

Friday

PRAY FOR:

- Our ministry to the parish through our Parish Centre
- Our Parochial Church Council, including Churchwarden

2 Thes 2v16-17:

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself & God our Father, who loved us & by his grace gave us eternal encouragement & good hope, encourage your hearts & strengthen you in every good deed & word.



Aim:

To grow in commitment to love & good deeds towards our parish through community involvement.

- Thank you God that you have given us so many gifts. Help us to use these gifts to serve others, faithfully administering your grace in its various forms.
- Thank you that you've promised to provide us with strength so that in all things you may be praised through Jesus Christ [1Pet 4v10-11].

Saturday

PRAY FOR:

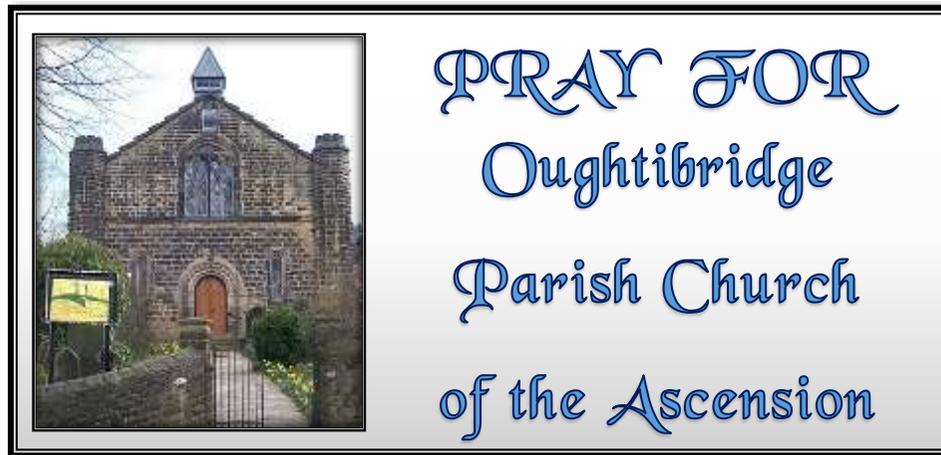
- The Ascenders; our group of young people meeting monthly
 - The stewardship of our buildings & those who manage our finances
- Psalms 112v1-5:** *Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.*

Wealth & riches are in his house, & his righteousness endures forever. Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious & compassionate & righteous man. Good will come to him who is generous & lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.



Aim: *To grow in commitment to regular, planned, sacrificial giving to the work of God's kingdom in & through the parish church.*

- Thank you, Almighty God, that you have promised to meet all our needs according to your glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
- God, enable us to give cheerfully; knowing that our gifts are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice & pleasing to you [Phil 4v18-19].



PRAY FOR Oughtibridge Parish Church of the Ascension

Praying for the church, its people and activities, is vital. Although prayer is a mystery, God commands us to pray and promises to hear his children, Deut 4v7:

'What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him?'



Sometimes we can be feeble in our praying and despondent about situations. It can be helpful to use Bible verses to encourage and help us in our praying. In this guide there are Bible verses to guide our praying and some written as prayers. Please feel free to use these exactly as they are, or as a prompt to praying.

Pray: *Thank you God that you have told us what you are like, when you proclaimed your name; 'The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness...' Ex 34v6. Help us Lord, to trust in your character as we pray to you. Thank you God that as we pray 'the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer'*

Ps 34v15 & 1Pet 3v12.

Sunday

PRAY FOR:

- Our Sunday services & Sunday Club for children
- Our Sidespersons & those welcoming & giving hospitality



Psalms 111v1-4: *Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright & in the assembly. Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious & majestic are his deeds, & his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.*

Monday

PRAY FOR:

- The Sunshine Hour for preschool children
- Our Bishops & Diocese of Sheffield



Acts 2v36-39: "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord & Christ." When the people heard this they were cut to the heart & said to Peter & the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?". Peter replied, "Repent & be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you & your children & for all who are far off-for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Aim:

To grow in commitment to the body of Christ meeting locally & to loving Christian relationships within the family of God's church.

- Thank you God that you are faithful to your promises.
- I pray that we will consider how we may spur one another on toward love & good deeds.
- Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but God, help us to encourage one another [Hebrews 10v23-25].

Wednesday

PRAY FOR:

- Our small group Bible studies, nurture groups & prayer meeting
- Our preachers & those who teach the Bible to our children & young people
- The Mothers' Union



Psalm 1v1-3: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, & on his law he meditates day & night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season & whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

Aim:

To grow in commitment to God's word as individuals & together.

- Heavenly father, thank you that you have revealed your word to us. Help us rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.
- Let us meditate on your precepts & consider your ways. We want to delight in your decrees, & not neglect your word [Psalm 119v14-16].

Tuesday

PRAY FOR:

- Our mission partnership with Jos, Nigeria & Christ Church, Fulwood
- Our ministry to the parish through baptisms, weddings & funerals



Matthew 28v18-20: Then Jesus came to them & said, "All authority in heaven & on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go & make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit, & teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



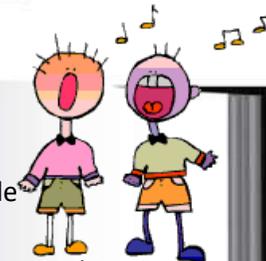
Aim: To grow in commitment to proclaiming the Gospel of eternal salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ to our parish.

- Lord God, I pray that whenever we open our mouths, words may be given us so that we will fearlessly make known the mystery of your gospel.
- Help us declare it fearlessly, as we should [Ephesians 6v19].

Thursday

PRAY FOR:

- The Under Ones group
- Our ministry to vulnerable people
- Our musicians & singers



Gal 6v9-10: Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Aim: To grow in commitment to prayer as individual Christians & together.

- God, help us pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers & requests.
- Thank you for our church family & enable us to be alert & always keep on praying for all the saints [Ephesians 6v18].