

# EAST BRISTOL PARTNERSHIP



## PRAYING FOR THE PARTNERSHIP THE PARISHES AND THE COMMUNITY September 2010



**Prayer, It Works!**

“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.  
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”  
*(Ephesians 6:18)*

“The Church is held together by its shared prayer. No-one can read  
the letters of St Paul without being vividly aware of how the life-blood  
of Christ’s Body circulates through prayer from all its members.”  
*(Archbishop Rowan Williams)*

This leaflet aims to help us to pray regularly for:

- The Partnership
- The Parishes
- Our mission and outreach
- Deepening of our own faith
- The communities in which we are placed

**A suggested pattern for daily prayer:**

*The prayers cover a two-week cycle, beginning with the first Sunday of the month. Prayer for the different churches includes prayer for the clergy who now oversee them and head their leadership teams – please remember those teams as well.*

*There is also focus on some aspects of church life, and a variety of local community groups and activities – but there are many more things going on in and around our churches! We'll happily add different topics next time.*

**WEEK 1**

Sunday	The worship taking place today, that it may glorify God. Organists, music groups and musicians, choirs and singers, readers, intercessors - and all who participate in worship.
Monday	Partnership Forum (Jim Donaldson, chair); churchwardens and PCCs.
Tuesday	All Saints: Keith Thomasson, Nick Adams
Wednesday	Health and social services across the Partnership (GPs, community nurses, health centres; social workers.) Residential and Care homes within the area; voluntary caring organisations.
Thursday	St Aidan: Trevor Denley.
Friday	Local schools; school teachers and governors; all involved in work with schools, young people and children.
Saturday	St Ambrose, St Leonard: David James.

**WEEK 2**

Sunday	The worship taking place today, that it may glorify God. Sunday schools, teachers and children.
Monday	St John: Susan Allman, Nicola Callen.
Tuesday	EBP Office; Mark Gartside, Administrator/Co-ordinator. Contact with wider community; communications.
Wednesday	St Mary: Michael Selman.
Thursday	Local community: City councillors; Kerry McCarthy, MP; police and other services.
Friday	St Michael: John Goodridge.
Saturday	Lay Ministers and those in training; those training for ordination: Chris Evans, Nicola Callen and Anja Thomson, and those who support them.

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**Give us, O Lord, churches**

That will be more courageous than cautious;  
that will not merely 'comfort the afflicted' but 'afflict the comfortable';  
that will not only love the world but will also judge the world;  
that will not only pursue peace but also demand justice;  
that will not remain silent when people are calling for a voice;  
that will not pass by on the other side when wounded humanity  
is waiting to be healed;  
that will not only call us to worship but also send us out to witness;  
that will follow Christ even when the way points to the cross.

To this end we offer ourselves in the name of him who loved us  
and gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

*Christian Conference of Asia*