

AVONSIDE MISSION AREA

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

Summer 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:

- The appointment of Nicola Harris, Associate Vicar for Lawrence Weston and Avonmouth. Nic was licensed on the 10th June and her appointment frees Andy Murray to take up more fully his new role as Dean of Priority Communities, which he will hold alongside continuing as Vicar.
- Great engagement with schools in the area and the ongoing ministry there.
- The safe arrival of baby Winifred for Llewelyn and Helga, Llewelyn will shortly finish his time with us as Ministry Experience Scheme worker but will continue as church Warden of St Peter's.
- The appointment of Jemima – Family and Children's worker at St Edyths.
- Katie Brett stepping up as lead volunteer for Youth at St Marys.
- The positive response from women in St. Mary's Stoke Bishop for the new *Kaleidoscope* women's socials.
- The Prayer Hub getting going at St Marys Shirehampton on Wednesday morning and those who have come in for prayer.
- A fantastic Mission Area Pentecost celebration at St Marys Shirehampton.

Pray for:

- Messy Church and associated initiatives at St Peter's Lawrence Weston, as these take on a new shape.
- Ongoing guidance for St Edyths as they develop their vision and strategy.
- The renewed advertising of the ASMA Youth Minister position. That God will call the right person and enable them to apply.
- Simon Potter, Associate Vicar of St Marys Stoke Bishop, as he prepares for his Extended Ministerial development leave in the Autumn.
- 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.
- More volunteers to join the care home support team ministry in Stoke Bishop.
- Increased awareness of the prayer hub amongst those to whom it may be a Blessing.
- Those attending New Wine from the Mission Area in July.