



**MIDHURST**  
PARISH CHURCH

# Prayer Walk

*Begin outside the church, in the town square.*

## **A prayer as I set out**

Lord God, as I set out to pray in this community today, you walk with me. Help me to recognise you in the people that I see. Open my eyes to your desires for my town and help me to pray that your will be done. Pour your blessing upon Midhurst and its people.

*The Caleb prayer.*

**O High King of Heaven have mercy on our land.  
Revive your church; send the Holy Spirit  
for the sake of the lost, the least, and the broken.  
May your Kingdom come in this community  
and to our nation. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.**

*As you walk, be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit leading you to pray for the people, places and situations that you see.*

## **Near to The Grange, pray for community groups, charities, and local government.**

Blessed are you, gracious God. You are the king of all creation, every nation, every city, town and village, this and every community. I will give you glory and praise for ever!

We stand by the Grange a place where our community gathers for activities and clubs, where charities like Rother Valley together meet, where we can use the library and where we come to vote. We pray for our local government, for those who serve on the Town Council, the District and County Councils and all those who work for and with them including the Midhurst Vision group. Guide them and strengthen them as they work to provide the services that we rely upon and to build community.

We pray for the charities in our town, for Rother Valley Together who provide companionship, meals and activities for the elderly. For the Foodbank, helping people in times of crisis. For the Pest House charity, the Betty Martin Charity, the Midhurst green volunteers, Tandem and the Yellow Bus, Mind and the Midhurst Angels. We ask you to bless all those who benefit from their services and the staff and volunteers who work with kindness and generosity.

We pray for the staff here at the Grange and at other places of leisure and community activity, for those who run groups, clubs, and organisations in our town. Bless them in their work which blesses us in our town.

Lord God, pour your blessings upon Midhurst and all its people. In Jesus name, Amen!

*Rev Dave*

## **Near to Midhurst Primary School, pray for our schools and nurseries, children and families.**

Blessed are you, gracious God. You are the king of all creation, every nation, every city, town and village, this and every community. I will give you glory and praise for ever!

Father, we pray for Midhurst Primary School – our school. We give thanks for the dedication and commitment of the staff, and the leadership shown by Sally. Protect all the staff and help them in their work. Bless the children in their care and keep them safe, strong, happy and kind.

We pray that our school will be a place of great discovery, adventure, creation and fun. We pray too for all our schools, nurseries and for all the children and families in Midhurst. Keep them safe and bring them joy.

Lord God, pour your blessings upon Midhurst and all its people. In Jesus name, Amen!

*Chrissie Abbott – School Governor*

## **On North Street, pray for shops, cafés, and businesses.**

Blessed are you, gracious God. You are the king of all creation, every nation, every city, town and village, this and every community. I will give you glory and praise for ever!

Lord, as we stand in the centre of this town, we pray for all who contribute to its commercial life. We pray for our shops and shopkeepers, and that all who are able to 'shop locally', in order to support them and their businesses. We pray for companies who have their offices in the town, and for their staff.

We also remember the restaurants and cafes, places that provide us not only with food and drink, but with the opportunity to meet friends and to socialise together.

May you bless the endeavours of all these places.

Lord God, pour your blessings upon Midhurst and all its people. In Jesus name, Amen!

*Rev Jane*

## **At Midhurst Rother College, pray for MRC, young people, and youth work.**

Blessed are you, gracious God. You are the king of all creation, every nation, every city, town and village, this and every community. I will give you glory and praise for ever!

Father we thank you that Jesus showed us your heart of love for the children and young people of our community. Help us to do everything we can so that they will know how much you love them and want them to know you.

We pray today for Midhurst Rother college and all the staff and students at this school. With the pressures of covid making the day to day running more challenging we pray for peace and health for all at MRC.

Today, young people are crippled by the pressures of our increasingly digital culture. Huge numbers of young people come from broken families and there has also been a huge rise in anxiety, depression and eating disorders among young people. We pray that the pressures the young people are facing will ease and that they would feel guided and comforted by your love.

Lord with exam season fast approaching we lift up to you all the young people in our town who have GCSE and A level exams this summer. We pray especially for all members of our ignite youth group who are finding this season stressful and are feeling overwhelmed by the mountain of work ahead of them. Help them to trust in you and know that when they put their faith in you, miracles can be accomplished. We pray that you would be renewing their minds and strengthening their spirit. Help them persevere through the massive to-do lists and the busy schedules and help the ignite members to keep their eyes fixed on you throughout it all.

Lord we know that there are many obstacles to the young people in our community worshipping you, there are many things that hold them back. We pray for the message of the Bible to reach all young people in Midhurst; for Churches working with young people in our town and organisations who support young people. We pray that Jesus would be known, and God's love would be understood by young people across our community, who He is and who He has made them to be.

Lord God, pour your blessings upon Midhurst and all its people. In Jesus name, Amen!

*Beth – Youth and Children's Minister*

### **Near to the Surgery, pray for health and care in our community.**

Blessed are you, gracious God. You are the king of all creation, every nation, every city, town and village, this and every community. I will give you glory and praise for ever!

Loving God, as we stand here close to our medical centre, Macmillan unit and one of our pharmacies we remember healthcare workers throughout our town and community.

We give thanks for the medical practitioners and volunteers who have worked tirelessly, enabling us the privilege of receiving vaccinations locally here and in the town.

We ask for your blessing and strength for all who care for and support people in their own homes and care homes also those who live in Midhurst and travel elsewhere to work in healthcare settings.

Lay your gentle hands on all who work to heal and care and speak to soothe, that they may be refreshed and renewed.

Lord God, pour your blessings upon Midhurst and all its people. In Jesus name, Amen!

*Jenny Dennett – Pastoral Lay Minister*

### **At the ruins, pray for the sports, recreation and the countryside in and around our town.**

Blessed are you, gracious God. You are the king of all creation, every nation, every city, town and village, this and every community. I will give you glory and praise for ever!

Here at by the ruins we are reminded of the sports clubs that meet in our town, of polo matches, MADhurst and country walks. We are reminded of the history and beauty of our town and the surrounding area.

We give you thanks for the sports clubs that bring enjoyment and exercise to many in our community. The Rugby club, Cricket club, Tennis, bowls, football, climbing, polo, walking football, and other clubs. For the Midhurst milers, exercise classes, friends who meet for walks, for cyclists and dog walkers. Thank you that you have given us bodies to use and for all the opportunities we have to make use of them in our town. We give thanks for the people who organise these groups and for all who take part in them.

We pray with thankfulness for MADhurst and all who work to put on a wonderful festival of music, arts, and drama every Summer - bringing the community together. Bless their work as they prepare this year's programme.

We thank you for the joy of green spaces, open countryside and trees. We pray for those who look after them, for farmers, land-owners, and the Cowdray estate. We ask you to help them, and us to love, protect, and preserve your good creation for our community - now and in future generations - to enjoy.

Lord God, pour your blessings upon Midhurst and all its people. In Jesus name, Amen!

*Rev Dave*

### **Looking towards the Methodist Church pray for the churches in our community.**

Blessed are you, gracious God. You are the king of all creation, every nation, every city, town and village, this and every community. I will give you glory and praise for ever!

Looking over towards the Methodist Church, we pray for people of faith in our town and for its churches and places of worship.

We thank you Lord for the churches that serve our community - for our sisters and brothers from other denominations, for the churches of our own deanery, and for all those who lead and serve them. We pray that you would grant us greater unity, that our shared mission of making Jesus known in word and deed would see more people come to know you and love you in our town and surrounding villages.

We thank you for opportunities to share time with people of other faiths and pray for interfaith relations in this area.

Increase your work in this town, help your churches here to be your hands and feet, working in love and cooperation to build your Kingdom in this place.

Lord God, pour your blessings upon Midhurst and all its people. In Jesus name, Amen!

*Rev Dave*

### **Back at Midhurst Parish Church, pray for the Church's mission and ministry in our town.**

Lord God, we ask you to bless the work of our church, our ministry and mission, our fellowship, learning, and all that we share together.

We thank you for the history of the church here. For this wonderful building that speaks of your presence here in this town throughout centuries whilst people, buildings, and all else comes and goes. You remain a steadfast loving presence for the people of this town. Help us to build upon all that has gone before as we look to the future. Help us to hold fast to you as we seek to be the church that our town needs at this time and moving forwards.

Grants that we may grow in our desire and ability to serve our community. Increase our presence in this town, that we may be known as a people of faith and kindness and as a sign of your love.

We thank you for all who are members of our church and all who visit for services or to find you in the peace of this place. Bless us and guide us as we seek to grow your church in this place.

*Rev Dave*

*You may like to end with the words of the Lord's Prayer.*

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.