



COUNTESS FREE CHURCH

Week of Prayer

13th to 20th May 2018

We come together to pray into the life and witness of the church ...

Praying into 'the gaps' - the places or peoples we might not be reaching.

We pray for the outreach and mission initiatives of the church ... because we want to see Kingdom life across the city

A week where we **deliberately** make space to pray, spending **time** with God seeking Him for the **Greater things than these** that Jesus spoke of.

R U Coming? There is **one** key date – **Wednesday 16th May** for us all to gather together to pray.

This week also aligns with the national **'Thy Kingdom Come'** prayer initiative.

Ezekiel 22:30 conveys a sense of God looking for someone who would 'stand in the gap' for the sake of the land ...

May 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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 13 th 7pm (start at 264 Kings Avenue)	Prayer Walk – Ely North Gather at <u>264 Kings Avenue</u> before we set off to pray around the new developments of Ely North
Wed 16th 8pm	Gather to Pray – in the church, praying for our different activities. <i>This is the main event to attend.</i>
Thurs 17 th from 4pm through to Sat 19 th ending 5.30pm	Resources for Prayer Laid out in the church for you to come and browse in your own time If the church is not open, try calling at the manse to borrow a key!
Sun 20 th 7pm	Gifts Workshop A no-hype practical introduction to the spiritual gifts.

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Reflections for the Week – Romans 10

- **Monday v13:** *All who call will be saved*
 - Give thanks – the good news is open to everyone. You included, others included!
- **Tuesday v14:** *How can they call if they have not believed?*
 - Paul's simple logic: people need a seed of belief
 - Pray for God to speak into hearts and minds to plant that seed
- **Wednesday v15:** *How can they believe? ... how can they hear?*
 - People need to hear the good news – and for that to happen they need people like us to start unpacking it for them
 - Pray for an increase in your ability to work as an evangelist. Pray for our church, that we might have more people naturally gifted as evangelists
- **Thursday v15:** *How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news!*
 - See Isaiah 52:7 for the full quote – we now live in the age of good news
 - Ask God to send or raise up more people glad to tell out that God saves
- **Friday Isaiah 52:8 - 10:** *The watchmen sing out – God is doing great things!*
 - See also Ezekiel 33:7 – 9 for the concept of the watchman's responsibility
 - Consider again how or where you are called to share the good news
 - Pray for pioneers – those called and bold enough to go to places or peoples around the city where we 'do not yet have a map', charting new mission initiatives for the church

Prayer Zones - Your Space

Thursday afternoon through Saturday is your opportunity to make space and pray - using the resources available in the church. Use the zones, get creative, relax ... whichever works for you to pray with us into having greater capacity for mission, for evangelists and pioneers

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 to pray for their local street, area or place. Ask about joining one!