

Prayer week in Prayer Shop:

Martyn is promoting a week of prayer in conjunction with High Town Methodist Church, from 7th to 14th March 2010 from 48A High Town Road, opposite the church.

For background I am attaching an article I wrote for the church magazine "Grapevine" for this month. (See below)

Spiritual Journey and Prayer: Martyn Godden

On 19th November 2002 I saw the Church Hall burn and felt the heat from my office across the road. When the work started on the rebuild, the builders left the scaffold lights on in the shape of a Cross during the Christmas holidays in December 2003. That Cross became a message to me that where God wanted me to go to Church. Whilst I quietly and comfortably settled into the life of the Church I did question why here? Being across the road was not the answer!

Three years later in April 2007 I knew why, when I had my first vision about a month of prayer and a "Peace Candle". Later the same day more words came to me: "I have sown the Mustard seed, now you must water it"! The time was not right and I continued to wait and pray. In September 2007, I started a lone 6am early morning weekly prayer session. One bitter cold winter morning, I was doing a walking prayer, with a blanket over my shoulders, when I discovered a nearly empty room, with an electricity supply in it. This became my opportunity at least to create a Prayer Room. My prayers continued in more comfort praying for Luton and the growth of our Church members both spiritually and numerically. I prayed also for the right Minister to be appointed. That prayer was answered.

At the same time whilst recovering from a broken bone in my foot, the words came to me to run a marathon in front of the Church as a prayer for Luton. I have never been a runner but I became one. Later I was told to run five miles of this marathon blindfolded as a prayer for the people who did not know The Gospel. In November 2008 I ran the treadmill marathon. Last year I had the opportunity to acquire the shop next door to me after I had the thought, "Café in the Church and Church in the Café!" Slowly I am getting the shop ready to open as a Tea Shop, with opportunities for Christian outreach.

I realised that praying alone was not enough and I also had to do something more. From this I started to train as a volunteer Street Pastor representing Jesus on the streets of Luton. Early in January 2010 the vision came back again. This time for a whole week of prayer in the shop as a "Prayer Shop" to pray for the people of Luton in these difficult times. My Brothers and Sisters in Christ, this is a challenge to our Church, for which your help is needed. Other Churches will become involved in this week of prayer, so we will not be alone in this endeavour.

Have faith and believe,
Martyn.