

AVONSIDE MISSION AREA

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

Joining together to fast and pray in our own time on the first Monday of the month.

October 2021

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 the launch of the [Space4Makers Workshop](#). Praise God for His miraculous provision in so many ways for this project.
- For the two new [Listening Cafes](#) starting in Lawrence Weston and Avonmouth. Pray that listeners would come forward to serve and guests would attend and find it helpful.
- For the new opportunities which have opened up for renewed ministry in [Sea Mills Primary School](#). Pray for John Monaghan as he looks to build relationships with Christian staff in the school and as he takes regular Collective Worship. Praise God too for the provision of a part-time Children and Families Worker!
- For the online [Marriage Course](#) currently running at St Edyth's with several couples taking part from different churches in the Mission Area.
- For the lay and ordained team at [St Mary's Shirehampton](#), for the additional ways that people are stepping up to serve during the vacancy. Pray for the Church Wardens as they lead the church through the process of preparing the Parish Profile and for all taking services, especially whilst the curate is on paternity leave this month.
- For those who have been to [Connect-on-Tuesdays](#), [Together@4](#) and [SHINEonSundays](#) at St Mary's Stoke Bishop. Thank God that these new initiatives are encouraging people to return to church and new people to join.
- For fruitful conversations between the [ASMA church leaders](#), leading to plans for joint initiatives bubbling up in a natural way, such as the monthly evening worship services which will alternate between St Edyth's and St Andrew's, starting this month.

**HOT OFF
THE PRESS!**
**ASMA Prayer
Celebration**
5th Dec,
5-6.30pm
St Edyth's,
Sea Mills

Ask God:

- For His grace and compassion to be with all who are taking part in the [ASMA Living in Love and Faith](#) course this month. Pray that this helps people to grow in their understanding of God. Thank God that group facilitators have been provided from all the churches.
- For His leading as the [Bristol NW Foodbank Team](#) continue to explore the possibility of extending the [Social Justice Hub](#) to provide accommodation for asylum seekers. Praise God for the people from within ASMA who have offered to help with grant funding and project management.
- His Holy Spirit to be at work amongst the ten people currently doing the [Alpha Course](#) at [St Mary's Stoke Bishop](#).
- To prompt people to join the [Emotional Well-being group](#) starting this month at [St Mary's Stoke Bishop](#). Pray that as all the churches have a Mental Health focus in October, those who are struggling would know that the churches are there to help and serve them.
- For people from all the ASMA churches to be excited to serve in ministries in other churches.

Please spend some time listening to God, discerning His direction for ASMA. If you would like to pass on any words or pictures you feel are from God, email vicar@stmarysb.org.uk