baptisms.

Please pray for:
- Continued contact with local vulnerable and isolated people through Pete’s Place
- Strengthening of faith within those who have recently become believers
- Protection and equipping of our volunteer team plus more people to help!
- Increased vision and strategy to help us meet the needs of those we serve.

**Day 28**

The Sharakat Project - Based at St Paul's, Manningham - we offer a safe place to meet and build quality relationships. Activities include English classes, help for Asylum seekers, Drop in Cafe for the hungry, cross cultural cooking and craft classes.

Maryam Project - Based at St Philip's, Girdlington - this long running project continues to offer English lessons to large numbers of our neighbours from South-East Asia.

Relationships are improved with a weekly craft and chat session. Recently we've welcomed Solidaritech - an IT initiative to recondition old devices to be fit for use, particularly for Asylum seekers.

Please Pray:

We seek to value our Parish’s vulnerable people - this is an area of great social deprivation. We don't want to only provide a service but to demonstrate by open Church buildings something of what it means to follow Jesus. Please pray as we re-evaluate all we do to be sure that we proclaim the Gospel as well as continue our service. Pray for wisdom about what is sustainable in this time of increasing cuts.

**Day 29**

Celebrate Supernatural School of Ministry (Bradford) raises people to understand their identity in Christ and move in faith and miracles. Featuring live/DVD sessions, outreaches and thoroughly Biblical, applied teaching.

Meets for day school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Part time school on Thursday evening.

**Day 30**

Royal Daughters is an organisation that brings women of all ages together so that they can learn from one another and support each other as is advised in Titus 2:3-5. The ministry draws its name from Psalm 45:13 which says “The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace...”

One of the objectives of The Royal Daughters is to build the self-esteem of women by encouraging them to see the truth of the glorious women that God has created them to be and help them to walk in this truth. Activities include prayer meetings, monthly seminars and workshops and an annual Conference with leading women speakers from around the world.
Day 31

Hope Housing are a homeless charity with the aim of eradicating rough sleeping and Homelessness in Bradford. We currently have 28 units of supported accommodation in shared houses and single flats. We have destitute bed spaces for those who have no recourse to Public funds including Failed Asylum Seekers and Eastern Europeans. We provide specialist support for Central and Eastern European migrants who are homeless and run a drop in once a week to support them in their application for Settled Status. Our Support workers help people to move on in their lives and avoid going back to the streets.

Please pray
- that we have success as we look to source more properties in the local area and develop good working relationships with landlords
- that we can help more people off the streets and help them to overcome difficulties in their lives. Pray that we can have solutions for all, even people in the direst of situations.
- that we can continue to grow and support more homeless people in the Bradford area.
- Praise God that we have managed to get 10 more Bed spaces and 3 new staff members.

Day 32

St. Christopher’s Good Neighbour Project provides a range of services that benefit the local community. Volunteers from the local community are warmly invited to join the team that can help maintain these. Our vision at St. Christopher’s Good Neighbours is to provide Hope for the People of Holme Wood and surrounding areas by helping to combat loneliness, by providing low cost food, and general help and support to people of all ages.

We run:
- 'Home from Home': a centre for people aged 50+, open Monday – Wednesday and Fridays from 9.30am – 3pm. Offers a 3 course lunch, transport and lots of activities.
- Breakfast Café: Open Monday mornings from 8.30am – 10.30am
- Community Café: open on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes from 11 am - 1pm
- Monday & Friday Diner: 3 course lunch available for the over 50’s. Served at 12pm.
- Fruit & Vegetable Market: Open Wednesday to Friday. Fresh groceries!
- Hairdressing: Thursday & Fridays, open to everyone
- Line dancing –Thursday afternoons, a great way to exercise and make new friends
- Dance-on: Movement to music for the over 50’s. Friday mornings. A fun way to get moving, socialise and have a laugh!
- Activity afternoon: Indoor bowls, table tennis & pool for over 50’s. Friday pm.

Please pray for:
- Our Project Co-ordinator Diane as she continues to re-imagine Good Neighbours to keep it fresh and meet funders requirements.
- Our staff and volunteers as they cope with a lot of change within the project over the last year.
- More people to access Good Neighbours, - those who are isolated and lonely.

Day 33

Heaton Hub - Based at St Martin’s, Heaton - the council library now operates from within the church. We’ve built other activities around this community resource. Mum’s and Tots, Place of Welcome, School visits and Summer events for Children

Mustard Seed - Based at St Barnabas, Heaton
Activities include a Mum’s and Toddlers session, Drop in lunch and seated Aerobics for older people.

Please Pray:
We seek to value our Parish’s vulnerable people - this is an area of great social deprivation. We don’t want to only provide a service but to demonstrate by open Church buildings something of what it means to follow Jesus. Please pray as we re-evaluate all we do to be sure that we proclaim the Gospel as well as continue our service. Pray for wisdom about what is sustainable in this time of increasing cuts.
**Day 34**

**Christians Against Poverty** - Free face-to-face help for people with problem debt. CAP has two centres locally, one at Tong Street, operating out of Gateway Christian Centre and one in Central Bradford operating out of The Light Church.

**Please Pray:**

Increasing numbers of people are needing debt help, and they have more and more complex situations that need a lot of unravelling. A constant theme is persistent low income. Please pray there can be a way forward found for each of them and for them to feel hope returning and have an openness to the Gospel.

Please pray for wisdom and God's favour over CAP as an organisation and our partner churches. Regrettably, we had to close the helpline for several months in 2019 because we needed to service all the cases we had in the system without adding more. We're accepting new clients again but there are many operational challenges in dealing with the quantity coming through.

**Day 35**

**The Thornbury Centre** sits in the heart of BD3 serving its local population. We provide an open door to everyone who needs a place to meet, network, belong, thrive, laugh, and live to their fullest potential. Our projects include:

- **Street Life Partnership** – working with community members to address issues they want to see change for good
- **4 Life** – bringing person centred health provision to our most marginalised community members
- **LACO** – supporting our CEE community members, particularly those of a Roma heritage to live well in Bradford

**Please pray:**

That we would listen to God's promptings and be obedient to what He is calling us to do

That God would:

- Give us wisdom and discernment
- Give us favour with funders/ partners/ stakeholders
- Open the eyes of those in positions of authority locally, regionally and nationally to see the needs/ issues people face and find ways to open the windows of heaven to meet those needs

**Day 36**

**Future Leaders Academy** - It is said that every system rises and falls on leadership. The famous Law of Explosive Growth states that to add to growth, lead followers; but to multiply, lead leaders. To attain a strong nation we need to develop leaders at all levels of the society. The young people in our nation can rise and take our nation to greatness again through the right perspective of leadership. This must take a deliberate approach from the schools to the marketplace and to the neighbourhoods.

This therefore is an initiative to transform the perspective of young men and women and instil in them a culture of responsibility, peace, determination and focus. Topics addressed ranges from Leadership Redefined, Leadership Undefiled, Impactful Leadership, Game Changing Leadership, The Innovative Leader, Pitfalls of Leadership and more. Activities include Conversation Series, Seminars, Workshops, Conferences and other Training programmes.

Please Pray – for all who attend = the future leaders!
**Day 37**

**Fountains Church Bradford Outreach in City Square** - Bradford’s City Square is not only an iconic space for us as a new City Centre church, but it is also a space in which we are seeking to make connections with, and meet the needs of, those diverse individuals who make up the City of Bradford.

Building on our experience of outreach every Sunday afternoon, and during the Advent and Christmas season, we have developed a plan for the seasons of Lent and Easter, and during Thy Kingdom Come in the lead up to Pentecost. We will use the traditional moments of these seasons of the church’s year to offer something tangible to people in City Park, accompanied by something that meets human needs.

Although these activities are not primarily about social action, we anticipate continuing to interact with the marginalised, and to invite them to our church activities where they can receive a hot drink, something to eat, and interact with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please pray

- as we continue to prayerfully plan, undertake preparation (including seeking permissions from Bradford City Council), and
- as we seek make the presence of Christ known in City Square.

**Day 38**

**The Millside Centre** is a community centre based in Bradford city centre. Working alongside local partners and churches, we have created a safe and welcoming space where some of the most vulnerable people in the city find the help and services they need.

The Millside Centre currently runs a wide variety of different activities each week serving the homeless, refugees and asylum seekers, the unemployed, those with mental health issues and victims of domestic abuse. These include a Job Club, a drop-in for destitute asylum seekers and refugees (run in partnership with the British Red Cross), a peer support group for men at risk of suicide (Andy’s Man Club), advice sessions and feeding for the homeless, English classes, an employability café for refugees, and a wellbeing choir (Millside Voices).

We have amazing dedicated staff and well as a team of passionate volunteers who understand our vision to improve lives and help people reach their full potential.

We also hire out our rooms for training events, workshops and counselling if you are in need of a city centre venue.

The Millside Centre is run by the Christian charity Reach Beyond.

Pray for:

- The many diverse service users who attend activities in the Centre each week. Pray that their needs will be met, and the witness of staff and volunteers will lead them on a journey of faith.
- New community partners and future funding so that we can become fully sustainable.
**DAY 39**

St Mary’s Church at The Vine - Vintage Vines provides day care for the elderly on Tuesday and Thursdays at The Vine, for to 20 elderly men and women from Laisterdyke and around, with a hot meal, activities and transport.

Please pray for:
- More clients to access the service
- Emma as she continues to work hard to sustain and develop the project
- That funding continues to come in so we can sustain the work.

St Mary’s Church at The Vine - First Fruits is a parent and toddler group in Laisterdyke providing a range of toys, craft activities, snacks and social interaction for both parents and toddlers. We run twice on Wednesday morning, and include a time of “See and Know” - a faith - based song and story group.

Please pray for:
- The new structure for volunteers, enabling the project to be largely volunteer-led
- The children and families to feel welcome, build good relationships, and integrate into the rest of the community at St Mary’s.
- The overlap between First Fruits and St Mary’s Messy Church.

**Day 40**

**PRAISE GOD FOR ALL GOD IS DOING AMONGST US!!**

Thank you for praying through this booklet and sharing with many other Christians across our wonderful city in the call to see The Kingdom of God come here on earth in Bradford

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