

Steeple Bumpstead Congregational Church www.steeplebumpsteadcc.org

Church Secretary: Christine Blyth – tel: 01440 762066 Worship for all ages, everybody welcome

> Sunday Service 16th April 2023 at 10.30 am

> > "Doubting Thomas" John 20; verses 24 - 31

Gillian Johnson will be with us to share a message based on the above theme and scriptures.

Other Reminders and Upcoming Events TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING FOR UKRAINE / RUSSIAN CONFLICT AND OTHER KEY ISSUES; The next prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th April between 11.00 am and 12 noon at SBCC in the Lecture Hall

CHAPEL STREET CAFE on SATURDAY 29th APRIL; 10.00 - 12.00 NOON Tea, coffee & cakes. and bacon rolls, good conversation or quiet relaxation, childrens face-painting & activities all free of charge Please let Linda (731770) or Ann (731689) know if you are able to contribute or help in any way.

SUNDAY SERVICE REFRESHMENTS ROTA Sun., 16th Apr.; Ann and Linda Sun., 23rd Apr.; Sue and Mary

PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for the leadership team (Annie, Sheila, Wayne, Colin and Chris) as they work together with the Church to seek God's mind for the way ahead in the future. Keep in mind God's Word to us, as a fellowship, to *"Forget the former things, <u>do not dwell on the past.</u> See I am doing a new thing !" Isaiah 43.18/19*

For members of our fellowship or people connected to us

Pray for the compassion, peace and the healing of God, for all those in our congregation, and wider community, suffering pain and illness or going through adverse times; including:

Andrew; We continue to pray for Andrew's well-being.

David; Pray for improvement of David's low blood pressure and ongoing dialysis treatment that he needs..

Jill Vaughan's Family and friends; We continue to pray for Jill's family and friends as they come to terms with their sad loss.

Charlie (Mary's husband) Charlie is continuing to recover from a fall and a broken wrist and dislocated shoulder. However let's continue to pray for Mary and family as they continue to care and support Charlie through this time.

Jane & Chris Stirling. Having now been confirmed that Jane has lung cancer in several places and Radio therapy and chemo are not treatment options let's continue with our prayers for Jane, Chris and her family. Chris continues to make progress with recovery of his mobility. It was lovely that they were able to join with us for Communion at our Maundy Thursday Service.

Wendy; Continue please to pray for Wendy who has been advised that she has a lesion on her liver and is to undergo further scans on this and on her back and leg..

Sue Preston; is suffering from Sjogrens (body dries out); please pray for Sue that the Lord would intervene and bring healing to her body. We thank God for identification of the cause of her stomach problems which Sue has had over the last 18 years !!! Pray that Sue will receive the right treatment for this. She has recently had an operation on her shoulder as well.

Fred Dare. Continue to pray for Sue and her family supporting Fred who is in his care home. Fred is suffering from Dementia.

Peter Creasy; Please also continue to pray for Peter recovering from his recent operation and who is waiting for follow up treatments/procedures needed.

Roger; Please pray that Roger's ongoing health will be maintained following issues he has had to deal with recently, and for his wife Jane suffering from a respiratory condition.

Frankie; Let's continue to pray for Frankie's recovery from a fall and a dislocated shoulder. Frankie is at home making progress in her recovery and coping with life with support from her daughter and friends.

Overseas ministries supported by the Church

Pastor John; Continue to pray for the effective pastoral care and service in the communities in Southern India where Pastor John ministers in challenging circumstances which include persecution, illness, and poverty.

House of Joshua; Pray for children and adults, of the House of Joshua community in the Philippines, to be sustained by faith and encouragement from ourselves and others in the Body of Christ.

National and International issues

Continue to pray for current national and international matters, including King Charles, the Royal family; Prime Minister Rishi Sunak; the economic situation and its effect on people; the serious situation that exists in Europe and the world following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Pray that God will over-rule in the conflict to minimise bloodshed, and for effective ongoing support of the Ukrainian people and refugees. Thank God for answered prayers. Pray also for the people of Pakistan in need of relief from the effects of floods and its devastation..

Earthquake in Turkey / Syria

Pray for those involved in caring for those adversely affected by the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Many people have died as a result of buildings that have collapsed in the areas. Thank God for those helping the homeless and seeking to support families that have lost loved ones.

To include items on our prayer page, or to advise of other needs, please get in touch with one of our leaders Leadership Team:

Wayne Taylor 01440 762771; Colin Preston 01440 421639; Sheila Burr;01440 730711; Annie Turner 01440 730666; and Christine Blyth 01440 762066

Tuesdays and Thursdays; Open Church; 10am - 12pm*

Time and space for prayer, quiet time, or to meet with others. *The Church will usually be open at these times. On Thursday mornings you can enjoy hearing our band and singers practising.

Web Site and Utube Channel

Search for "Steeple Bumpstead Congregational Church" on YouTube, or follow the link to our website:

www.steeplebumpsteadcc.org

Our music group has recorded a range of hymns and worship songs for your enjoyment and blessing..

If you would like to support the church by giving, you can make a contribution to the offering in person during the Sunday morning Service or on-line, by asking our secretary, Chris Blyth for the necessary information. Thank you.