

AVONSIDE MISSION AREA

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

Winter 2024/2025

'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:

- Deeper – the monthly opportunities to gather on the 1st Sunday at 5pm to pray, listen and praise.
- The glow in the dark parties and St Mary's Shirehampton and St Edyth's and the people who came.
- Simon Potter's Extended Ministerial Development Leave being a time of refreshment for him.
- Tristan the new Ministry Experience Scheme worker serving across the area.
- New spiritual life at St Edyth's - baptisms and renewal of baptismal vows; for vision turning into action as they start new initiatives and refresh old ones.
- The youth work here at St Mary's Shirehampton and the fun they have.
- The Shirehampton welcoming space which has continued to grow with the team regularly seeing 50 people chatting, enjoying community and having a great lunch together. They are now welcoming some new friends to Sunday services as a result which is a joy!

Pray for:

- The ASMA Alpha Course, hosted by St Edyth's, starting in January, that people will sign up and grow in faith as a result of taking part.
- The ASMA Bereavement Journey new year course, that it will be helpful for those who attend.
- St Mary's Stoke Bishop as they designate 2025 as a Year of Going Deeper with God.
- Those preparing for Confirmation on 16 March and those God may be calling to take this step.
- For the children's and families ministries to flourish and grow across ASMA
- New youth posts across the area – for wisdom about their shape and God to call the right people, interviews are planned for January.
- For the café warm spaces and groups across the ASMA churches that they may be a blessing to those who need them.
- The Prayer Hub on Wednesday mornings at St Mary's Shirehampton – for God to bring along those for whom it will be a blessing. all who visit to encounter the living, healing God.
- Plans for Christmas, for services and the engagement with Schools over this season.
- For the new appointment of an operational hub manager, working for 3 churches including St Mary's Shirehampton and St Peter's Lawrence Weston. This is funded by the diocese through the Priority Community Network and will be a huge help.