Prayer for Longbenton M.C. People - Rev Janet Jackson

On Sunday 28th June Longbenton would have shared in a final service. As this is not possible if you would like to pray for them please use this or another prayer.

“Heavenly Father, we come before you this day as we remember and give thanks for the church at Longbenton, its people and its outreach as BYCC.

We praise you for all the joys that have been shared by this church family; for our friends there; for leaders and helpers; for those who have planned and those who have cared, so that Longbenton church would be a real home for all who shared its life. We thank you for the vision of the men and women who worked and gave so that the church could be built, and we thank you for all the loving sacrifice which has been shared over the years.

As the family at Longbenton grieve the loss of their community may you grant a blessing on their lives. May they find a home church community where they feel as loved and welcomed as at Longbenton.

For those involved in mission in the church may they find a new way for their skills to be used. For those who exercised roles of leadership may they find their talents needed in another church family. For all the people of Longbenton fellowship may they still express their faith in their daily life and work, fleshing out the gospel, putting it into practice, exploring what it means in concrete and sometimes difficult situations.

Loving God, guide your people, strengthen, equip and inspire each one for service, and so may we, with them, joyfully serve you, sensitively proclaim you, and faithfully express your love for all. Always you have been with us, seen or unseen, acknowledged or unacknowledged, your spirit at work in our lives, surrounding us with your love, delivering us from evil, nurturing our faith, leading us to a deeper awareness of your eternal purpose in Jesus Christ.

We praise you that you call us to yourself each day, that we are one with all Christians, everywhere, no matter which church they attend, or which denomination they belong to. Help us to remember that wherever we may be we are called to show the world the joy and fullness of life which can be found in Jesus Christ. May the people of Longbenton continue to show your love in their new situations.

Inspire us today through the example of those who have run the race before us. Help us to play our part in continuing what they have begun, wherever we are. May the people of Longbenton’s love for you be equally as real, their worship as sincere, their witness as faithful, and their faith as strong.

Gracious God, we all stand today between the past and the future. Help us to grasp the present and live it to your glory. Give us all grace to thank and serve you in all circumstances. Prompt us to hold out a hand of friendship, care and compassion to all in need, especially those of Longbenton as they adjust to the changes in their lives and keep us and them always mindful of your love surrounding us each day. In Jesus’ name we pray. AMEN.”