



TOGETHER4BRISTOL PRAYER UPDATE: SUMMER 2019

Hi everyone

God is doing so many exciting things across the region, making Bristol a City of Hope! Here are a few examples of the Christian community **working together** across the Bristol region in the last few months, with **Praise** for what has happened recently and **Prayer** for the rest of 2019. **Please pass these on to all your contacts to encourage them and for prayer!**

PRAISE POINTS

We thank God for:

1. The public launch of Bristol as a "City of Hope", at the One City gathering on July 5th at City Hall. Pray that a plaque commemorating this, will soon be alongside the City of Sanctuary plaque in City Hall. To find out how to get involved (eg with a banner outside your church) see [here](#)
2. The launch of the new website Christian Action Bristol (the Politics and Social Action sphere of Together4Bristol). See [here](#). Pray it will be used to its full potential.
3. Thy Kingdom Come with about 350 people at the Cathedral in June, as part of a global wave of prayer (initiated by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York), to pray that people would come to know the love of God. Pete Grieg of 24/7, will speak next year on the evening of 31 May.
4. The development in a couple of churches of the One Church, One Day prayer initiative to cover the city in continual prayer. Pray for this to spread across many other churches during 2019. For more information contact the Crawleys: silasandannie@gmail.com
5. The [Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter](#), which ran from January until the end of March. It was very successful, with over 500 volunteers. Finance is still needed: to donate, see [here](#)
6. The Keyboard 2020 networker, Carmen Carrol, who started in April, to connect across the black-led churches.
7. The Christian community's increased involvement in the the Mayor's [City Office](#), including the [One City Plan](#) (a vision for Bristol in 2050 as a fair, healthy and sustainable city of hope) and the latest One City gathering in July, see [here](#)
8. The [Feeding Bristol](#) initiative, with breakfast clubs at the 20 to 30 schools in Bristol with the highest proportion of children on free school meals (up to 75%). For the full-time Project Manager (Maurice Di Rosso, a member of Christchurch Clifton).
9. Also for an Appeal in May, whose initial target of £100,000 was reached in just over a day, to help address hunger over the Summer holidays – targeting support for as many as possible of the 11,000 children in the city on free school meals, vulnerable to food insecurity during holidays.
10. Progress for 7 Offers from the Christian community which have been made to the City Office. For example, [CAP](#) Money Matters courses are provided in 4 Children's Centre hubs. The first CAP Centre in South Bristol has opened, with Rachel Goodchild making good progress (see here).
11. For various recent conferences by the spheres, including the Kingdom Creatives' (Arts sphere) Outreach Gatherings at the Colston Hall and at Trinity College. **Save the date: Sat 5 October.** "Press Red": Violence and abuse against women worldwide. All day conference and evening gig.

PRAYER POINTS

We pray for:

1. The completion of a new website which combines the old Bristol Networks and Together4Bristol websites. If you want to contribute to an appeal for some final work on the Bristol Networks, please find out how [here](#). Pray also for a new website, called Bristol Threads, to help spread good news stories across the city.

2. The [Bristol Churches City Fund](#). The website has a film and tells us how to donate. There is also a call for grant applications (closing date August 30 see [here](#)).

3. The Keyboard 2020 networker, to connect across over 30 black-led churches in the region, to help them be stronger together and to engage more with the rest of the Christian community, and to help everyone collaborate together on issues of racial justice. To find out more: ask for details about a gathering on the evening of 27th November, from keyboardnetworker@gmail.com.

4. The Christian community's engagement with the Mayor and council to keep developing, for example through the various Offers to City Office mentioned in the Praise points above. Also through parenting and relationships courses (Family sphere) in Children's Centres and schools and [Home for Good](#), helping to find 30 homes in Bristol to foster and adopt vulnerable children. See the [video](#) and contact Clare Walker: clare.walker@homeforgood.org.uk

5. And through the church leaders' prayer breakfasts with the Mayor at St Stephen's Church. The next one is September 12th from 7am to 8.30am. If you are a church leader, contact Silas Crawley: silasandannie@gmail.com

6. The [Burn 24/7](#) Bristol worship gatherings over 2019, as they experience some stripping back and pruning. To find out more contact Joseph Davies: jdavies@theburn247.com

7. The [Bristol Housing Festival](#)'s progress with ZEDpods and Launchpad, which has recently gained planning permission (see [here](#)). For the next exhibition, in the Autumn, to re-imagine affordable housing solutions for the city.

8. The writing of an excellent Manifesto from the Faith community during 2019, in time for the 2020 Mayoral election.

9. The Sport sphere, with many gatherings and camps over the summer holidays, as they help churches use the 2019 Rugby World Cup to engage with their local communities. For more information, contact Akeel Yousaf: sport.t4b@gmail.com

10. The Gather Collective (a group from the 139 "unity for mission movements" (Together4Bristol) transforming towns and cities across the UK, who are coming to Bristol on 14th and 15th November, to find out about our work across the spheres, especially with Christian Action Bristol (the Politics and Social Action sphere) and our engagement with the Mayor, Council and One City Office.

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