

Prayer ministry

Over the last year, we've had to really adapt the way we 'do' prayer ministry on a Sunday morning. It's been really encouraging to see the team try new things, think on their feet- and not be afraid to decide that the 'usual' way of doing things needs to be varied.

Pre-Covid, we would always offer prayer ministry after the service- and we were seeing regular uptake of this offer. During Covid, however, we had to change, and so we began by offering prayer ministry on Zoom after our online service. After a month, it was clear that this was something that people weren't wanting at that time, so instead we made a conscious effort to always have a team member ready as a kind of 'prayer pastor'- watching the comment stream, and praying for individuals if and when the need came up. There was regular, but low, use of the prayer chain and the Prayer Postbox continues to be similar- not lots, but a consistent number of around 2 or 3 a month. Encouragingly, these have been people new to church.



Some of the team also took part in the Thy Kingdom Come week- an online week of prayer for TKC in Shropshire. It was good to see lots of the church family joining the online sessions which David hosted- you can catch up with them if you missed them on YouTube!

With David's upcoming adoption leave, Heather has agreed to host pre-service prayer meetings on zoom for the prayer ministry team at 10am. There will continue to be challenges, such as the prayer team passing on any words or pictures they might get to the service leaders, but I'm confident we will continue to uphold prayer as the foundation of our meeting together.

Ignite

Before March, Ignite took place on the second Saturday night of each month. Numbers had consistently been between 25-35, and we had some really special times of being in the presence of Jesus- worshipping with each other, praying for each other, and listening to God.

During the time of the church being closed, Ignite was fully online- this presented some challenges in terms of a key aspect of Ignite being waiting on God and praying with each other. How were we to do this online?

Well we tried, and managed it! Some times people had to put up with David on the keyboard and a bit of a dodgy mike- but were we also blessed to be able to use some videos from Lucy leading worship for New wine with her luminosity crew. And in October, we had our first Ignite in the building since March; and it was a wonderful evening of worship and praise. If you haven't been yet- why not come along next time! 😊



Tyndale



Tyndale continues to meet weekly on a Sunday evening- usually online, but we've also had some evenings enjoying the Wrekin, a firepit, a takeaway and a film night. Each week is different, but there's always some time to pray together, to think about a bible passage together, and to reflect on our week.