

Our theme and activity through the week ...

Together to Pray – finding stillness in His presence, and coming together to bring our shared Kingdom desires before God.

Sometimes noisy, other times expressive in a variety of ways, and still other times in silence and stillness. Whatever the style, the key is our coming together and finding that common voice before God, allowing Him to move among us as one body.

As a church we want to see Kingdom Life appear across the city ... so we come together to pray for the life and witness of the church in our city.



Reflections for the week using Matthew 11:28 - 30

- Monday *Come!*
 - The invitation to **STOP**, to be present before God
 - With open hands – in readiness
 - With empty hands – we simply come
- Tuesday *Give Rest*
 - Rest is given by God
 - Quiet, non-anxious rest!
 - All it requires is quiet trust on our part
- Wednesday *Learn from me*
 - Having stopped *our activity* we are at last in a position to walk more closely with Him
 - To learn as we follow, step by step, the unforced rhythms of grace
- Thursday *Nothing Ill-fitting*
 - God will not put on us something that does not fit
 - or anything that will drag us down
 - but the ability to participate with Him
- Friday *Live Free & Light*
 - With Jesus you can discover a simplicity
 - A lightness of living, where *less is more*
 - A life enriched by God

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Week of Prayer

6th to 13th November 2016

Come Away with Me



Matthew 11:28-30

Get away with me and you'll recover your life (The Message)

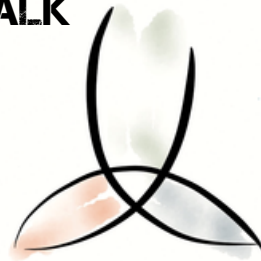
*The Church Gathers Together to Pray
Acts 4:24*

Events through the week

Sun 6 th 8pm	Sanctuary – A quiet space with minimal direction, for you to quietly pray & reflect on your own, yet in the company of others
Mon 7 th 7am to 9.30pm	Church Open for Prayer Visit the church any time during the day, where several 'self-service' prayer stations will be available to inspire and give space for your own prayer & reflection
Wed 9 th 8pm	Prayer Together – in the church Gathering as the whole church to pray into the life and witness of our church. <i>This is the main event for all to attend</i>

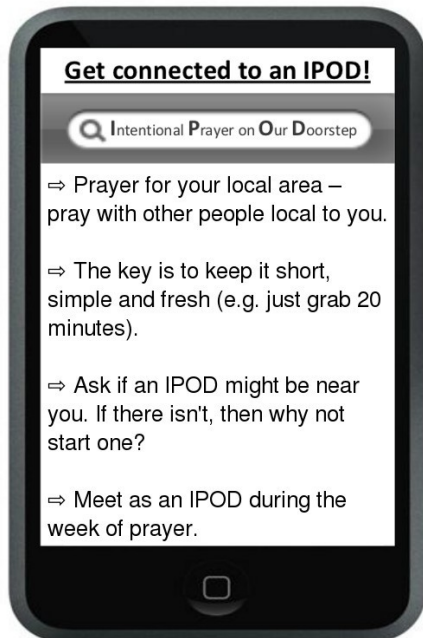
SHARE THE WALK

Remember also your own prayer partnership or triplet.



IPODs are great for praying for your local area, short & simple. Contact Karl or Paula if you would like to find one or start a new one!

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.



Lift Your Hands to Pray A Call for the Church to Gather to Pray

We want to see Jesus bring Kingdom Life across our city, empowering us in the activities we do as a church, and enabling each of us to be confident in sharing Jesus.

In his letters to Timothy Paul called for Christians everywhere to lift up their hands in prayer, urging petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone (1 Timothy 2). This is because *God wants all people to be saved*, and we get to participate in that process!

So let us gather as a local church, a slice of God's household, to call on Him together and corporately, to join in with His saving purposes for the city of Ely.

Come Away with Me

Matthew 11:28 – 30 (The Message)

Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.

Take up the invitation to 'Come away with Him' and let Him shape your schedule, priorities, and desires. Be still and allow yourself to be radically changed by His presence. With Him see things in different ways and allow your heart desires to be re-orientated.

We are encouraging as many people as possible to pray – use the Sunday evening Sanctuary session and/or the Monday window of opportunity to drop in, even if just for 10 minutes, to 'Come Away' and be still in His presence.