

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE: A greater response and uptake of churches within local areas to partner with EA in reaching out with the love of Christ to more people; unity amongst evangelical churches in local areas; working and praying in partnership together and seeking God for his agenda in churches and communities across the country. (1Corinthians 3:8-9; John 15:4-5).

FOCUS ON THE CHURCH

Local Churches: For every member and attendee of the church to have a desire to read and study the Bible and to understand the importance of prayer; to seek the power of the Holy Spirit; to seek God's agenda for each individual church in how to engage in mission and outreach. (Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:1-5).

Hope: For people across the Connexion to keep their hope fixed on Jesus in these dark and difficult days; to reach out and grasp his assurance and keep hold of the promises in Scripture and let his light guide us in the darkness of all that is happening in our nation and the world. (Romans 15:13; Hebrews 10:23).

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FOCUS ON NATIONAL ISSUES

Revival: A recognition across the country of the need for God, and an awareness only he holds answers to our needs; for the Holy Spirit to convict people of corporate selfishness, pride, greed, arrogance, self-righteousness, and egotism. (1 John 1:5-10; Psalm 86:4-7).

Government: The Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, and all Members of Parliament; a return of integrity and trust amongst all politicians; for openness and honesty in all dealings and decisions; Christian MP's – courage to stand firm on Christian principles and for their integrity to shine out; a return to the Christian roots on which our land was built. (Deuteronomy 28:1-2; Philippians 2:1-5).

FOCUS ON WORLD ISSUES

America: Pray for the Christians within President Trump's Administration to have a large influence on his policies, both within America and across the world; for President Trump to move from head knowledge to having a 'heart' encounter with God and the Holy Spirit, transforming his whole outlook on the situations he faces. (James 3:17; Isaiah 55:6-8).

Europe: Response to America's withdrawal of military aid to Ukraine; wisdom for future security; unity across the continent; God's solution to the situation. (Psalm 22:28; 1 Chronicles 16:11).

THE SJI EMMAUS PROJECT: The work of SJI, and the vision to help local churches engage in evangelism; continued inspiration, wisdom and discernment going forward; the necessary resources to continue the work; for a recognition across the Connexion of the need for this kind of initiative and hunger to reach out into local communities. (Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 6:18).

FOCUS ON THE CHURCH: Children and young people: For youth and children's workers across the nation as they seek to teach children of God's love; for pure Biblical teaching; protection from erroneous ideologies and philosophies; for all who go into schools to bring the Christian message of hope. (Matthew 19:14; Mark 9:42).

Cliff College: For Rev. Ashley Cooper having stepped down as Principal and for Rev. Andrew Stobart as he takes up the role; uptake of students for the new academic year; continuity for both staff and students in a new 'phase' of the college; suitable placements for students to reach out to communities. (James 1: 22-25; Mark 16:15-18).

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FOCUS ON NATIONAL ISSUES: Violence and Knife Crime: For our young people who are involved in gang culture and all it entails; for Christian youth workers to reach out to these lost youngsters with a better pathway; that they will find their hope in Jesus and find purpose in their lives; a realisation of the fruitlessness of violence; breaking up of county lines; the police as they attempt to combat the violence across our land. (Psalm 145:17-20; Psalm 107:13-16).

Economy: The continuing economic crisis; the Budget; councils under pressure to meet the financial demands placed upon them; local authorities to seek the wisdom of God in the financial pressures the country faces. (Luke 12:15; Matthew 6:33).

FOCUS ON WORLD ISSUES: Ukraine/Russia: For President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in the volatile situation he faces; for Ukraine to receive the necessary resources they need; for God to intervene in the war, bringing about a fair peace deal acceptable to Ukraine. For Ukrainian Christians in Russian occupied territory who are being persecuted. For President Vladimir Putin to change his heart or be removed from power; for the Russian people to hear the truth about the war rather than lies; for Christians in Russia to have wisdom and discernment on how to act in the repressive Regime under which they live and for protection. (Proverbs 3:7; Psalm 145:18)

THE LINK PROJECT IN ASHBOURNE:

Give thanks for the vision and those who have partnered together in this exciting venture to make it happen; the on-going development of the project and resources to complete the project; for openness and an embracing across the community to the Gospel of Christ, and the reaping of a great harvest of souls. (Acts 2:42-47; Philippians 4:4-7).

FOCUS ON THE CHURCH:

The Methodist Church: The President and Vice President of Conference, Rev. Helen Cameron and Mrs Carolyn Godfrey as their term of office comes to a close; the President and Vice President designate, Rev Richard Andrew and Mr Matthew Forsyth as they prepare to take up office; The Methodist Conference (26 June – 2 July), for all discussion and decisions to be honouring to God; for all in positions of leadership within the church to hold to biblical values and a return to Christian holiness. (1 Peter 1:13-16; James 4:4-10).

MET:Revive: Rev Chris Briggs a Chair; for the Executive and Trustees; for wisdom and discernment on the way forward; Rev David Hull in his Ambassador role - that individual churches will respond to a greater commitment to pray for revival; ongoing Bible studies and prayer meetings. (Colossians 1:9-11; Hebrews 13:20-21).

FOCUS ON NATIONAL ISSUES:

Prison System: Prison Chaplains; openings and opportunities for Christians to share the Gospel with prisoners; forming of programmes which will help transform the lives of prisoners and the recourses to allow this to happen; the Minister of State for Prisons, Lord James Timpson. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Isaiah 61:1).

FOCUS ON WORLD ISSUES:

Israel/Gaza: Pray for Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel and Yahya Al-Sinwar, Leader of Hamas, to continue the fragile peace deal; for the release of all hostages; for all Christians in both Israel and Gaza; for both Jew and Muslim to come to know Jesus as Messiah and seek peace and security in him; for an out working of God's will for the whole area. (1 Timothy 2:1-4; Micah 6:8).

Planet in Crisis: Give thanks for initiatives tackling our exploitation of the planet bringing renewal and change; conservation areas on both land and sea; projects supported by A Rocha; for other such initiatives; worldwide commitment to reduce all plastics and the funding of initiatives to discover environmentally friendly alternatives; the clearing up of polluted habitats. (1 Timothy 4:4-5; Issaiah 24:4-6).