

Prayer

Leadership Team member



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Responsible for:

Developing and promoting our corporate and personal prayer life.

Highlights from 2015:

- Prayers to start the week has been well supported throughout the year.
- We have continued with the on-line circulation of a prayer list which is derived from individual requests for prayers.
- The Prayer Diary's development has continued and now takes account of national and international issues as well as our local activities. In September, we ran a campaign to promote the Prayer Diary through the Discipleship Groups. We are still working on involving our young people in its preparation.
- For the third year running, we ran a Novena for the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost. This took two forms. Every day at 12 noon in St. James's a small group met to meditate on the suggested text and follow this with prayer whilst others unable to attend did so individually whenever it was possible. We were delighted that more people attended the daily meeting this year and feedback suggested this is a very worthwhile approach, reminding ourselves of the significance of prayer in our everyday lives.
- Once again, we linked the lighting of the Advent candles in Church with some ideas for personal reflection and prayer during the weeks of Advent as part of our preparation for Christmas.
- We have been seeking to develop our Prayer Ministry by offering to pray with people if they so wish at local events such as the Donkey Derby and also to meet to pray regularly for those with mental illness drawn to the station with thoughts of suicide.
- In November, just at the start of Advent, we ran a Quiet Half Day in St. Mary's when, led by Rev Terry Hinks, we meditated on the passage "I am the True Vine and you are the branches".

Plans for 2016 include:

- A full Quiet Day during the year.
- Our young people will be participating in services at St. James's and the URC during 2016.