

## **PRAYER POINTS FROM PRAYER STATIONS – PENTECOST EVENT**

### **Being Salt and Light in our Community Prayer Points:**

1. For all those involved in welcoming young children and their families – in Tots groups, Messy Church, Family Film and other ways, that they will be like Jesus welcoming the children and showing the families they are loved, valued and cared for.
2. For lonely people and those struggling with anxiety or other issues that they will find places where they are welcomed and feel safe and people they can trust– like the cafes, bacon butties, Horsforth Shed, St Vincent's visiting.
3. For people we work alongside like the Town Council, Climate Action, to see that we don't just care about bringing people into churches, but we really care about the environment and society and community issues and they can trust us.
4. For people with new ideas to continue to come forward and be supported to put these ideas into action.
5. For ourselves, to be willing and enabled to be salt and light and yeast in Horsforth in whatever way we can.

### **Refugees and People seeking Asylum Prayer Points:**

1. We pray for countries and nations facing famine, flood, drought and conflict.
2. We pray for refugees who have lost everything they owned. Particularly those who are displaced in their own countries or in neighbouring countries many of whom are living in refugee camps.
3. We pray for those who claim asylum in our country, that their applications be dealt with swiftly and fairly. That each one gets access to the support they need.
4. We pray for asylum seekers in our community that they may find the welcome and peace that they are looking for within our community.
5. We pray for ourselves that we may have the vision to include asylum seekers in the everyday life of our community, so that together we may all make 'Your Kingdom Come' in our town.

## **Community events (Carols in the Park, Walk of Witness, Gala, Hustings) and Horsforth Farmers' Market Prayer Points:**

1. For Duncan, Laura and Rhoda who carry much of the administrative load
2. For volunteers who will take responsibility for specific events
3. That the people of Horsforth will witness God at work at these events
4. Horsforth Farmers' Market Community Stall to be a point of impact
5. Our relationship with the Town Council to continue to flourish.

## **Horsforth High School Prayer Points:**

1. For the three 'Connect' lunchtime groups that are running at the moment and for new Connect groups in Key Stage 3
2. For the opportunity to have a Christian person with more time in the school to develop ongoing relationships with pupils and staff
3. Pray for students who struggle with the process of external exams (Yrs 10, 11, 12 and 13) and internal end-of-year tests/exams (Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10, 12)
4. Pray for the school in best supporting the needs of the small number of students with high level needs, which can exhibit as poor behaviour. May we show this minority (often with challenges in life outside school) the love, care, compassion and guidance that Jesus would show them.

## **Primary School Work Prayer Points:**

1. Give thanks for the welcome we receive and the good relationships we have with all our Primary Schools
2. Pray that seeds will be sown in the lives of the children as they hear the Bible Stories as told by the Open the Book team
3. Pray that when children participate in the Rewind at Christmas and Easter events they will begin to understand how much God loves them and cares for them
4. Pray for the current volunteers and for new folk to get involved
5. Pray for blessings on school staff as they seek to meet the needs of all the children in their care.

### **Horsforth Community Pantry Prayer Points:**

1. Pray for the members of the pantry that they will build relationships and friendships, and that isolation and loneliness will be overcome
2. Pray for the volunteers as they seek to support the members with issues such as debt, ill health and budgeting
3. Pray for continued financial support for the pantry through the Government Household Support fund
4. Pray for all the volunteers across Leeds who work to end food poverty through the Leeds Food Aid Network
5. Pray that we will have the capacity to provide assistance to all those in Horsforth that live in food poverty.

### **Older People Prayer Points:**

1. For the residents of Bedford Court and Horsforth Manor Care Homes (where churches take short services on a rota), that they will be happy in their communities, and their needs met effectively
2. For churches to share ideas and consider new ways of helping older people within their churches
3. For churches to consider how their services can be made more dementia friendly, and for HCT to consider possibly holding a special dementia friendly service from time to time.