



Leyland Baptist Church

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Prayer Points

- As Liz and Carole prepare to go to Uganda, please pray for them. Pray that they will be an encouragement and support to the Christian projects and leaders they will be working with.
- Please pray for Ben, a ketamine addict who is trying to get clean.
- Our church finances continue to be precarious. Whilst we become a CIO we are unable to claim Gift Aid. That means our cashflow is very tight. As a church family Leyland has always been very generous and God has provided. We are each of us part of that provision. Please prayerfully consider your giving and if you can increase that by a small amount.
* If you complete a Self Assessment for tax purposes, we will be making a back claim for Gift Aid as soon as we are able.
- It was lovely to see Lahiru, Uvindu and Amanda last week. Please pray for them as they all start new chapters, whilst still waiting for the appeal process to happen. Amanda is starting A Levels this month, whilst Uvindu begins an Engineering degree at Liverpool University. Lahiru also returns to education doing an access to nursing course.
- As schools return we pray for all the teachers and other staff, and for students starting in new classes or schools. We pray especially for Seven Stars as they move into their new building.



Week of Prayer

Mon 15th to Fri 19th Sept
7pm

Theme: Fruitfulness

Why a Week of Prayer?

It is a time to come together to reflect on the theme and what 'Fruitfulness' looks like in the life of Leyland Baptist Church, as well as our individual everyday lives.

As we pray together, to ask for God's guidance and wisdom so that as individuals and as a church we spend our time and energy wisely.

It is a week of reflection and refocus, of regrouping, pausing in the busyness to be still and know God and allow Him to show us the way we are to follow.

It is also a time to bring before God the issues of our town and communities; the schools, businesses, council and councillors, charities, individuals etc. An opportunity for God to show us the ways He wants us to come alongside people and be fruitful.

Proximity

On Saturday 27th September we'll be exploring fruitfulness through Mission Mapping with Tom from Proximity. More details on this are over the page. Everyone is welcome to come.



Worshipping with prisoners
in high security prisons.

Distributing food and toiletries to widows
with nothing.

Sharing the gospel with schoolchildren.

Bringing hope, value and identity in Christ to
teenage mums.

Encouraging and supporting local projects,
churches and pastors.

These are some of the things Carole and Liz
will be doing when they go to Uganda for 3

weeks on 28th September.

Here's how you can partner with them in this
adventure with God

Pray. Carole and Liz need covering in prayer
for safe travels, safe involvement in activities
and that the Holy Spirit will be in everything
they do, say and experience.

Donate. Space is at a premium so whilst
things like lightweight sports equipment and
children's Bible story books are welcome and
really appreciated, a financial gift is easier to
transport and can be spent in Uganda on the
things people need.



Saturday 27th September

10am - 3pm

Mission Mapping

The more we understand our community the more effective our church can be in serving locally and reaching people for Christ. Mission mapping involves finding out more about five aspects of our community:

- **History** – What past events have shaped how your community views itself? Perhaps new housing estates or loss of industry?
- **Geography** – Geographical features are important too. Are certain areas isolated? Has a new road divided the neighbourhood?
- **People Groups** – Who exactly lives here? What ethnicities, age groups, or social dynamics exist?
- **Local Culture** – What role does local sport play? What's the music scene like? Are there crime issues? What part do local schools play in community life?
- **Faith Groups** – What other churches, mosques and synagogues are there? What are they already doing in the community and can we work with them?

By researching these five key issues we can gradually build up a fuller picture of our local church community. We may find some surprising things!

Everyone is welcome - in fact the more of us there are, the better our mapping will be. We need everyone's insight. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Church Meeting & AGM Tues 23rd Sept 7.30pm