

### COUNTESS FREE CHURCH

# Week of Prayer *Plus*

21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017 plus extras

The urgency of praying together into God's work among us

We want to see Kingdom life across the city ...

A week where we **deliberately** make space to pray,

spending time with God seeking Him along with others for His work among us.

*R U Coming*? There is **One** key date – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May for us all to gather together to pray. Could you watch with us for just one hour ... ?

Adopt an activity – a group or work <sup>28</sup><sup>29</sup> with a clear mission edge – and decide this week to pray for that initiative in the weeks ahead. Let people who serve in that activity know. Tell them **#Praying** !

During this week regular small groups and study groups will not be meeting as usual to allow space for us all to pray and take part in the week of prayer.





Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> from 8pm Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Resources for Prayer</b> Laid out in the church for you to come and browse in your own time
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> ending 9.30pm	If the church is not open, try calling at the manse to borrow a key!
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> 8pm	Gather to Pray – in the church, praying for our different activities. <i>This is the main event to attend</i> .

Week Plus: As well as praying in the week itself, there are also opportunities to pray the week after in conjunction with the Anglican '**Thy Kingdom Come**' initiative. St Marys will have a couple of Prayer Tents out in Ely on Thursday & Saturday. See newsheet for actual locations & times.

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#### **Reflections for the Week – John's Gospel chapter 17 verses 20 to 24**

- Monday v20: Jesus prays for us!
  - Rest in His presence
  - Know that Jesus is for you and He prays for you and His church
- **Tuesday v21**: Unity across the body of believers
  - $^{\circ}$  Join with Jesus in praying for unity across the Ely churches
  - $^\circ~$  We join together to form His church to be His witness to Ely
- Wednesday v22: Glory!
  - $\circ$  Glory is a gift from Jesus to us seek Jesus, receive His glory!
  - $^{\circ}~$  For us to be Christ-like is to live in His glory- meditate on this
- **Thursday v23**: *that the world will know ...* 
  - Pray for our witness across the city we want to see Kingdom life across the city!
  - Pray for the specific activity that you have committed to pray for
- Friday v24: Destination: to be with Jesus with the Father by the Spirit
  - $^\circ~$  It is all about Him (see the words 'before the creation of the world')
  - $\circ~$  Jesus draws us into a heavenly embrace with Father, Son and Holy Spirit
    - this is our destination, this is what we look towards, this is what we anticipate

### **Commit to Pray**

Choose one of our mission activities and commit to pray for it in the weeks ahead. Let the people in that mission work know you will pray for them -#Praying!

I will pray for

## **Pray Together**

We encourage everyone to have a prayer partner or form a prayer triplet, and meet every 6 to 8 weeks or so to pray together.

There are also IPODs: small gatherings where a few grab 20 mins pray for their local street, area or place. Ask about joining one!