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**Week of Prayer  
4 – 10 October 2015**

## **Feedback**

We asked for some feedback from those who prayed during the Week of Prayer. As well as some thoughts and specifics about what people did, there were some “pictures” and “words” that God seemed to give.

We've received a few things and as with all prophetic type words, please weigh them carefully and ask God for further revelation where appropriate in the context of Scripture.

There seemed to be a general theme of water, rivers, streams, waterfalls, a flood of God's blessing, which was reflected in the fact we decided to have a “river” in our Week of Prayer, Prayer Spaces. The river started with a call to contemplate Ezekiel 47 – the river of God from the Temple – and contained various scriptures and scripture based phrases on cards on our theme of the Week; Reconciliation, Renewal and Revival.

The words from Isaiah 43: 19 -21 also seemed prominent in my mind, the passage that begins:

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*

Here is a summary of what has been reported back. I have removed the names of those who wrote them where applicable for confidentiality:

- Evening! I just wanted to let you know that I did, as promised, pray about Chelmsford from 8-9 this morning. I thought I'd tell you, because you might not get much feedback about how the hours are going, and might be wondering if all is progressing as scheduled.  
I got off the bus early and found a nice walk through the Chelmer Valley path, praying as I walked about the suggested prayer points as well as things that I noticed as I was walking. It was a very uplifting time. So thank you for giving me the opportunity to do it.  
I will continue to pray that the week will proceed well, and for the week of Chelmsford 24-7 Prayer. God bless..
- When I was praying with “S” yesterday in our afternoon slot we had the following when we spent some time listening at the end of our prayer time:  
“S” (I had not told her about the river picture or the way the prayer spaces have been using it):  
The river in Chelmsford runs through the centre, through places of beauty and industrial areas and housing. Prayer is like a river going through every part of the community, giving life.
- I saw people round a maypole but they weren't dancing and plaiting ribbons. They were standing round the pole prayerfully and attentively, holding the ribbons high at full stretch. The variety of coloured ribbons represented our variety of churches and personalities but also God's rainbow - that reminder of the promises of God. I saw that the ribbons held in this way made a church without walls - a safe place, a holy place where people could come in and be welcomed. I was reminded of Ps. 133 - where there is unity the Lord bestows His blessing.

- Last night I was reminded of Isaiah 55:8-11. The Blessings and Scriptures that we are proclaiming over Chelmsford during the 40 days of prayer are God's word and will not return to Him empty but will accomplish what He purposes.
- I think the week of prayer was very significant in 2 ways:
  - 1) continuing to establish in the spiritual realms that Jesus is Lord and that we are going to stand together to see revival and renewal in our city...we are not amongst those who will pull back...we continue to have confident trust in God for this (Heb 10:35-39 )We are in this for the long haul!
  - 2) continuing to raise the awareness of 24-7 and gather people to the vision.
- A phone call from "M" - Had a Vision during her prayer slot-  
Picture of a waterfall in the distance and a rough river coming towards with stones & rocks in it. Behind a beautiful light appeared.
- Southend & Castle Point Churches also had a 24 hours of prayer, 9-10 October, which overlapped with ours. David went to this for 4 hours on the 9<sup>th</sup> and also there was the leader of a prayer movement in London. Whilst we were praying, he said he had a word concerning the Peasants Revolt, back in 1381 and the shedding of blood on the land. I immediately recalled reading about this in a Chelmsford local history book. I found this quote:

*"Between the first and sixth of July, 1381, King Richard II was in Chelmsford putting down the peasant's revolt, ordering the execution of rebels and sending out instructions to various parts of the country"*

So much bloodshed was ordered from Chelmsford all those centuries ago. I felt that I needed to declare an apology and repentance on behalf of our City, the place I have lived all of my life, which I did.

**There were also some relevant comments written in the Prayer Journal that we often leave in our Prayer Spaces. These are reproduced on the pages that follow**

David Gilbey  
20 October 2015

7/19/15 Week of Prayer - Prayer Space, Chelmsford Cathedral III III III

A year ago, when Chelmsford 24-7 was just a name, I could not have imagined sitting here this morning in St Peter's Chapel of the Cathedral praying over our City. As more & more relationships are built with the Fellowships and their leaders, from the near 100 ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> make up The Church of Jesus Christ in this City and District, it is just one of the many signs of God's favour over all of this, that today's Prayer Space was secured, free of charge, by just one email! \*

God is unifying and building together His Church here in Chelmsford like never before. This week we have pentecostals, Catholics, Methodists, Evangelicals, Anglicans, Free Church, URC and others who love Jesus praying together of one accord.

"A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" John 13:34-35

It is happening. Revival is close at hand in our City.

<sup>+ David</sup>  
\* During the Prayer Space I had a conversation with the Dean - in principal there is no reason we cannot have regular Prayer Spaces here - watch this "space"!

As I prayed this morning I was led to read Galatians 5, particularly verses 13 to the end. v19 tells us that the acts of the flesh are obvious and as we wander the streets of our city we are conscious of these. But verse 22 shows us: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance (or patience) kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. After I wrote this I looked through this prayer journal and

to my amazement found that I'd been given this same passage on 1.6.15, 4 months ago! Lord we ask that you pour into your people these wonderful fruits of the Spirit, and that as we move around our city we may exhibit them ~~to~~ as we meet people. May these fruits be obvious in our homes, our Churches, where we shop, in our cars and as we walk around. Paul reminds us in verse 14 that we are to love our neighbour as ourself. May that be true for each one of us!

7. October '15

Prayer this morning reminded me of sixty years ago when several people from different churches in Chelmsford met once a month, early in the morning, to pray for Chelmsford to be revived. God is Faithful!

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Sitting in St Peter's chapel at the Cathedral I feel so excited about the journey we are on in Chelmsford. God is uniting His church and as a result of this His river of blessing, salvation and healing is being released. As we work and pray together more of His presence and power is released.

When I looked up and saw the cabinet that holds the anointing oil for healing, baptism, confirmation and ordination the Holy Spirit said to me "I am releasing my presence over this city!"

As I read about the anointing oil: it is blessed and shared across the churches in the diocese.

This again spoke to me about the Holy Spirit being poured out across this district!

The river of God's blessing running through Chelmsford and district.