



prayer Points

It would be great if you could take time to pray with one or two others during the picnic today, perhaps for a couple of the items below. And then, continue to bring these things before the Lord in your personal prayers.

Thank you

The World

- The worldwide church: that the restrictions on meeting together, and face-to-face outreach, in so many countries, will result in a new wave of creativity in sharing the Gospel of Jesus, even as the Holy Spirit prompts more people to seek spiritual truth and eternal meaning in their lives.
- The marginalised and those facing discrimination: that justice and righteousness would prevail, and the long legacy of unrighteous trade and conquest would be recognised and addressed. May God's people come forward with messages of healing which do not minimise people's genuine pain, and forgiveness-with-restitution which creates a better message than the narrative of anger and revenge.
- The global poor: May the hungry be fed, especially where poverty, disease and locusts are creating new calamities; may the refugees from Syria, Venezuela, Myanmar and South Sudan be welcomed, housed and cared-for; and may the rise of selfish, nationalistic leaders be countered by a grass-roots uprising of love and tolerance.



Our Country

- Government - Wise and just decision making
- Movement towards a fairer and more equitable society
- Spiritual renewal of the Nation



Chard

- Local schools: wisdom for staff and headteachers as they work to keep themselves and their pupils safe, and in providing extra help to those that need it after months away from formal education. Also, for quick adjustment to new ways of learning for the children/young people.
- Local businesses: for small businesses having to make a lot of adjustments to how they work and for Christian business owners as they seek to continue to be the light of Jesus in our community.
- Local community: continuing support for those that need it as the Covid-19 action team input ends, for those who have been struggling with loneliness and isolation, and those who have been made unemployed during the last few months.



Our Church

- To embrace things we have learnt during COVID times and find new ways to reach out to each other and those around us.
- Racquel (our new SWYM trainee from Brazil) as she prepares to come to work with us, and for the arrangements for her placement here, not as straight forward given the new situation.
- Each other – to grow in our love and trust in the Lord, and to see the opportunities he give us to serve and bless those around us.



Local Churches

- Church leaders making decisions about the future way forward for their congregations.
- Each church to be a visibly, present blessing to our community – serving and proclaiming Christ.
- South Chard Church: They say, “we feel very much God is wanting us to continue to encourage people to make connections and to use their garden space and other creative ways to be church informally and safely. Please pray the church will catch the vision and really own it.”

