



CHRISTCHURCH STOCKTON

at St Chad's Roseworth, and St John's Durham Road

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2026 - Trinity +14

A Prayer for our Parish

As we plan and make decisions, Lord,
be our way.
As we learn and ask questions,
Lord, be our truth.
As we grow and as we change,
Lord, be our life. AMEN.

SUNDAY SERVICE - 11:00AM

Holy Communion
followed by Alpha session 6

TODAY'S MESSAGE...

How and why pray ?

Lana Green



How should I pray ?

Everyone prays at some point. Even if we're not sure what we believe, there are moments when life suddenly feels too big: bad news, illness, fear, grief, exams, family trouble, or simply not knowing what to do next. Something in us reaches out. But who are we reaching out to? And what are we expecting prayer to do? This week's Alpha theme asks: How and why should I pray? Is prayer just for very religious people? Do you need the right words? Do you have to sound holy? Thankfully, no.

Prayer can be as simple as turning towards God and saying, "Help." Jesus taught us to call God Father. That means we are not praying into empty space, but to the God who knows us, loves us, and wants us to come close. Prayer is not a magic button. It does not mean we always get exactly what we ask for, exactly when we ask for it. But prayer can change things — and it can change us. It opens our lives to God's peace, guidance, strength, forgiveness, and power. God loves it when we pray; the enemy flees when we do.

The COLLECT

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the
cross: may we trust in your
mercy and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the source
of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the
apostles' teaching and
fellowship, united in
prayer and the breaking
of bread, and one in joy
and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today's Gospel... Luke 11 (New International Version)

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

² He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.”’

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, 'Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him." ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, "Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything." ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹ 'So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ 'Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

13th September

11:00AM SERVICE - ALPHA 7

"How can I have faith?"

Preside/Preach: Rev'd Nick

Chalice: Jenny

Prayers: Lana

Reader: Dennis

7:00PM ADULT BAPTISMS

at Chad's

*Please come to support
the candidates
(Alfie, Connor, & Harvey)*

Holding in Prayer...

those who have recently fallen ill:

- Beth Carr
- Michelle
- Ruth
- Margaret
- Sandy Johnson
- Laura Walker
- Lorraine McKew
- Susan
- Albert Swales
- Lisa Brown
- Anne Brown
- Doreen Moore
- Rachel Frost
- Greta Longstaff
- Patricia
- Peter Noble
- Connie & Malcolm R
- Paula Ramsdale
- Ame
- Alison
- Terry
- Jamie
- Gill Moody
- Jackie
- Keith
- Sarah
- Christine

CHURCH NOTICE - PCC MEETING 12:15PM TODAY



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