

## **Prayer Ministry**

### **Introduction**

Many churches offer those attending their services the chance to seek prayer for a need for themselves, to pray through a concern they have for others, or simply to share in giving thanks for God's blessings to them. They may wish to respond to whatever God is doing/saying during the course of the service.

It is important that people who take part in prayer ministry during public worship are trained, accountable and follow the church's policy on prayer ministry. An outline policy is given below, which is intended as a basis from which to work.

### **1) Purpose**

The purpose of the prayer ministry team is to actively encourage and promote prayer within the life of the church. By being open and responsive to the working of the Holy Spirit, we pray that God's love, guidance and healing power would be released for the benefit of His people and to Jesus' glory.

### **2) Expectations**

*What the Church can expect of the team members :*

- \* That each member of the team will be authorised by, and accountable to the church leadership team ie Parish Priest, PCC, leader of Prayer Ministry team.
- \* Members will be aware of and adhere to the principles set out in these guidelines.
- \* Membership will be a response to a desire to pray with people.
- \* That we will seek to be open and responsive to the Holy Spirit in prayer.
- \* That team members will be available to pray at the end of services on a rota basis.
- \* Prayer Ministry Team members will be identifiable to the church.
- \* Members will have a commitment to participate in appropriate training.
- \* That members may be asked to step down for a time of personal renewal.

*What Team members can expect from the church.*

- \* Prayer support will be provided for the team by the church.
- \* The team will have access to the leadership for advice, guidance, support and encouragement.
- \* Training will be provided as available and appropriate.
- \* There will be periodic reviews of the prayer ministry.
- \* The church will understand that personal circumstances change and members may wish to step down.

### **Qualification**

Candidates and members of the team will:

- be on the electoral roll and/or be regularly worshipping at one of the Lifestreams Churches
- have an active prayer life
- have attended an Alpha course (or similar), preferably run at Lifestreams
- have attended Prayer Ministry Training Course at Lifestreams or elsewhere approved by the Parish Priest