

Prayer Ministry at Keswick Convention 2025



Prayer Team Co-ordinator – Lynn Eastlund (078545 03177)

Carolyn South (Prayer appointments) via Reception

The Convention Prayer Team will be led this year by:

- Week 1: Steve James
- Week 2: Andrew Raynes
- Week 3: John Martin

The Prayer Team week Leaders will be leading the **morning prayer meetings** for the Convention in Base Camp.

The Prayer Team Leaders will also lead the prayer teams which will pray with those wishing to respond after the **Morning Bible Readings** and the **Evening Celebrations**.

These prayer times will focus on a **response to God's word**, rather than on 'pastoral care'.

Keswick Ministries aims to encourage and support local churches, which is where pastoral support should be centred.

Prayer appointments will be available for those in full time ministry.

We have prepared the following [guidelines](#), which we hope you find helpful:

- Prayer will take place after the service, within the main venue, and if possible, in relay / overflow venues. Members of the prayer team to be in each of the venues, to help direct people to where prayer is taking place.
- Before the Morning Bible Reading (11.00am) and the Evening Celebration (7.00pm) the Prayer Team will meet together briefly for prayer and the passing on of any useful information.

- It is important that you are identifiable as a Keswick Prayer Team member – please collect your badge from the Prayer Team leaders.
- Before being involved, pray that God will fill you afresh with his Holy Spirit, to give you wisdom, discernment and love for those coming for prayer support.
- Prayer will be offered in the designated area, never out of sight. Do not get too close or invade peoples' space. Introduce yourselves and ask their name.
- Ensure that a man is present for ministry with a man, and a woman for ministry with a woman.
- Be sensitive to the fact that people may be coming from a different church tradition than yourself.
- You might need to take the lead, asking the person for their prayer request and offering encouragement at the close of the prayer time.
- Ask what they are seeking prayer for. Encourage them to be specific.
- For some people, it might also be good to encourage them to pray for themselves. Provide appropriate assurance and discuss sensitively with the person what is best going forward - the person may have come with friends who would be best placed to help.
- If they ask for healing, be supportive and prayerful, whilst remembering the wisdom given in *James 5* regarding such prayer being made within the pastoral context of the local church. Of course, we must never tell anyone to abandon medication or any other medical treatment.
- We are not offering counselling, so these should not be long sessions. If there appears to be a deep problem, admit that you will be unable to deal with their situation in the context of the event. Pray for God's grace and blessing and encourage them to seek further help from their own church leadership.
- Be careful about touching anyone, asking for permission if you wish to place a hand on a person's shoulder as a matter of prayerful solidarity and support.
- Treat the person's request as confidential, but do not promise absolute confidentiality. In the extremely rare case where keeping a confidence compromises the safety or dignity of anyone, you should advise the person you are praying with that it is necessary to disclose the information to someone in leadership.
- Bring the prayer time to a close by praying for God's protection and peace on the person and yourselves. Briefly discuss any further ways forward for the person, encouraging them to pray with others in their local church and to seek advice and support as needed.



- We ask the trustees, speakers, and their spouses to help with this ministry when they are available.
- Do not hesitate to ask if you have questions.

Appointments

- If those in ministry are seeking a longer time to talk, they can take the opportunity to sign up for a daytime appointment with the Prayer Team leaders who have been DBS checked.
- Depending on the nature of the issues being discussed, it may be appropriate to make the appointee aware that safeguarding issues may need to be reported to the authorities.
- Appointments are generally available as follows Monday to Friday: 4.00pm - 4.45pm, 4:45pm - 5:30pm.

Keswick Ministries Safeguarding Policy

Keswick Ministries takes safeguarding seriously and has a Safeguarding Policy; practice guidelines and is advised by [Christian Safeguarding Services](#). The policy and guidelines give us a framework within which all of us should operate.

In your work on the prayer team there is a possibility that issues may arise which need to be handled in accordance with our policy, and the notes below have been prepared to assist you in such a situation. Issues that might arise are where someone shares with you that they have been, or are being abused, or where they share that they were, or are the perpetrators of abuse.

Key points on how to respond to safeguarding issues.

- Accept what you hear without passing judgement.
- Keep calm and look at the person directly.
- Let them know that you will need to tell someone else – don't promise confidentiality.
- Never push for information, question or investigate.
- Make careful notes as soon as possible of all that is said, including contact details; keep the notes safe, ahead of passing them to our Safeguarding Co-ordinator, or deputy.
- If the matter is current, then ideally take them to see Simon Overend our Safeguarding Co-ordinator in person.



- Contact Keswick Ministries Safeguarding Co-ordinator, or the deputy:
 - Simon Overend 017687 80075 / 07771 992640 Safeguarding Co-ordinator
- Our Co-ordinators will liaise with the Christian Safeguarding Services / statutory authorities as appropriate.

Many thanks once again for your assistance in this important area of our work and witness.

