

## **Prayer Focus 27th January 2019**

**'...if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.'**

**Isaiah 58:10**

Loving God,

Thank you for the community of faith to which we belong.  
Give each of us the wisdom to see how we can put our faith into action,  
and then give us the courage to act.

We pray for a fresh wave of compassionate action in the church,  
so that the 'night will become like the noonday.'

In Jesus' name, amen.

**EBC & Local Focus:-** Pray for the heating situation to be resolved. Give thanks and bless those who have been generous in giving towards the new boiler.

Pray for all those who are suffering from the nasty viruses doing the rounds.

Pray for the successful launch of new Community Prayer Calender which is a Churches Together initiative. Pray that the community will be aware that Christians in Swanage are wanting to be involved and are supportive of the town.

Pray for the ferry to be back in action very soon. Pray for those businesses who have been badly effected by the ferry not running.

Pray for safety on the A351 with increased traffic and road works.

### **Street of the Week Community Prayers :- Days Road**

### **Community Prayer Diary:- Swanage Methodist Church - Rec'd Mark Kimber**

### **National & World Prayer Points:-**

**WORLD WATCH LIST: AFGHANISTAN (#2)** Those who decide to follow Jesus in Afghanistan must do so in complete secret. Islam is seen as part of Afghan identity, and leaving Islam is seen as a betrayal by families and communities. Those who are discovered may be sent to a mental hospital - their families believe no sane person would leave Islam. They may also be beaten or even killed by family members or Islamic extremist groups like the Taliban.

**PLEASE PRAY:** Lord Jesus, thank You that You see our faithful, courageous brothers and sisters in Afghanistan. Affirm their identity in You, and give them the strength to keep following You in secret. May You protect them and provide for them, and give them safe places to meet in Your Name. We pray especially for Christians who have been discovered, and have been beaten or imprisoned - please comfort them by Your Spirit.

The Queen has urged people to find "common ground" and to respect "different points of view". Give thanks for the Queen and her Christian faith. There has been a largely positive response to her speech, pray that those involved in Brexit will follow her advice. Pray for the Government that they will be able to reach a good outcome for the majority of the UK.