

PRAYER MEETING AT HOME

TUESDAY 24th November 7.30pm – 8.30pm

It would be great if as many of us as possible could set aside this hour to pray together in our homes.

If you can't manage this time or day, choose a time that works for you.

There is also an online ZOOM option

e-mail: info@watersidemethodist.org for meeting codes



Settle down: Find yourself a quiet spot; grab a Bible, a pen and a piece of paper (maybe even a cup of tea!)

Read and think about these Bible verses:

'Commit your ways to the Lord and you will succeed' **Proverbs 16:3**

'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.' **Psalms 119:105**

'Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.' **Romans 12:2**

'Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.' **Revelation 2:7,11,17; 3:6,13,22**

Pray: (Don't feel you have to stick with these prayer suggestions if the Lord leads you differently...!)

We are living in troubling times and so we need to be praying to seek God's will for our lives, our church, our country and our world. We need to pray for God to intervene in difficult situations bringing a hope that can only be found in him.

We may have many plans but I read recently that 'unless we commit them to God and follow him they are useless'.

Consider the ways in which the church might have left God's ways and be following the ways of the world. The Church needs to be standing out as being different from the world around us – to be a moral compass for society – not following what society does.

Prayer is key to this. We need to know what God is saying before things can move forwards. Let us come before God humbly, listening to what God is saying through the Spirit. We may have lots of good ideas but unless these are what God wants, they will remain simply as good ideas.

This may involve repentance if we realise there are ways in which we are attempting to follow the pattern of the world. We may need to be bold in standing up for Biblical truths. (*'Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you. Make level paths for your feet and take only the ways that are firm.'* Proverbs 4:25-6)

Share: Over the next few days you might like to share what you have heard or sensed God saying to you. Perhaps God will speak to many of us about the same thing...

Closing Prayer:

May we find joy and hope in God's holy presence as we echo the heavenly voices saying: 'Holy, holy, holy the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' (Revelation 4:8)