

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus

## Invite to join 24/7 Prayer in Ipswich

I would like to share a testimony with you. In November 2022 I started reading Red Moon Rising, by Pete Greig about the story of 24/7 prayer. No sooner had I been reading about the conversion of his father-in-law, Tony, a hardened police officer than I met Tony face to face on a cruise ship heading to the Caribbean and something was stirring in me. This led to my wife and I volunteering at the Wildfires festival in May 2023 where we witnessed first-hand a powerful work of God's Holy Spirit especially amongst Teens and Twenties and it was here, I felt a clear call to seek to establish 24/7 Prayer in Ipswich. The challenge for the church was 'are we willing to contend in prayer for the next generation?'

Like all callings, they need to be tested and so I shared it with Liz Beaton from Ipswich in Prayer. Simon Scott from CYM had been talking to Liz about 24/7 prayer recently. It turned out, unbeknown to me that several had carried this desire for a 24/7 prayer room in Ipswich for many years, but the timing had not been right. We believe the timing is now right and it coincides with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 24/7 prayer being established in the U.K.

In October we attended The Gathering in Vienna, the European 24-7 prayer conference. The overwhelming message for me was God is looking for people who will travail in prayer. Travailing prayer has seemingly been at the heart of every revival in history.

Psalm 126 v 5 was a keynote verse - 'Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy'.

## What do we need? NO, NOT MONEY !!

For a 24-7 prayer room we need three things. The first two, a venue and a means of organising time slots are in place.

The venue will be Holy Trinity Church Hall,

Back Hamlet, IP3 8AJ, courtesy of Rev Susan and Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council.

The second item is a booking system for slots which we have courtesy of 24-7 Prayer for the initial period of Lent 2024, commencing Midnight on Tuesday 13 February.

The third and most vital need is people who want to pray night and day. **Please will you consider helping by spreading the word that this is going to happen!** It might be you would consider taking responsibility for a period of time and booking a slot as a Church, as a life group, as an organisation, or as an individual using the link below:

<https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/8c5c69>

Ipswich in Prayer, CYM and Bishop Mike are fully supportive and we hope every church in Ipswich will want to be part of this demonstration of unity in prayer.

## The plan and practicalities

Before Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem, there was a period of mourning, fasting and prayer. The suggestion is that as individuals we set aside the first 40 days of 2024 from 1 January to 9 February to particularly focus on repentance on behalf of the nation and our town remembering the martyrs who lost their lives in Ipswich.

There would then be a 4 day window to prepare the venue before the prayer commences. Access would be through a key safe with code being supplied nearer the time. A kitchen and toilet facilities are at the venue and some car parking.

An offer has been made to underwrite the costs (mainly heating) but there will be an opportunity to donate at the prayer room.

Contact Chris Ginn,  
Email [prayer@c-y-m.org.uk](mailto:prayer@c-y-m.org.uk)

Please note: the 24/7 Prayer room is distinct from public access prayer spaces. Its focus is interceding with God for the Ipswich area.