

## Lighthouse Prayer Tent

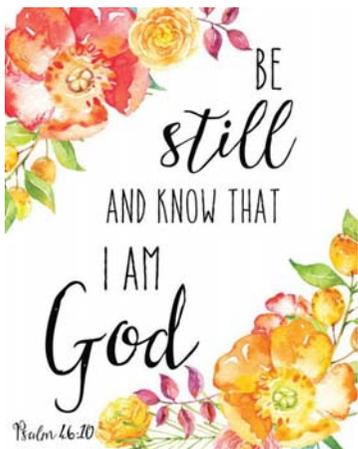
The Prayer Tent was introduced last year and is at the very heart of the site, both physically and spiritually. It is a place where children and volunteers can visit to talk, chat, ask questions and learn more about how to talk to God in prayer. Last year, the children produced some amazing prayers, and those helping in the tent found it a real blessing. If you would like to help in the prayer tent, please apply via the website, or support those praying with your own prayers at home.

## Praying for our children

Children are a gift - an amazing blessing from God. Every single day we may find ourselves doing a lot for our kids, loving and caring for them, nurturing, teaching, training, helping, leading, equipping, encouraging, protecting and so much more. We spend precious hours just living out life, helping with homework, and driving them to activities. We spend money on sports, lessons, and various classes to help them grow and become all they can be, providing opportunities for them to do what they most love in this world. But in the midst of busy, full lives, we have to ask ourselves: Are we praying? I mean, *really* praying specific, powerful, promise-filled, hope-inspired prayers. Are we praying God's powerful Word and promises over their lives?

"The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26



Psalm 46:10

## The little children and Jesus

People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'

Luke 18:15-17



# Prayer Bulletin July 2018



*'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer'*  
**Romans 12:12**

*We hope this bulletin will encourage your prayer throughout this month—individually, in Prayer Triplets and in Life Groups.*

*Our weekly church prayer meeting is on Wednesdays at 9am.*



## This year's Theme is: Go

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

*And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

**Matthew 28:19-20**

At this year's Lighthouse we'll be looking at the Great Commission given to us by Jesus and how the disciples took these instructions and grew the church in the early days. The Great Commission is a command to **go and spread the gospel - the good news - of the salvation of Christ**. The ultimate mission is an instruction to all of us to carry on the good works that Jesus started. But how do we do that? What might we face along the way? Why are we called to be like a 'Lighthouse'? Do we have to travel to the ends of the Earth, and if so, what do we do once we get there? We'll be showing how we can all spread the Gospel to everyone, no matter how old you are or how far you travel.

## Commissioning Service 6pm Sunday 29th July, Big Top

The commissioning Service is open to everyone and most importantly all the helpers as we receive prayer for all that we need to make Lighthouse such a fantastic event. We pray that God will provide all the energy, good health and opportunities to be a blessing to all the children attending and their families.



### Little Lighthouse for children aged 0 to 4 yrs

Little Lighthouse has been running for a number of years and regularly attracts 70 children with their parents and carers. Little Lighthouse Volunteers are needed to coordinate one or more of the morning sessions

which involves teaching, play, worship and craft. The teaching materials are all provided. Please pray that people will step forward to fill these roles.

### Sponsor a child

We run Lighthouse entirely through the hard work of volunteers, but we still need to purchase or hire equipment to ensure that the children have the best possible week. **It costs around £70 per child for a week of Lighthouse fun**, which means we need to raise around £30,000 per year! Throughout the year, we run fundraising events, and encourage others to donate as much as they can.

At Lighthouse we don't want any child to be excluded from a week of fun and the message that God loves them! For that reason we do not ask for a set fee for children to attend, and are happy for parents to donate an amount that they feel they can afford. All the helpers at Lighthouse volunteer their time but the tents, toilets and equipment do cost money. It is our policy however that no child should be excluded because we do not have enough funds.

Please consider sponsoring a child and donate whatever you can afford. We welcome any and all donations, no matter how small. To donate, please go to the Lighthouse website.

<https://www.princesrisboroughlighthouse.co.uk/>



### Prayers for the Lighthouse Team

Matt Kemp is this year's Chair, ably assisted by Lizzie Tinsley. Elaine Hassall, helped By Tina Butler, is in charge of the administration, and this

year they are operating a new system introduced by Lighthouse Central. Huw Williams will be leading the Worship Band. Age Group Leaders this year are: Vicky Bant, Stella Upton, Charlotte Smith, Dan Beesley, Lauren Kendall, Isabelle Bryant, Ryan Romano and Hannah Belsham. Fran McMullan is leading the Craft Team tent, Jacky Odell is in the Quiet Tent and there is still a vacancy for the Sports Leader. The refreshments tent is coordinated by Jenny Pearce.

### Site Set-up and breakdown

Each year the Lighthouse Team is faced with the enormous task of setting-up the facilities (from 26th to 29th July) and then breaking them down on the Saturday and Sunday (4th & 5th August). If you are able to help, even just for an hour or two, this would be very much appreciated. The Mainstage team are literally exhausted at the end of the week, and it is too much to ask them to help dismantle everything as the weekend.

Please pray that volunteers will come forward to help.

Contact Matt Kemp (07872024007) or Gary Dawson (07428481536) for more info.

### Assistant Site Manager

We need someone to support the Site Manager, Gary Dawson, and oversee site help during the week.

### Security

Overnight presence is need to help keep the site secure from 7pm to 8am from Thurs 26th July to Sunday 29th July, and also on Sat 4th August.

A caravan is provided to sleep in!

