



RESOURCING THE WIDER CHURCH

FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

READING CHRISTIAN NETWORK (RCN)

Lord, thank you for 21 years of Reading Christian Network, praying and worshipping every Wednesday at Greyfriars, and seeking to help transform our town

Pray: for God's leading for RCN entering its 22nd year, that it continues to be a valuable resource for the town, engaging God's people in prayer and mission initiatives and seeking to resource the wider church in Reading.

SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

CHURCH PLANTING

Lord, thank you that we can play a part in transforming your church in Reading through church plants. Lead us in your wisdom as we consider any future plants

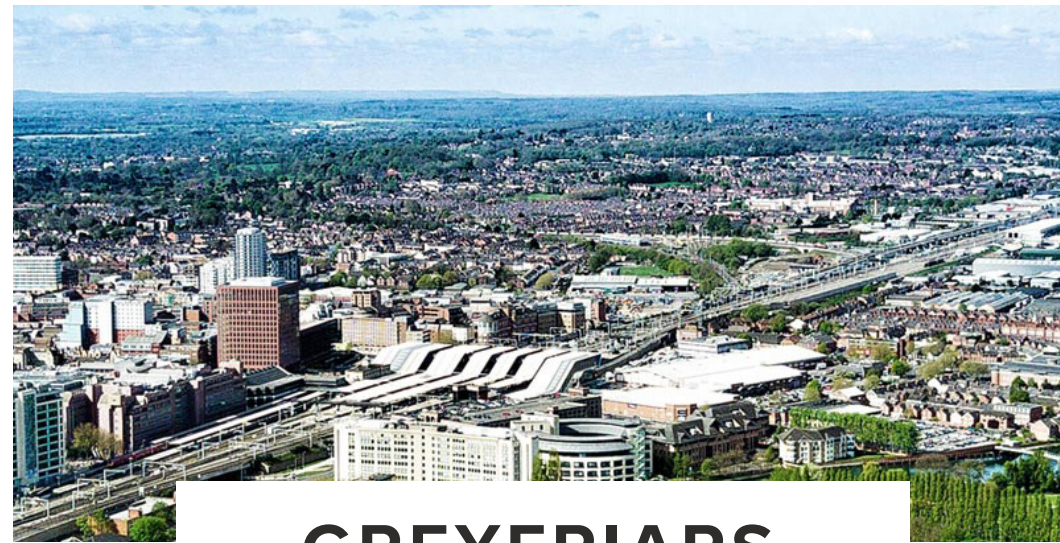
Pray: for God's blessing on St Matthew's Southcote and St John's Caversham, and his wisdom for us and the Diocese of Oxford to discern where to plant churches in the Reading area.

SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Lord, help us as we seek to develop people to serve you in bringing transformation elsewhere in your kingdom

Pray: for God's wisdom as we invest in those he is calling to serve in other churches and ministries.



GREYFRIARS AND NEW HOPE

VISION PRAYER GUIDE

'to see Reading transformed by the love and power of Jesus'

Please use this resource as a guide to pray each day from Sunday 9 September to Sunday 23 September as we journey through our series on vision.

DAILY PRAYER

We pray that every one of us will play our part in seeing Reading transformed by the love and power of Jesus





EQUIPPING THE CONGREGATION

SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Lord, may each one of us be transformed to be like Jesus as we pray & worship him

Pray: for God to transform us as we take part in Kingdom Come prayer evenings (10 October), prayer ministry, Living Free, the 10 days of prayer (9 – 19 September in the Abbey ruins), and the Reading Burn 24-7 evenings (14 Sept).

MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER PREACHING & TEACHING

Lord, thank you for your living word. May we all be hungry for you, and open to your transforming power as you speak to us through preaching and teaching

Pray: for preaching and teaching for all ages, including our children, young people and adults; for God's anointing and empowering for all the preachers and teachers.

TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER SMALL GROUPS

Lord, may every small group have you at the centre, so each person may flourish, be transformed by Christ and equipped to reach out to others with your love

Pray: that our small groups grow in fellowship, spiritual maturity and missional outlook; for the Holy Spirit to transform lives, and sustain and empower group leaders.

Pray: for God to raise up new leaders, and increase the number of groups around Reading, with more and more people belonging to a small group.

WEDNESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER PASTORAL WORK

Lord, thank you for your love for us. Help us to love and look out for one another. May we see more and more of your healing and transforming work among us

Pray: that we will show the love of Christ to one another whenever we meet. Pray that no-one is missed out or lonely.

THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER THEOLOGICAL STUDY AND COURSES

Lord, transform us as we learn through the courses we run. Expand and renew our minds through a deeper understanding of who you are and what we are called to

Pray: that God will equip us through every course at Greyfriars and New Hope, so that we think more like Jesus and are effective in our witness for Christ, and see more people coming to faith.

FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES

Lord, thank you for our Sunday services at Greyfriars and New Hope. Transform, equip and empower us by your Spirit to be your ambassadors in our everyday lives.

Thank God: for everyone who serves us, in whatever way, each Sunday. Pray that God will bless and refresh them as they serve.



REACHING OUT IN MISSION

SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Lord, may every child and young person in our congregations come to know you. Help us all reach many young people and families so we see our town transformed

Pray: for Kidzone, Stable Trail and Toddlers within our churches, and increasing opportunities to share the Gospel in schools (eg through REInspired, Learn4Life, partnership with EP Collier).

SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER GREYFRIARS NURSERIES

Lord, may the staff, parents and children at the Greyfriars and Globe nurseries be introduced to you and know your love for them

Pray: for the GML Board, and the newly appointed Greyfriars Nurseries Pastor who will focus on ministry and mission from the church to the nurseries, so we see lives transformed in our town.

MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER POOR AND MARGINALISED

Lord, bless the agencies we partner with to help those who are homeless, unemployed, struggling with addictions, mental health, or marginalised in society

Pray: for excellent working relationships between agencies across our town; and for breakthrough and transformation for many people through their work.

Pray: for the refugee project, and our application to the Home Office to house a family.

TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER STUDENTS

Lord, we pray for the 15,000 Reading University students, more and more of whom live in our parish. Help us to welcome them and introduce them to you

Pray: for our work with the Chaplaincy at the University and with Fusion as we seek to reach out to the students.

WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER INTERNATIONAL MISSION

Lord, bless our mission partners, the Greyfriars Missionary Trust and the Redevelopment Tithe Fund, donating money to international and local mission projects

Pray: for everyone involved in international mission, to know God at work in them and through them to help bring transformation to others.

THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER PARISH

Lord, we pray for all those who live or work in our parish, that you will draw them to find you and be overwhelmed and transformed by your amazing love

Pray: for everyone who comes on site this week, that they may know God's presence;

Pray: for our site redevelopment plans to honour God and be exactly as he wants them to be;

Pray: for many to be introduced to Jesus through Alpha and through weddings, baptisms and funerals held here. May we all play our part in bringing the love of Jesus to people.