

ST JAMES' CHAPLAINCY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MAY 2023.

Report by Alison Adgie , Prayer Co-Ordinator.

1. The **prayer co-ordinator group** meetings have taken place at regular intervals during the year. The group consisted of Yvonne, Judie, Ruth & Alison . In September Judie stepped down & Lynne Angus joined us .

In May '22 the need was discussed for urgent prayer in the Chaplaincy with all the changes coming up . We made a list of subjects & then Ruth made up a laminated sheet which was shared out at church services. This encouraged everyone to pray daily & has been useful guidance during the past year.

Advent bags with candles & instructions how to use them to pray were made up & distributed at church.

In February Lent in a bag were again kindly made up by Ruth with a different subject each week to help us pray.

For Good Friday we planned A Time of Reflection stations , which took place in Alison's home in the morning & in Ruth's in the afternoon. These were quiet , prayerful, thoughtful times & much appreciated by those who attended.

2. WhatsApp Prayer chain.

The prayer chain has been frequently used & many requests have come in over the past year. A few new members joined the group , some doing this for the first time, which is encouraging. Updates on situations prayed for have been useful & we received some very encouraging answers to prayer, for which we are most thankful.

3. Women's Prayer & Fellowship

We have met about 3 months this past year, at Alison's home & so usually led by her. A time of worship is followed by a time of discussing a relevant subject, then prayer. Sometimes we have had a bring & share lunch , allowing for more time to develop fellowship. Some holiday visitors have joined us which all enjoyed.

4. WorldDay of Prayer.

This annual event was on Friday 3 March 2023 , we met in June & Frank's home & was very well attended. Most people I spoke to expressed a preference of joining together in a home instead of the church. This year it was organised by the women of Taiwan.