

CHURCHES PRAYING TOGETHER

FEBRUARY 2012

Gracious Father, let us not address you with our lips when our minds are still far away. Let us not profess our love for you when our hearts are far from you. When we draw near to you in prayer may our spirits be at one with your Holy Spirit and our longing for you be at one with that love through which you have saved the world; even your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Jane Austen 1775 - 1817

Monday

- Drayton Methodist church
- Those struggling to cope as the recession deepens.
- Give thanks for those who empty our rubbish bins regularly
- The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Tearfund helping the poorest people in villages across the world to establish a source of income
- People in Nigeria facing violence and destruction from Muslim extremists

Tuesday

- Rev. David Wells
- Staff working in Job centres and benefit agencies facing abuse and anger from frustrated members of the public.
- Fairtrade fortnight from Feb 27th - March 11th asking us all to take one step to improve the lives of producers in the Third World
- Pray for the many workers cutting back trees and hedges for increased visibility and safety
- Pray for those injured or who lost relatives in the sinking of the cruise ship off the coast of Italy
- Lent courses starting in February

Wednesday

- Rev Helen Freeston and Deacon Jen Woodfin with pastoral care at Drayton this year
- The General Assembly of the Church of England Feb. 6th- 9th including on the agenda a discussion about appointing women bishops
- Give thanks for the success of the campaign which has wiped out polio in many countries. Pray that the last few areas may be cleared soon
- Give thanks for those who keep roads and pavements clear of rubbish
- World leaders trying to define the threat posed by nuclear ambitions in Iran
- Water Aid trying to provide for clean water and safe toilets for those who do not have them.

Thursday

- Rev. Derek Maclean
- Our representatives to church and local committees.
- Pray that vacancies for a chairman of the Welsh synod, and for the Birmingham District may be filled before Conference in September
- The people of Syria as settlement of their disputes now seems less likely with the withdrawal of Arab League forces .
- The American people listening the claims of the prospective candidates for the forthcoming presidential election
- Hospitals trying to meet the level of care people expect while facing budget cuts and job losses

Friday

- St Margaret's church, Drayton
- Staff doing a dangerous job in secure units in prisons but still having to respect the basic human rights of their clients
- Pray for a speedy settlement of a court case between a former minister and the Methodist Church
- Those who sort through often unsavoury rubbish for recycling
- Pray that for the integrity of those in boardrooms working with other peoples money.
- Give thanks for the Quichua Cathar people of Ecuador who now have the bible in their own language

Saturday

- Sunday Worship
- Pray for a resolution of the Governments plans to change welfare payments opposed by many churches and Christian organisations
- Give thanks for those among the wealthy who support projects which improve the life of the poorest in the world
- Give thanks for those who clear the streets in the early morning of the debris left by partygoers the night before.
- Many people across the world who have disabling injuries and are unable to work to support their families
- Those now released from bonded slavery trying to cope with life without skills or support from local communities