

## Especially Remember.....

Pray for teachers and pupils as they begin another new term. Give thanks for the commitment teachers in Merrylee and Hillpark have to the total well-being of their pupils as well as to their educational needs. Give thanks for the good relationships between teachers and chaplains and for the Cosy café. Pray for children and young people who are struggling to cope with school and life. Pray they may be given the right support at the right time. Pray that they may know that they are valued and loved unconditionally by God.

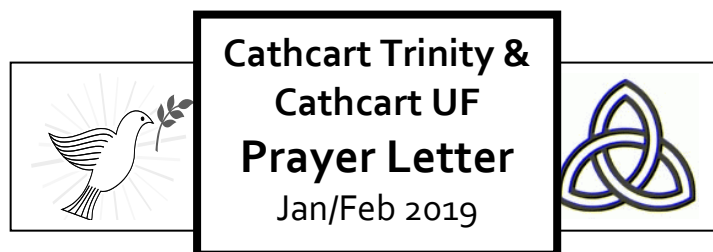
Pray for those in our congregations who are unwell, who are undergoing treatments and who are failing in health. Give thanks for the medical and nursing staff who are caring for them and pray that they will be treated with love and compassion. Pray that they will know that God is walking this step of their journey with them and be comforted by that knowledge.

Pray too for those who have been bereaved and are struggling with the loss of a loved one. Pray that they would know they are held in the safety of God's loving care and that they would know the practical help and support of family and friends.

Please pray for all those who are suffering from addictions of any kind. Pray that they may seek the help they need and find healing and release. Pray too that in their suffering, they might draw closer to God and know His love, His strength and His hope.

Pray for all those involved with the work of Street Pastors; City Mission; the Foodbank; The Well. Pray that as they serve in these places they will know God's equipping and wisdom in all their interactions with folk who are faced with many difficulties and challenges.

Continue to pray for our MP and MSP, Stewart McDonald and James Dornan, and our local councillors as they represent our community. Pray that God will guide them as they make or influence decisions and that a desire for fairness, justice and compassion will prevail. Pray that each one of them may seek and know God at work in their own lives.



***I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light if life.***

**John 8:12**

## National and World Events

Throughout 2018, we have prayed for many countries where there has been conflict, war, or natural disaster. Sadly, these situations remain with little obvious change in many places. As we continue to pray for peace, for the right aid and support for individuals caught up in these situations, pray that God will encourage us to be persistent in prayer and not give up. Give thanks for the knowledge we have that God does care, that God does answer prayer and that He is ultimately in control.

Please continue to pray for peace in Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Somalia, Afghanistan and many other places. Pray that God's compassion for those who are suffering will reach those most in need. Pray for the aid agencies working to provide medical support and supplies. Pray that the hearts of those in leadership will be softened and that there will be a real desire for peaceful solutions to be found.

Pray for Christians who are being persecuted for their faith. Give thanks for their courage and boldness in the face of danger and pray for their safety. Give thanks for the work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide who highlight the injustice and persecution of individuals and campaign for it to stop. Pray that their work will continue to encourage and have a deep impact on our governments to act for change.

Pray for the ongoing negotiations around Brexit. Pray for all those in positions to influence, that they may set aside party politics and seek the best ways forward for our country.

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## Local Events

Please pray for Messy church as they continue to meet each month. Pray for growth in this group both in numbers and in interest in faith. Pray for the families that attend that they might be encouraged to explore faith in a fresh way.

Give thanks for the Sunday club and Pathfinders. Pray for Gail as she takes over the leadership role. Pray for excellent working relations among the team members, and good communication with parents and carers, sharing the God-given responsibility to nurture our children in the faith.

Give thanks for the excellent interest in the 2 Vibe groups, Bricks4kids and SpiderArt to take place within Merrylee Primary throughout January and February. Pray that these groups will be great fun and an opportunity to encourage and support children. Pray that there will also be opportunity to share and explore faith.

Continue to pray for Moments café, providing a happy and safe space for those living with dementia. Give thanks for the love and compassion and understanding shown to all those who currently attend and to those who care for them. Pray that others may be encouraged to come along.

Pray for preparations for events to encourage faith and fellowship for men. Pray that the Commission conference being held in Bishopbriggs on 2<sup>nd</sup> March will be well attended and that it will encourage and inspire many individuals.

Pray for Sofa groups as they start up again for the next session. Pray that these will truly be places of fellowship and growth as groups explore God's word and what it means to them in their lives today.

Pray for those who compile and inspect church accounts at this time of year. Thank God for the skills brought to bear, and pray that local churches would be wise in their stewardship of money and other resources.

### Dates for your diary:

**Prayer Breakfast– Sat 26<sup>th</sup> January 8.30 – 10.00 am**  
**Prayer Meeting – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 – 8.30,**  
**Prayer Breakfast– Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> February 8.30 – 10.00 am**  
**- all in the UF Church.**

## Church Family

As we begin a new year, give thanks for the blessings we experienced as individuals and as a church throughout the past year.

Give thanks for all those in positions of leadership – our ministers and elders, those who lead Sunday club, Sofa groups and all the youth groups. Give thanks for their faithfulness, their spiritual gifts and their desire to serve God in all that they do. Pray that they may be guided and inspired throughout 2019 as they continue to seek God's plan for us.

Give thanks for the freedom and opportunities we have to worship week by week. Pray that we may approach these times in the right spirit, ready to praise God and to listen to Him speak to us.

Give thanks for the praise groups and bands who help us to praise with all our hearts and all our souls. Whether we sing old familiar songs or new ones, pray that the words we sing will be a fragrant offering of praise to God.

Whilst we mourn the passing of members of our congregations, give thanks for their lives, for their faith and for their service. Pray that those who are grieving may be strengthened and comforted.

Give thanks for the people who have joined us and who have become part of our church families. Pray that friendships will grow and that all will feel accepted and welcomed.

Pray that we will continue to be churches who care about others. Pray that we may find new ways to reach out to those in the community who are seeking God. Pray that God may encourage and prompt good conversations and acts of kindness which reflect his love.

Give thanks for God's hand in all the youth activities that CYMP provide for the young people within our churches and the community. Continue to pray for opportunities to demonstrate God's love and compassion through words and actions.

Pray God's blessing on our churches in 2019. Pray that we may be guided by Him as we seek His ways. Pray that we may be obedient to His calling wherever that may lead us.