

Prayer Ministry - St Paul's Church AGM Report 2026

I have recently been reading John McGinlay's book that he wrote with Anne Calver "Awaken – The Lord is doing a new thing" and came across this:

"It is true that as God's people fall to their knees Satan trembles, because we are NOT praying for victory, we are praying IN the victory Jesus has already won. So it is time to wake up, to break up the fallow ground and to pray! It is time to prioritise prayer like never before!"

So as a people who have chosen to follow Jesus, and who are members of this local body of Believers that we call St Paul's Church, are we all making prayer our priority?

Over this last year we have been praying together in our Life Groups, in Prayer Triplets, and during our children's and youth activities. Some have also taken part in wider prayer initiatives such as praying over the proposals for assisted suicide and changes to abortion laws. In September there was an island-wide 24 hours of prayer event. At St Paul's we also have regular times for prayer at which **all** are welcome:

7.30pm Monday evenings in the Upper Room at Church for 30 minutes

9.30am Sunday mornings to pray for the day's services (in the Flower Room behind the Vestry)

8.00am Last Saturday of each month in Church – Men's Prayer Breakfast

2.45pm Last Monday of each month in St Paul's Centre – Prayer for the Persecuted Church

If you are not part of a Prayer Triplet and would like to be, just find a couple of friends to join you and somewhere to meet. For instance, that could be in the Prayer Room/Library upstairs in the Church. Or speak with Ron for more details. If you have got a group together recently or are not receiving the monthly prayer updates, do please let either Ron or Mary know.

Last year, Victoria offered a 3-Day silent retreat at Elizabeth Castle, online and in-person retreats (including at the prison), numerous guided prayer sessions, two 6 week in-person courses and teaching on discernment. There was a combined total of over 300 participants at these ecumenical times of prayer.

In the next few months there's Contemplative Photography, 2 Retreats in Daily Life, another 3 Day retreat at Elizabeth Castle and online guided prayer for Holy Week and Easter. For more info please email vwilderspin@gmail.com

We continue to offer prayer at the front after each morning service. In addition, any prayer request can be communicated to church members via the Prayer Chain which is then sent out by email so that people can be alerted quickly to the need. To make a request please email francelise2@yahoo.co.uk or phone Francelise on 07797 737961.

Our prayers during Sunday worship are led from the front by a team of folk on a rota basis and it would be good to have a few others who would consider joining that team.

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