

CHURCHES TOGETHER FORUM - 21st January, 2014

Prayer Focuses during Lent (agenda item 7 a)

To help the Forum's discussions, the following are just a few thoughts on prayer activities that could possibly be arranged in Lent if the Forum supports at least some of them or has other ideas. The detail can be worked on afterwards as long as the Forum agrees the principles at this meeting.

1. A Churches Together Prayer Walk - suggesting the first Saturday in Lent (8th March).
Would morning or afternoon be best. Suggested route might be from the North of the Town (Alvington Way), through the Centre to the South of the Town (Bath Street), pausing at junctions for prayer in small groups. Clare Kennard will explain her vision for this at meeting.
2. Dividing the Town into, say, 5 areas and inviting Churches that wished to participate to adopt an area and arrange during Lent prayer walks and / or other prayer activities in relation to that area. Maps would be provided. Which Churches would wish to participate?
3. A Churches Together Prayer Event in the centre of Market Harborough - perhaps the last Saturday in Lent (12th April). Inviting people in the Town Centre for their prayer thoughts. In appropriate circumstances offering to pray with people. Providing an appropriate venue (perhaps in St. Di's Church) for a prayer space, with prayer activities, along the lines of prayer spaces in schools but for all-ages and not just for younger children. Any ideas?
4. Prayer Boxes in Supermarkets inviting people in the town to leave a prayer request. The boxes would be emptied weekly and the requests prayed for by one of our churches. Jeff Bonser saw the idea in Penkridge, Staffordshire, organised by Churches Together in Penkridge. The wording on the box is:

SAY ONE FOR ME

(praying hands symbol)

Do you have something you are worried about?

Would you like us to pray for those worries and concerns?

Prayer really does work.

Churches Together in Penkridge would love to pray for you.

Just write down what you would like us to pray for and put it in the box provided.

The box will be opened each week.

You don't need to put your name if you don't want to.

On the box lid is 'Confidential Prayer Requests'