

Welcome to the FWW Prayer Guide for November. We hope it will be useful for personal prayer, but also for those who lead intercessions in church. We use the guide as the basis of our prayers at the monthly online prayer meeting, which this month is on Wednesday, November 8th, 1 – 1.30 pm. For the Zoom link, see our website or email comms@faithatwork.org.uk

In recent weeks the conflict in the Holy Land, and the growing humanitarian tragedy that has been its consequence, has come to dominate our news channels, shifting the focus from the continuing war in Ukraine. These inevitably, and rightly, are items for prayer this month, particularly as they impact economic activity. Closer to home, and alongside this, our theme is the plans of Faith at Work in Worcestershire (FWW) to seek to adapt and continue our ministry to those at work in the county.

At the heart of our plan, 'Meeting the Challenge' is recruiting new volunteers as we move towards being a 100% volunteer led organisation by January 2026. FWW already has many volunteers but, as well as growing the number of volunteer chaplains, we are now setting out to recruit volunteers to help with the practicalities of running the charity. We need new trustees, and also people to take over essential tasks. We are looking for people to help with bookkeeping, gift aid, maintaining our website, helping to run events, and to keep our database up to date, amongst other things.

Almighty God, have mercy on all caught up in conflict in our world,
and put into the hearts and minds of all the way of peace, reconciliation and justice.
We pray for economic stability in an uncertain world.

We pray for Faith at Work in Worcestershire; for new volunteers to be recruited to help run the charity, supporting the ministry of chaplains; that those we seek to serve in business and workplaces across the County may know your care, compassion and love through the ministry of chaplaincy. This we ask, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen

Especially we pray for:

- Victims of war and conflict in Ukraine and the Holy Land, and for peace and reconciliation.
- Continuing initiatives within FWW to recruit new chaplains, and find new opportunities for chaplaincy in different sectors of the economy.
- For new volunteers to help with the running of FWW, and for plans to publicise and promote this.
- For continuing discussions with regional denominational partners (Diocese, District, Synod etc) about renewing the ecumenical commitment to workplace chaplaincy through FWW's status as an Ecumenical Partnership.
- In our cycle of prayer this month for:
 - Chaplains in Upton – Any Wearing and Richard Barley.
 - Supporters of FWW, and partner congregations that support the work of FWW.

We give thanks in prayer for:

- The successful visit to the Worcester Livestock Market run by FWW in early October, as the twenty people who took part learnt about the challenges facing farmers and those who work in the sector, and about the work of the chaplains in the market.
- The life and ministry of two former chaplains with FWW and Worcestershire Industrial Mission (which became FWW) who both died in October:
 - Revd John Reader, p/t chaplain 1992 – 2007, aged 70. Pray for his widow Christine.
 - John Chaplin, former volunteer chaplain in Pershore, aged 79. Pray for his widow Elizabeth.