

AVONSIDE MISSION AREA

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

Autumn and Winter 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:

- A great time at New Wine for all those from the Mission Area who attended this summer.
- Jemima the new Children and Families Minister at St Edyth's and pray for her as she's gets established in the church, the neighbourhood and at Sea Mills Primary School.
- The three Licensed Lay Ministers who serve at St Peter's and St Andrew's as they come up to their anniversaries of licensing: John Maslen (35 years), Julie Morgan and Judy Helme (both 10 years) – thank God for their loving and committed service of over this time and for all the LLM's in ASMA.
- Our new Ministry Experience Scheme worker Tristan, starting at the end of September.
- Those stepping up to serve in new way in this season.

Pray for:

- The ordinands serving across the Mission Area churches, including two new ordinands starting at St Edyth's this Autumn.
- St Edyth's as they launch their new vision. Pray for wisdom about priorities and focus on sharing the Good News with those who don't know it.
- The monthly informal gatherings, Deeper, where all ASMA churches and others are welcome to seek the presence of God in prophetic prayer and worship.
- Glow in the Dark parties around Halloween at Mary's Shirehampton and St Edyth's.
- Messy Church on 19th October at St Peter's Lawrence Weston. For the planning team and all who come.
- Simon Potter on his Extended Ministerial Development Leave.
- The Priority Community Network Operations support post to be advertised this autumn – for the right appointment and smooth process.
- For the café warm spaces and groups across the ASMA churches as we head into the colder months and shorter days which can be so much tougher for some of those more vulnerable in our communities.
- The Prayer Hub on Wednesday mornings at St Mary's Shirehampton – for all who visit to encounter the living, healing God.
- Plans for Remembrance and Christmas, for services and the engagement with Schools over this season.
- All the churches as they set their budgets and pray for God's provision.

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Shared missional activity Autumn/Winter 2024/25

6 Oct Deeper Sea Mills	13 Oct ASMA Celebration Stoke Bishop	29 Oct Glow in the Dark party Shirehampton	31 Oct Glow in the Dark party Sea Mills	3 Nov Deeper Sea Mills	25-29 Nov Christmas Unwrapped schools trail Stoke Bishop
1 Dec Deeper Avonmouth	21 Dec Longest Night service Shirehampton	29 Dec ASMA Service Sea Mills	5 Jan Deeper Sea Mills	January Alpha Sea Mills	January Bereavement Journey course

Regular activity supported by
people from more than one ASMA
church

Prayer Hub (Wed am)
The Well (Tues)
Bristol NW Foodbank
Wellbeing groups

Planned activity (dates tbc)

Safeguarding training (in person) for
volunteers

Prayer Ministry training course
Ash Wednesday service
and Lent Course

Gold Course: Digging deeper into the
Bible (Spring/summer)

God of mission, we are your Church, Christ's body on earth, your holy people for your world in need. In our thinking, give us wisdom, in our planning, give us faith to move mountains, in our action, give us the power of your Spirit, that all we do and think and say may be for your glory and for the growth of the kingdom of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen