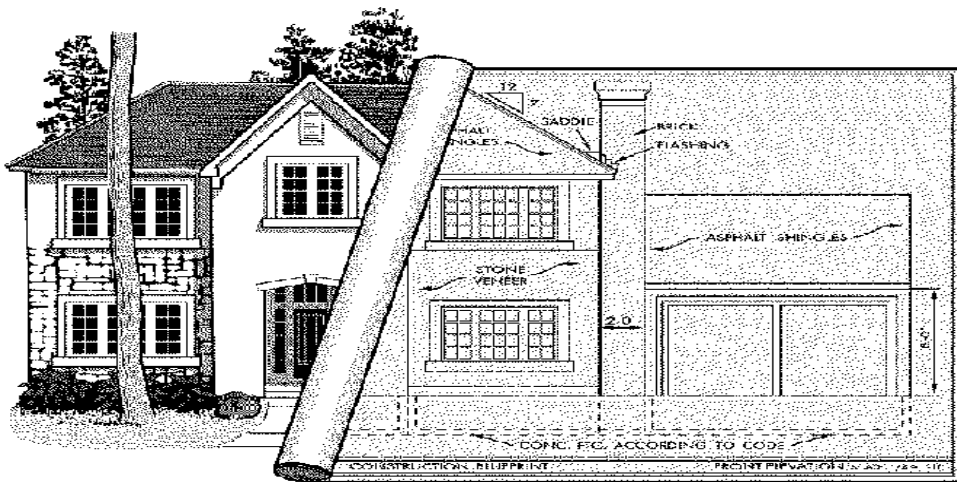


# CALL2PRAY



launching a year of prayer for NEWBUILD  
sites in the Central Association area



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# How can we do this in our church????

**LOOK.** Find out where the nearest planned newbuild site to you is. A local estate agent or the planning office might help. The biggest ones are around Aylesbury, Bedford, Harlow, Milton Keynes, and most parts of Northamptonshire.

**GO** to your local library and ask to see the plans if they're available.

**GO** for a visit. Talk to the church leadership, find a couple of folk to go with you fix a time and date and walk around the site. Take an umbrella, welly boots, and...in case you're challenged, a letter on church notepaper saying that you're interested in seeing what plans are in place for church and community activities.

**STOP** every now and again and pray

- for the people who will live there.
- for adequate community meeting space to be included in the plans
- for the development of a healthy, peaceful and caring community
- for the environmental issues
- for the early establishment of a Christian presence in the community
- for funding to enable new expressions of church in the area.
- for guidance as to how churches should welcome the new residents.
- for any new school that is planned
- for an atmosphere of cooperation and understanding among the churches and with the planners and developers
- for some bequest to provide manse funding so that a minister can live in the area.

You can do this at home too, but it really helps to focus your minds if you are praying on site. Afterwards, you could go to a local pub or coffee shop and share some leisure time together.

**WRITE** down your thoughts and findings and take them back to your church leadership. Go back to the site every three months and repeat the exercise. You could take people from other churches with you.

***Our Mission Enabler, Helen Wordsworth, would also be pleased to hear of any reflections that come out of this year of prayer. 01788 817292***