

## May Prayer News from P and L

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# Bryn Independent Methodist Church

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Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

*“Welcome”* 😊

11.00 am Our speaker is David Leach

I will instruct you and teach you  
in the way that you should go;

I will counsel you  
with my loving eye on you.

The Lord’s unfailing love surrounds  
the one who trusts in Him.

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad,  
you righteous;

Sing all you that are upright in heart!

Psalm 32 v8 and 10-11

God  
opposes  
the proud  
but gives  
grace to  
the  
humble,  
therefore  
humble  
yourselves  
under the  
mighty  
hand of  
God,  
casting all  
your care  
on Him,  
for He  
cares for  
you.

1 Peter 5 v5b-7

## Next week at Bryn I.M.

Tuesdays	10.00 am	Toddlers
Tuesdays	2.00 pm	Men's coffee and chat.
Wednesday	1.45 pm	Ladies' meeting with Sally Yarwood
Saturdays	9.00 am	Men's prayer meeting
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00 am	Our speaker is Nolan Bradshaw
	6.00 pm	The Church meets to pray

## Thy Kingdom Come.

From Thy Kingdom Come website

'Thy Kingdom Come' (TKC) have produced two booklets to help us pray between 29<sup>th</sup> May - Ascension Day and Pentecost on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

The Novena, written this year by Stephen Cottrell, the Archbishop of York contains 10 daily lessons based on the prayer Jesus taught us to pray.

The Prayer Journal contains daily reflections, on a line of this prayer.

There are copies of each in the Narthex so we can get involved in praying for God's Kingdom to Come – in us, in the lives of 5 people we know who don't yet know Jesus, and in our community.

'Thy Kingdom Come' is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way.

It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people they know who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in.

## For your information and prayers

### **Church Members' Meeting at 7.30 pm on 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Please attend if you are able. Either way, please pray for us to know and do God's will. Pray too that love will oil the wheels of all discussions.

### **Appointment of Elders at the May Church Meeting**

Our opportunity to prayerfully consider which of our Church Members would meet the criteria (1 Timothy 3 v1-7: Titus 1 v5-10) for being an Elder of Christ's Body here at Bryn IM, is almost at an end. If God has laid someone on your heart, there is just a little time left to follow the process of:

- Asking another Church Member if they would agree that the person you think should be an Elder will be suitable and if so, be willing to second your nomination.
- Asking the person you want to nominate if they would consider joining the Eldership.
- If their answer is 'Yes', give the name of your nomination and the seconder to John.

The March Church Meeting in 2024 agreed that elders would be appointed for two years with some for one year to maintain continuity.

Therefore, this year, Joy is up for re-election but not Alan.

We need at least 2 elders, 3 would be ideal and 4 would be amazing.

### **House groups in June**

House group at Margaret's in Orrell at 10.00 am      Monday      9<sup>th</sup> June  
House group at Simon and Cherith's at 7.00 pm      Thursday      19<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Redecorating the sanctuary – the first week in August**

The work will take from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

The sanctuary will, of course, need to be emptied of most of its contents before work can begin and then those contents replaced when the work is done.

The pulpit (very heavy) will need to be moved to allow the decorators to install a high tower scaffold so they can access the high ceiling.

If you are willing and able to be part of a team to help move things, please speak to one of the Deacons, who will be very grateful of your help. (The logistics of where we have our services will be sorted at a future date.)

## **Daily Prayer Guide**

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble,  
Therefore, humble yourselves under his mighty hand,  
casting your care on Him, for He cares for you.

*1 Peter 5 v5b-7*

### **Sunday – thanksgiving**

*1 Peter 5 v5b-7*

Let's thank God for his amazing, outrageous, all-sufficient, unlimited grace.

Let's think on and thank God for the amazing truth that we, each of us, matter to Him.

### **Monday – praise**

*1 Peter 5 v5b-7: Philipians 2 v5-8: Isaiah 30 v15-18a*

Humility is part of God's character, which we see in Jesus by his coming to live on earth as a human being, living a selfless, obedient life and dying a selfless obedient death on a cross, taking on his perfect self, God's wrath for your sin and mine, indeed for the sin of the whole world.

He cares for each of us! Each of us matter to Him!

He patiently waits for us to trust Him completely with what matters to us, however large or small that is.

### **Tuesday – pray for national leaders**

*1 Peter 1 v 5b: Esther 3-8*

In the book of Esther, we read of arrogant and selfish Haman, who plotted for an increase in power for himself under King Ahasuerus. This arrogance led him to plot to kill the Queen's Uncle Mordecai, a godly and humble Jew, along with all Jews living in the vast Persian Empire.

However, God turned it all around and proud Haman, at the command of the King, lost his riches and his life, whilst the King exalted humble Mordecai to be his second in command.

So many national leaders are, like Haman, arrogant, plotting evil not good. Let's pray for God to transform or replace them by godly humble men who seek the good of the people.

## **Wednesday – pray for our nation**

*1 Peter 5 v5b-7: Matthew 5 v3 and 5:*

Contrary to what men say, Jesus says that the poor in spirit know real happiness, for his Kingdom – righteousness peace and joy in the Holy Spirit - belongs to them.

Poor in Spirit describes the humble, those who recognise their need of God and depend on Him.

Jesus says that the meek – those who don't assert themselves to further their own agenda – know real happiness and they will own what cannot be bought – the whole earth.

*'Father God, in your mercy and by your Spirit please reveal to our nation that real happiness is found, not in power or possessions or getting our own way, but in humility and dependence on You. Amen'*

## **Thursday – pray for our neighbourhood**

*! Peter 5 v5b-7: Matthew 5 v3 and 5*

It would be wonderful if Bryn's children were taught and saw in their role models that meekness, not asserting oneself to further one's own agenda at the detriment of others, is best, a good and rewarding attitude to have.

Likewise, with being poor in spirit rather than full of themselves. Pray for godly teaching and good role models.

## **Friday / Saturday – pray for the Church at Bryn**

*1 Peter 5 v5b-7: Romans 8 v32: Isaiah 55 v8-9*

*'Father God, your hand is indeed mighty, for nothing is difficult for You. Your care for us is so great that You gave your beloved Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sin. Then, by your mighty hand You raised Him from the dead and exalted Him far above absolutely everything!*

*In order for each of us to cast our care on You, we each need to grasp the dimensions of this love and the greatness of your power. May this be so.*

*Cause us to see the folly and pride of insisting on our own plans, unwilling to depend on You. Forgive us!*

*Thank You that You won't give up on us but patiently work in us till we trust You with our cares and accept all your plans.*