

TOGETHER4BRISTOL PRAYER UPDATE: EASTER 2018

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place (2 Corinthians 2:14)

Hi everyone

Happy Easter everyone!

God is doing so many exciting things across the Bristol region!

Here are a few items for Praise and Prayer.

Please pass this on to all your contacts!

PRAISE ITEMS

We thank God for:

- 1. All the preparatory work for <u>Hope Bristol 2018</u> and the 1400 volunteers who have signed up.
- 2. The <u>Bristol Churches City Fund</u> which was launched by Mayor Marvin Rees in January at St Stephens Church, with about 60 church leaders present.
- 3. The <u>Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter</u> project, with over 400 volunteers, which ran from January until the end of March.
- 4. The church leaders across the city, who are gatheirng in small groups to build friendships and help "stitch the city.together" across North and South, and different ethnic backgrounds.
- 5. The Christian community's increased involvement in the Mayor's City Office, including the Feeding Bristol initiative.
- 6. The <u>Christian Action Bristol website</u> (the Politics and Social Action sphere of Together4Bristol), which explains many different ways in which the Christian community is involved in social action, and for the appointment of a new social media co-ordinator.
- 7. The Healing Streams conference that took place in January 2018 in Wales.
- 8. The eleven churches involved in learning hubs with the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity (LICC) to become whole life discipleship churches. And the renewed engagement with Transform Work UK, encouraging Christian Workplace groups.

PRAYER ITEMS

We pray for:

- 1. Hope Bristol 2018. To pray regularly for this mission, sign up here and / or go to the 24/7 Prayer Room that will run for the duration of Hope Bristol (5pm Tues 3rd 5pm Saturday 7th). This will be at Severn Vineyards' offices at The Power House, 88 Feeder Rd, St.Philips, Bristol, BS2 0TH.
- 2. A generous response to the Bristol Churches City Fund and film. The website tells us how to donate.
- 3. Preparations for the City Hall gathering on 5th May, half way through Marvin Rees' term as Mayor, which raises awareness about how the Christian community is engaging with the City Office and explores how we can work together even more over the next two years.
- 4. More church leaders to get involved with the prayer breakfasts being held three times a year at St Stephens Church and for more church leaders to catch the vision of "stitching the city together" across divides, especially between the North and South of the city. For more information about these prayer breakfasts for church leaders, contact Silas Crawley: silasandannie@gmail.com
- 5. Progress for Offers from the Christian community which have been made to the Mayor's City Office, Some 'Offers' in development, include Social Prescribing, Debt Support, Parenting and Relationships courses and Early Intervention to help children in schools.
- 6. The follow up to Movement Day, for a gathering to help the Christian community update its Big Vision for a Good Bristol until 2035 and to engage with Bristol's "One City Plan" for 2050.
- 7. The success of the youth apprenticeship programme being carried out by the council called <u>Bristol Works</u>. Pray for many Christian business owners to offer apprenticeships and work experience in their workplaces and for more Christian Workplace Groups.
- 8. World Sports Ministries as they prepare for Easter camps. And for wisdom about staging a Passion Play in Bristol next Easter (2019)!

Please email us if you no longer wish to receive these prayer bulletins.

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