

### 3. Wonderfully Made

Choose someone who God has put on your heart to encourage. It might be someone new to church or someone on your frontline.

Draw a picture of them (artistic ability is irrelevant here!) and write underneath the picture:

“I praise you God, because .... is fearfully and wonderfully made.”

Gather the pictures together in a pile and the leader can pray that we all learn to value the individuals God has shown us and gives us an opportunity and wisdom to offer them the appropriate encouragement in the coming week or month.

### 4. Vision 2020

Split into pairs. Each pair is to choose one of the four key aims on St. Luke's *Vision 2020* document. Discuss in your pairs:

- a. What excites you about it?
- b. What challenges does it raise?

Then write a short prayer that God will help us achieve this aim in God's way at St. Luke's. When all the pairs have finished take it in turns to read the prayers out. If someone would like to type the prayers out and email the vicar, then we can make them available to others.

### 5. Praying for one another

Each person to share:

- one thing that you are thankful for so far this year and
- one thing that you want God's help for in the coming year.

Then pray for one another in the way you normally do as a Growth Team



**Week Beginning  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

### Growth Team News – New Prayer Week

This week we are trying something new: a special termly prayer week. The aim is that Growth Teams will have a stronger focus on prayer and especially prayer for the church during this week. Any feedback on the format of this sheet is welcome. **You will need to bring the Vision 2020 document with you to the Growth Team as well as this sheet.**

To finish the week off there will be a prayer breakfast in the Church Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Join us for breakfast from 8:30am and for prayer from 9:00-10:00am.

<b>Mon.</b>	8:00pm	<i>Edith Road</i>	07710 638614
<b>Wed.</b>	10:15am	<i>Goodwin Road</i>	
		<i>Contact Vanessa on</i>	01843 592857
	2:30pm	<i>Upper Dumpton Park Rd.</i>	
			01843 583305
<b>Thu.</b>	9:30am	<i>The Vicarage</i>	
		<i>Contact: Willow</i>	01843 607157
		<i>or Audrey</i>	01843 592160

**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever**



## God and Biology

### *Psalm 139 (Page 628)*

*Space to take notes on the talk*

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Made**
- **Just** \_\_\_\_\_?
- **Just** \_\_\_\_\_?
- **Human Value:** \_\_\_\_\_
- **More than** \_\_\_\_\_

## Prayer Week - Introduction

In this week's sheet there are five different suggestions to guide your prayers as a Growth Team. Each team will no doubt use the suggestions in the way they feel best. However, please do aim to cover all the topics behind the suggestions.

### 1. Psalm 139

Read the Psalm together. You may want to take it in turns to read a verse each and have a short pause after each verse to reflect.

Then invite people to pick one of the verses and to say a *short* prayer based on that verse, beginning with: "I thank you God because..."

For example (based on verse 1):

"I thank you God because... you search me and you know me."

### 2. Prayer in response to *God and Science*

Have a short discussion based on the questions below, then spend some time praying prayers based on answers from the last question:

- What is the key idea you have taken from the series of talks on God and science?
- How has it equipped you to engage with someone on your frontline who thinks science has disproved God?
- What should we pray for Christian scientists and for our friends who dismiss Christian faith because of science?