

**PRAYER FOCUS**  
**AN ONLINE**  
**GUIDE**

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**CHURCH**

# **“LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY...”**

**LUKE 11:1**

Prayer focus is an important part of our church calendar. Each month we join together in No. 31 to pray with each other. What better way to continue our church unity than by continuing this ministry and joining together to pray. However, this time we won't meet in No. 31, or even on our church premises, but in our own homes over a video call.

So, if you would like to join us, read the following instructions on how you can meet with us from your own home.

# WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE?

Prayer Focus will be held on the third Monday of the month from 8-9pm over a video conferencing service called Zoom. This is a service that our Young Adults have been using twice a week to continue to meet together, and has worked well to facilitate their gatherings.

You will find a link on the next page, as well as a meeting ID and password. Once you have entered these and are admitted into the 'room', you will be able to see and hear others there (though you might be muted at the start so that it's easier to hear Michael as he shares prayer points with us). Here's how it will look (from a Young Adults Prayer Meeting).



After Michael has shared some points to pray over, you will be split into smaller rooms of 4-8 other people. These rooms are allocated randomly. If you are reluctant to be assigned randomly to a room and would prefer to be in a group of others you regularly pray with, then please send a message to [steven@railwaystreet.org](mailto:steven@railwaystreet.org) with the names of those you would like in your group (don't forget to ask them first, they

might have already been asked to be in another room or want to be randomly assigned).

We advise that once you are in your smaller room you discuss an order to pray in (this makes it easier as sometimes there can be delays in speech and it may be hard to tell who's speaking).

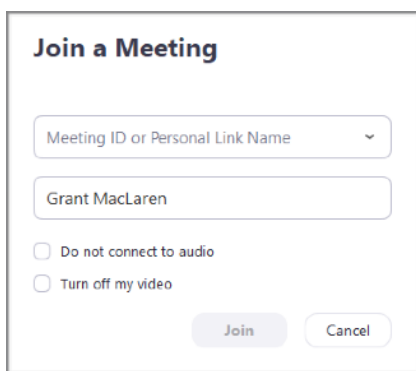
After around 20 minutes we will bring you back into the big room, where you can then chat briefly if you wish, or else leave the meeting.

# HOW DO I JOIN THE MEETING?

To join the meeting you will need either a computer or a mobile device, like a smartphone, iPad or other tablet.

You will be sent out a website link, meeting ID and password prior to each meeting. Simply click on this link, and it will open up the Zoom app. Otherwise, if you already have Zoom installed already, just open it and put in the meeting details.

Once the Zoom Client App is installed, it will ask if you want to 'join a meeting' or 'sign in'. Choose 'join a meeting'. This will take you to the screen below.

A screenshot of the Zoom 'Join a Meeting' interface. At the top, the title 'Join a Meeting' is displayed in a bold, dark blue font. Below the title is a dropdown menu labeled 'Meeting ID or Personal Link Name' with a small downward arrow on the right. Underneath the dropdown is a text input field containing the name 'Grant MacLaren'. Below the name field are two radio button options: 'Do not connect to audio' and 'Turn off my video', both of which are currently unchecked. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: a light blue 'Join' button and a light grey 'Cancel' button.

For the meeting ID, please enter the relevant meeting ID and password. These will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

We would encourage you to put your first and surname in the Display Name box.

There will some options below this. These should both be left unchecked, unless you would prefer to turn off your video. If you would like to turn off your video, you make check this option. Then, simply click join and wait to be admitted to the room.

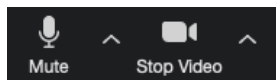
When you join the room, you might be given the option of 'join with computer audio?'. You should accept this.

Once you join the room, you can choose to view the meeting in 'speaker view' or 'gallery view', which can be found at the top right hand corner. 'Speaker view' means that you will always see whoever is currently speaking in a larger box on your screen, while the remaining participants can be seen in a smaller box. 'Gallery view' means that each person is seen in the same size of box and you can see everyone in the meeting.

On the panel at the bottom of the screen you will see a few different options, as shown below.



On the bottom left you will see a microphone that says 'mute' and a video sign that says 'stop video'. If you have a red line through the microphone or the video it means these are off and others will not be able to see or hear you. This is ok at the beginning because everyone will be muted upon entry to the room, however, you will need to click the microphone symbol when you enter smaller rooms to unmute your microphone so others can hear you.



If you are struggling to be heard in your group, click the small arrow beside the microphone symbol and make sure that you have chosen the current microphone and speakers to be using.