

PRAYER STONES IN KIRTON METHODIST CHURCH GARDEN

These Prayer Stones were carved by local stonemason, Brian Ansell, and dedicated on November 1st 2020 to the memory of Rev Harry Breakspear, minister at this church and in the Felixstowe area from 1963 - 1969

The theme of the Prayer Stones is Worship, and each stone depicts a way in which we can reach out to God in prayer.

Following round from the end of the cart-shed, in an anti-clockwise direction, we come to the first prayer stone.

ADORATION

'Let the people praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you'. Psalm 67:3

The prayer stone depicts a palm branch, reminding us of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, and the crowd waving palm branches in praise and adoration.



'Hosanna ! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'.

How can we show our praise and adoration to God? Look around you at the beautiful garden, and praise God for his creation. Take time to absorb all you can see, hear and feel and offer

your praise to God.

CONFESSION

'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness'.

1 John 1:9

The cross on this prayer stone reminds us that Jesus died on the cross for all the wrong things we have done, that he loves us, and forgives us

As you gaze at the cross, say for those things you wished or said, or for the times you yourself, others, or God down. you.



sorry to God you hadn't done have let He forgives

THANKSGIVING

'O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever'. Psalm 136: 1

This prayer stone is of an ear of wheat, reminding us of harvest thanksgiving when we say thank you to God for all his gifts to us.



Make a mental list of all that you can thank God for - family and friends, food and shelter, love and kindness.

INTERCESSION

'And this is the confidence which we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.' 1 John 5:14

The praying hands on this stone encourage us to always pray for others.



Bring the prayers of your heart to God, for loved ones, friends and strangers, the needs of the world, and for anyone who is in trouble.

COMMUNITY

Jesus said,
'I am the Vine, you are the branches' John 15:5

The grapes and vine leaf signify with each other and God, whether or the community.

Pray that communities, churches will be united in love and grace, would heal any divisions.



our connection in the church

and families and that God

PEACE

'The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace' Numbers 6: 26



A sign of peace is the olive branch, first mentioned in the Bible when the dove returns to Noah in the Ark with an olive leaf in her beak.

Pray for peace for the world, peace in our country and peace within your own heart.

We hope that you have enjoyed walking around the garden and reflecting on how the prayer stones 'speak' to you.

May God bless you as you leave your prayers with him, and take his peace with you.