

# May Dartford Prosper

## February 2022

### Praying for the Town, the Community and the Church

Welcome to 'May Dartford Prosper' for February, continuing to pray for our town and nation particularly in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic. For more information contact [lizpooley@hotmail.com](mailto:lizpooley@hotmail.com)

*"I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." Jn 17.22-23*

#### Our Neighbourhoods

Pray for those who live around you, (the two households either side of you and five opposite).

Please pray for each household, remembering especially:

- relationships and family life
- children and young people
- elderly people
- those at school and work and those who have no work
- physical and mental wellbeing and protection from Covid-19
- that we will have opportunities to be witnesses for Jesus by our words and actions

and that we will be a blessing to our neighbours by having:

- good relations with them
- sensitivity to their needs

Pray too for awareness of harmful activities, for example domestic abuse, gang culture, human trafficking and terrorism, and for safety on our streets.

Covid infection rates in Dartford are significantly lower than in other districts of Kent and show a downward trend. Since last Thursday the wearing of masks is no longer mandatory.

#### Pray

- Giving thanks that infection rates are reducing in this area. Pray that this will continue and that rates throughout Kent will start to decrease.
- That staffing levels in Darent Valley and other hospitals in this area and in care homes will be maintained or improved.
- For wisdom and good counsel for the Government in their policies towards Covid. Pray also for righteousness and justice to be upheld in all their dealings.

As with so many areas of life, the global pandemic has had a significant impact on the Church. For much of the first year, many church buildings were closed for services and Christians found new ways of meeting together, for example online and outdoors when the rules permitted. Many prophetic voices, including the British Isles Council of Prophets have said that Covid has caused a hinge point in the history of the Church: the future will be very different from what has gone before and we must resist the temptation to go back to how things used to be. <https://www.prophets.org.uk/>

Below is a list of the churches in this area and their senior leaders- my apologies for any inaccuracies or omissions:

#### *The Church in and around Dartford*

**Brent Methodist** *Tony Graff, Elizabeth Harwood*

**Christ Church C of E** *Richard Mortimer*

**COSEC Sanctuary of Hope** *Mary Olowu, Paul Pedro*

**Crossways Community Ch.** *Stephen & Sarah Brindley*

**Dartford Community Ch.** *Quinton Handscombe, Ian Travers*

**Ebbsfleet Community Ch.** *Bart Woodhouse*

**Freedom Vineyard** *Glen & Amanda, Dave & Suzanne*

**Gateway Church** *Chris & Beverley Veerasawmy*

**Good Shepherd Tabernacle** *Kelvin Ediale*

**Grace Outreach** *Paul & Joyce Fadeyi*

**Highfield Road Baptist** *Philip Wickenden*

**Holy Trinity C of E** *Martin Henwood*

**Foursquare Sutton at Hone** *Akeem & Olufunmilayo Adeyemi*

**Net Church** *Roy & Keely Morley*

**New Covenant Church** *Funmi Olajoyegbe*

**RCCG Centre of Joy** *E A Adeboye*



RCCG City of David *Segun & Liz Kingsley*  
 RCCG Grace Tabernacle  
 RCCG His Dwelling Place Connections  
 RCCG His Royal Majesty House *Dele Macaulay*  
 RCCG Immanuel Sanctuary *Nonso & Debby Molokwu*  
 RCCG King of Glory Assembly *Bisi Akinyinka*  
 RCCG The City of God *Adetutu Sofowora*  
 RCCG The End Time Harvest  
 RCCG Victory Palace  
 RCCG Vine House Outreach  
 RCCG Winners Way *Yemisi Bamgbose*  
 River Life Sanctuary *Reginald Sarpong*  
 Salvation Army *Sue Dean*  
 Southdowns Retirement Village Horton Kirby  
 Spital Street Methodist *Tony Graff, Elizabeth Harfleet*  
 St Albans C of E *Mandy Young*  
 St Andrews URC *Rita Brown*  
 St Anselms RC *Stephen Boyle*  
 St Edmunds Living Well C of E *Mandy Young*  
 St John's Sutton at Hone C of E *Emma Young*  
 St Margaret's Darenth C of E *Emma Young*  
 St Mary's Greenhithe C of E *Charlie Lloyd-Evans*  
 St Mary's Horton Kirby C of E *Emma Young*  
 St Mary's Stone C of E *Ken Clark*  
 St Michael's Wilmington C of E *Carl Chambers*

St Vincent's RC *Pat Zammit*  
 Stone Baptist *Joel Schofield*  
 Temple Hill Baptist *Marion Markwei*  
 Wilmington Community Ch. *Gordon Raggett*  
 Winners' Chapel *David Oyedepo*

#### Pray

- For the Body of Christ in this area, in all its expressions, that each will be inspired to step into the future that God has for it.
- For each senior leader and all those who share the responsibilities of leadership, for wisdom and a listening ear to what the Spirit of God is saying.
- For congregations as they adjust to the changes that have come in the last two years and a 'holy dissatisfaction' in returning to the way things were.
- For all those who, for whatever reason, have ceased to come to church since the pandemic started.
- For the many new ways that Christians have found to meet in the last two years, for the churches that have sprung up, meeting online and not limited by geography and for the many non-believers who have joined online services and have become Christians.
- Give thanks that God is not taken by surprise by Covid- he is not the author of disease but will use it to achieve His purposes: his plans are never thwarted! (Job 42:2b)



## A declaration over the Church and our Government

We declare God is raising a generation in this land, a generation passionate and focused in their love for the Lord, called to preach the gospel, to bring in revival, and restore the God-given inheritance of this Nation.

According to Revelation 1: 15, the voice of Jesus, '*was like the roar of many rushing waters*' we declare in this day, God's people will reach across denominational divides, and they will reach across racial divides, they will reach across generational divides and they will reach across national divides, that a deep and lasting healing will come to His people and a new sound be released.

From the young to the old, we decree and declare God-given shifts and changes are taking place, that His people will walk in the rest which comes from His Presence, fully aligned and equipped with new strategies crafted for the season ahead. We agree they will walk in agreement in heart, vision and purpose under the Headship of Jesus, they will be 'as one' (John 17) and empowered to steward every new thing that God is bringing forth.

Now Lord – we continue to pray specifically for those seated in the House of Commons, that person by person, the words of Your Spirit will be heard and established in the depth of their innermost being, that as Your Spirit moves, all those positioned to lead this nation will recognise and desire divine wisdom and knowledge

*Excerpt from declaration written by Suzanne Ferrett, Passion for the Nation, 31 January 2022 <https://passionforthenation.uk>*

## ...and a blessing over our town

We bless our communities with knowing the goodness of God, that He is for them and not against them. We bless them with knowing that His love and mercy endure forever and that it is His will that none of them should perish, but all come to salvation.

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