

AVONSIDE MISSION AREA

Avonmouth - Lawrence Weston - Sea Mills - Shirehampton - Stoke Bishop

Spring 2024

'With prayer and thanksgiving make your requests known to God.'

Thank you for taking the time to praise God for all that He is doing across our Mission Area and to pray that He would lead us forwards in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Praise God for:

- Local families continuing to come along to More@4 at St Peter's.
- The continued growth of the warm space at St Mary's Shire on Fridays and the £3000 grant for this ministry. It is a blessing being able to support our existing users whilst also developing a new community!
- The Ash Wednesday service, for the great turnout and the time spent as the Mission Area together.
- The growing numbers coming to *Refresh* at the Rock, Lawrence Weston; extra tables have had to be put out!
- A wonderful evening at Shirehampton's pancake pop up! With 75+ people coming along both young and old.
- Our Mental Health awareness groups across the Mission Area, the team who run these and those who have come along.
- An emergency faculty that has been granted to allow St Mary's Shire to put up much needed lighting in the churchyard.
- The Lent course, God is bringing our churches together and growing us in love for one another and our communities.
- The Alpha Course at St Mary's Stoke Bishop; which has had attendees from another ASMA church too.
- The ministry of our ASMA Curates and Ministry Experience Worker – for all the life, energy, and ideas they bring.
- Growth in numbers at the Lighthouse and Tiddlywinks, the toddler groups in Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston.

Pray for:

- The Sea Mills community and Primary school as they continue to contend with the recent tragedy.
- All the Easter services and events – may God draw in and encounter all who come.
- Messy Church on March 9th in Lawrence Weston.
- God's wisdom about thoughts that are brewing for new outreach activities and events at St Edyths.
- The application process for the ASMA Youth Minister - closing date 15th March.
- The ongoing ASMA Lent Course – for inspiration, encouragement and fellowship.
- Easter events happening in schools across the Mission Area.
- The recruitment process for an Associate Vicar for Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston to serve alongside Andy and the team as he starts his new role. Also, for patience, grace, and strength for Andy and the team in the meantime.
- Our residential care homes in ASMA and for Julie as she looks to establish a group supporting those from our church families who visit them.
- For wisdom and vision for both Shirehampton and Lawrence Weston as they put together a bid for lay ministers who will work in the respective communities through the Priority Community Network.
- For the Kintsugi Hope course and Eat Well Spend Less course taking place at St Peter's after Easter