

## **TOPICS FOR MONTH OF PRAYER**

### **Growth**

Pray that God would guide us and help us concerning:

- individual members fully exercising the spiritual gifts God has given them and being involved in appropriate ministries;
- encouragement and exhortation concerning discipleship;
- our relationship with Cherry Tree Independent Methodists with whom we are amalgamating;
- catering for growing numbers (physical expansion? additional services? etc.);
- whether to pursue church plants and if so when and where;
- whether we need to strengthen our 'foundations' in any respect before we embark on further growth

### **Organisation**

Pray for:

- unity in all that we do;
- honesty and openness in relationships;
- elders, deacons and other ministry leaders to relate well and work together effectively and with the rest of the church;
- clear accountability at every level;
- effective communication at every level;
- coping with growing numbers without losing close fellowship, personal contact and pastoral care.

### **Activities**

- pray (and give thanks) for ministry and activity in all its forms;
- pray that all those currently involved in ministry receive the necessary training and support needed to exercise their roles;
- what does God want us to keep going, stop doing, start doing?
- are you and I where God wants us to be?
- are you serving God/being served effectively?
- major forthcoming events – e.g. Holiday Club, prayer cover etc., preaching course

### **Leadership**

Pray for:

- Chris, Rob, the elders and the deacons to exercise wise leadership, inspire by example, exercise grace, be above reproach, earn respect, be protected from error and temptation and be filled and empowered daily by the Holy Spirit;
- God's protection and blessing on all leaders and their families and for rest and relaxation and spiritual re-charging (e.g. Rob's time off work; Chris and Gill's forthcoming sabbatical);
- members to support and regularly pray for all leaders.

## Stillness

...waiting on God

“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him” (Psalm 37:7).

“Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10).

“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:9).

“Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths. All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant” Psalm 25:4,10).

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him” (James 1:5).