



CIVIC COMMUNITY LINKS PRAYER NEWSLETTER

February 2018.

Dear Friends,

This is the first of what, God-willing, will be a reasonably regular prayer letter aiming to encourage the Church in Harlow to be praying for civic leaders in our town. It is not intended to be party political, but to be praying for God's Kingdom to come and His Will to be done in our town. Please feel free to forward the prayer letters to others, and to use them in personal or in intercessory prayers with a local congregation, house group, etc. Whilst it is important to pray for our political leaders, we should also pray for our emergency services who make such a vital contribution to the civic life of our community.

Please give thanks for: -

- Our local and county councillors and our MP
- Council staff who work hard behind the scenes to enact decisions taken
- Our emergency services
- Christians serving in the above roles
- Cross-Party actions that have contributed to bringing Public Health England to Harlow

Please pray for: -

- The candidates in the forthcoming by-election in Little Parndon & Hare Street, following the resignation of Jon Clempner – and that the right person would be elected on 08/03/2018
- Wisdom and guidance as decisions are taken over the coming months
 - The possibility of a new hospital
 - Balancing the need for additional housing with the need to preserve (green) open space
- Councillors and council staff as the Homelessness Reduction Act comes into force on 01/04/2018. In particular, that they are fully informed and equipped regarding the Act and its transitional impact. God's grace, discernment and wisdom, together with sensitivity, are an integral part of this whole Act.
- Unity of purpose to serve people rather than partisan interests

- More Christians to be willing to put themselves forward to serve in civic roles

Thank you for your prayers. We know that God hears, and God answers.

Is there someone in your congregation who is willing to be the Civic Community Link to encourage prayer in this sphere of the town's life? If so, please e-mail thomas.newens@gmail.com

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to Him in the Church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21