

Prayer Focus 20th January 2019

Let true justice prevail..... Deuteronomy 16:20

God of all, you have shown us the path of justice.

You are the father of the orphan.

You are the constant companion of the widow.

You are the friend of the stranger.

In each of these, may we meet you and recognize the wind of your Spirit,
moving us toward the need for justice.

In all that we do, may we know your grace and mercy and offer healing and justice in your name.

God of justice, grant me the wisdom to see right from wrong.

Let my heart be guided by honesty and my lips speak truth.

In times of doubt, cloak me in courage the colour of trust.

Birth in me the passion for unity and peace so that I may be a good news bearer for all.

God of all humanity your Son was born into a line of men and women,
ordinary and extraordinary.

Some of them were remembered for their great deeds, others more for their sins.

Give us an open heart to share your unbounded love,
and to embrace all who experience discrimination.

Help us to grow in love beyond prejudice and injustice.

Grant us the grace to respect the uniqueness of each person,
so that in our diversity we may experience unity.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen

EBC & Local Focus:- Pray for all the churches in Swanage during this week of Christian unity, especially those involved in the United service that true unity of purpose will prevail.

Pray that the daily prayer times at St Edwards and the Holy Spirit will be well attended.

The two themes this year are Justice and our local community, pray that everyone will be respected and treated as God intended.

Street of the Week:- Sambourne Close

National & World Prayer Points:- Open Doors launched it's 2019 World Watch List last week. Over 100 parliamentarians attended and Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt acknowledged the work of Open Doors and announced a review of persecuted Christians. For the fifth year running persecution of Christians has increased with North Korea again heading the list.

Please pray for:-all of the parliamentarians who attended the launch, that they would be impacted and spurred to action on behalf of persecuted Christians

That the review will lead to greater awareness of Christian persecution, and, most importantly, concrete change for our brothers and sisters.

Pray for national unity and mutual respect of each other at this time.