



Listening

Lord, we pray for better listening skills. We pray for ourselves, and for those in positions of authority who find themselves expected to speak, but who also need to listen. We pray for those from whom answers are demanded, but who are still struggling to find the right questions. We pray for those in a situation of warring factions, where it is unpopular to concede that “the other side” has anything worthwhile to say. Help us all to keep in mind that simple message about two ears and one mouth; and always to be ready to learn before pronouncing.

Amen.

Local Councillors

Our Local MP

Government Ministers

Teachers

Parents and Grandparents

Churches Together in Shirley: August Prayers Thursday August 3rd 7 30 p.m. Psalm 40 (Message Version)

³ I waited and waited and waited for GOD.
At last he looked; finally he listened.
He lifted me out of the ditch,
pulled me from deep mud.
He stood me up on a solid rock
to make sure I wouldn't slip.
He taught me how to sing the latest God-song,
a praise-song to our God.
More and more people are seeing this:
they enter the mystery,
abandoning themselves to GOD.

⁶ Doing something for you, bringing something to you—
that's not what you're after.
Being religious, acting pious—
that's not what you're asking for.
You've opened my ears
so I can listen.

⁷⁻⁸ So I answered, “I'm coming.
I read in your letter what you wrote about me,
And I'm coming to the party
you're throwing for me.”
That's when God's Word entered my life,

Thank you, Lord, that you call us. Help us to be a little less deaf, a little more eager to respond, a little more useful: trying harder to pick up on your ideas, and being less determined to get your backing for our ideas, Amen.

holidays

Lord, we pray for those away on well-earned holidays, for those having a break but not going away, for those who can't escape the routine demands that tie them down throughout the year, for those for whom there is no let-up in the restrictions of age or disability or of caring responsibilities, for those whose financial problems mean retrenchment rather than splashing out. May all find refreshment in some form, blessed by the assurance of your love and the companionship of others' Amen.

Holiday Clubs

Open churches

Food banks

Parish visiting

Good neighbour initiatives



Chartwell

Lord, we give thanks for the opportunities to embrace the natural world, both special places that many enjoy, and our own private spaces which we co-create and treasure. Help us to notice, to cherish, and to share, and to enhance rather than diminish: passing on to future generations our sense of responsibility and our ability to enjoy. Amen.

ECO Groups

RSPB and other Nature Groups

Gardeners professional and amateur: window boxes to estates

Consumers who think about carbon footprint