

Prayer for our Vacancy

Heavenly Father, thank You that You care passionately for our Parish.

Thank You for Your faithfulness over a thousand years and for bringing us to where we are today.

Thank You that You are already preparing the right person to lead Your people to encounter you, encourage others and engage our world.

Help us to listen and hear Your voice clearly as You lead us into a new season.

May we travel together in unity.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

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KNOW WHAT:

- This half term we will be talking about prayer. Prayer is when we talk to God and tell him things.
- There are lots of different ways to pray. Prayers can be made up on the spot or written down and read out. Prayers can be loud or quiet. You can make things or do things which is also a type of prayer.
- This morning we are going to try different ways of praying - making, doing and saying things together and apart, to talk to God.

SO WHAT:

- Prayer is really special – it's how we talk to God.
- We are all different and have different voices. We also have different ways we can pray and different ways God will talk to us.

NOW WHAT:

- Let's make time to pray and talk to God, he wants to hear from us.

LUKE'S LETTERS

Every week at 'Christ Club', (the children named it) our lunch time club at the Junior Academy, I ask the children if they want me to pray for something for them. They always oblige with requests for a sick family member or a test that they are worried about. Two weeks ago one of the boys in our Year 5 group asked us to pray for his dad who wasn't well. The next week he came back and said that after we prayed his dad got better.

'Creepy' was the word one boy used.

Even though they asked for me to pray every week, I'm not sure that they ever thought the things they prayed for would happen. I think they saw prayer as a nice thing to do to show that you cared about someone but it wasn't actually something that worked. The truth is, however, that prayer is powerful and it does work. Sometimes it's confusing and we feel like we don't get anywhere, but more often than not prayer results in us getting exactly what we need, when we need it – just sometimes not what we asked for.

Whatever your experience of prayer, I just want to encourage you that it is worth doing, both for building your relationship with God and for seeing amazing things happen. If you're not sure how to start praying then just try what makes the most sense, or if you're still not sure, then please do talk to me about it.