

CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST

Many of us value being able to pray for named individuals during services of public worship, believing that God hears our prayers, and that prayer makes a real difference to those being prayed for and to those who pray together for them. The first few weeks of a new calendar year have offered an opportunity to clarify and streamline our process and, **from Sunday 4th February**, the following will apply.

If you wish to add a name to the Cathedral's public prayer list, please email Canon Chris Hollingshurst directly at chris.hollingshurst@guildford-cathedral.org or contact him via 07534 970127. Please ensure that you have the permission of the individual for their name to be added and permission for Canon Chris to be given an outline of the circumstances surrounding the prayer request. Please also let Chris know whether the person's surname can be used in public, including live-streamed, services (or not).

The Cathedral website will soon point external prayer enquiries directly to Chris but in the meantime any staff or volunteer colleagues receiving a prayer request are asked to note all of the details, and the contact details of the person making the request, and pass them to him.

Names will normally remain on the prayer list for four weeks, dropping off the list after four weeks unless or until they are renewed. Should you wish to renew for up to a further four weeks, then please let Chris know at that point and he will very gladly arrange for that. If it is appropriate to continue beyond eight weeks, then Chris will move the name to a new long-term prayer list.

Going forward, recently-added names will be prayed for every day, whilst names on the long-term list will be offered in prayer at midweek daily services. Chris will reorganise the intercessions folder accordingly for use by those leading the intercessions.

You may not know that we also offer a way of praying confidentially when it is not appropriate to name someone in public intercessions. If you would like to take advantage of this, please contact Canon Mavis Wilson, either directly if you already have her contact details, or through Canon Chris who can supply them to you.

Do feel free to speak to Canon Chris or his clergy colleagues if you have any questions about this. In the meantime, please keep praying.

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