

PRAISE & PRAYER DIARY

June to August 2020

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June

2020

PRAY FOR COUNTIES SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

Please pray for the Life exhibition; GSUS Live and Key to Life - the school visits have been cancelled for the next three months due to Covid-19.

01 MONDAY

Please pray for **Charles Addoco** and others in the local church leadership team as they seek to navigate the turbulent times for the church replant at Emerson Park in East London.

02 TUESDAY

Will & Lynne Andrews hope to run a 'Just Looking' enquirer group in June, with contacts made from the distribution of copies of the tract 'Hope Beyond Coronavirus' by Roger Carswell, that they have posted through homes on their estate in Hertfordshire.

03 WEDNESDAY

Mark Bingham (Beds.) asks: 'Please pray for my family and I as we come to an end of our ministry at Maulden Baptist church, that God would open a new chapter in our ministry and for God to provide for our needs at this time.'

04 THURSDAY

Paul Willmott is leading collective worship at three primary schools in Kidderminster: Franche; Cookley and Offmore today. Please pray that if the schools are not open, the children will have other opportunities to hear the Gospel.

05 FRIDAY

Bob Telford (Warwick) shares: 'I had a call from an elder who had forwarded my Easter YouTube message onto an unbeliever he knew. The man contacted him to say that he had listened and then prayed to ask Christ into his life, just as my message said he should. This is a huge encouragement to me.' Praise God for His life changing Word.

06 SATURDAY

Tim Ayrton (Sudbury) shares: 'Please pray that we will see a good response to our online Gospel presentation themed around Covid-19. We are developing new themes all the time and will be updating the site on a regular basis: number72.net.'

07 SUNDAY

Please pray for Brinnington Community Church which has become a hub for emergency provision, giving out care packs to people in need. **Martin Korchinsky** comments: 'This has proved vital as other agencies have had to close their doors to the public. The church has come together via social media for prayer and praise and they are looking out for one another in a most touching manner. This is proving to be a time of spiritual growth.'

08 MONDAY

Janet Hawking is planning to teach the Old Testament in three classes every Monday in the Cross Hands area, Carmarthenshire. Janet asks: 'Please pray I will have renewed energy after the lockdown, and a deeper anointing after much quality time in prayer.'

09 TUESDAY



Matt Rich (Cumbria) shares: 'We are seeing more people coming to our Chatnow.org website and also to our brand new CoronavirusSupport.uk website - with thousands choosing to live chat with us each month.' Please pray for fruitful conversations that lead people to have a relationship with Jesus.



10 WEDNESDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) re-start the work in prisons, as soon as the Coronavirus restrictions lift. Their new rehabilitation course, **!You-Hear-Me?±*, will be based in the prison and aims to develop contact with prisoners who need support after their release. Also, pray for those with mental health issues and/or addiction, as the isolation is very tough for them. Pray that they will call out to God and find friendship and support from local churches and charities.

11 THURSDAY

Tom Binding (Swansea) is on our TEAM programme. Please pray for Tom as he invites young people to listen and participate with a youth group via Instagram every Thursday at 7pm.

Phil Davies (Swansea) is holding a 'Friends and Neighbours' meeting today, with those over 60, many who had tuned into the church's broadcasts on YouTube during the Covid-19 crisis. Pray they will encounter Jesus.

12 FRIDAY

Stephen Gillham (Dorset) has 20 school assemblies booked for June and July. He explains: 'Hundreds of these children will be moving to the Upper Schools, and I shall not see them again, so these are strategic school visits.' Please pray for these opportunities not to be lost.

Victor Jack (Suffolk) shares: 'All my engagements have been cancelled in June.' Please pray for the evangelists who have had events cancelled, that they may have alternative ways to make Jesus known.

13 SATURDAY

Tim Cooke (Greater Manchester) asks: 'Please pray for wisdom in reaching out online. It takes a lot of effort and hard work to engage with all those who are seeking Christ. Please pray for more workers to join our team, and wisdom in how to do this if we are unable to meet face to face for interviews.'

'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.' Colossians 3:15

14 SUNDAY

Please pray for an effective impact as evangelists run online Services, including **Mike Strange** (Somerset) at mearecommunitychurch.org.uk; **Gordon Curley's** (Hants.) weekly online message at gcurley.info and Service at drchurch.info; and **Steve Treseder** (Swansea) via castletonchapel.co.uk and the Castleton Chapel Facebook page.

David Brown is providing Bible teaching today for Solihull Gospel Hall which is uploaded to his YouTube channel for them to access, with printed notes to be sent for distribution.

15 MONDAY

Ian Carr is leading evening Bible sessions during Castle Court School's Year 8 Leavers' Week at St. George's House Outdoor Centre, North Devon (15-18 June). Please pray for the young people as they are challenged to put into action the Christian message.

Pray for **Steve Ellacott** as he alternates with **Dave Symons** to lead new believers Bible Study on Monday evenings. Also they alternate in leading a Wednesday Lunch Time meeting for Petroc College CU in Devon. These are currently by Zoom.

16 TUESDAY



Praise God for the fruitful time that Counties Training Officer, **Beverley Bedford**, had during 'Neighbourhood Chaplaincy 40 days of prayer' on Facebook. Beverley prayed for the NHS at noon every day for 40 days. She reports: 'Many doctors and nurses contacted me to say thank you for praying and shared their deep concerns and asked for prayer. I prayed with a hospice nurse who had anxiety about going on shift over a weekend due to lack of protective equipment and was tired though lack of sleep. It was so thrilling to have a text message the following Monday which read 'Since we prayed together my anxiety about going into work has lifted, I have slept well and amazingly a new supply of PPE was delivered on my arrival to work.' Some who contacted me have never asked for prayer before and are experiencing extraordinary peace in the workplace. Pray this will be the first steps for them to seek a deeper dependency on God and experience a real encounter with Jesus.'

17 WEDNESDAY

Colin Johnson (Bedfordshire) asks: 'Pray for the emergency Covid listening and counselling team I helped set up. May people see the love of God in all we do.'

Every Wednesday **Steve Treseder** is broadcasting on YouTube and Facebook a children's story and song using Alfie the dog for children attending Castle Club, Sunbeams and Rainbows in Mumbles.



18 THURSDAY

Phil Davies (Swansea) asks: 'Pray for the work of Show Jesus during June as we seek to find the way forward during a time where there are no shows. Pray for the traders who will have lost a whole season.'

19 FRIDAY

Please pray for those joining an online Christianity Explored course **Tim Cracknell** is leading in Gloucestershire. Also, pray that the book club **Katrina Cracknell** has started, since lockdown, on the church Facebook page reaches Christians and non-Christians.

20 SATURDAY

Please pray for **Lee Marsland** who is partnering with another evangelist, Walter Mahon, in a Facebook live stream featuring preaching, prayer and testimony. They hope to film in various locations in Manchester. Pray that they will be able to keep a strong online Gospel presence.

21 SUNDAY

Craig Dowling asks: 'Please pray that the community of Wye Community Church will keep growing. Pray for new people to attend our Father's Day Outreach Service today, whether we are meeting online or in the building.'

After many cancellations, **John Hardwick** is now doing an online Messy Church video talk and presentation for Royston Methodist Church, Hertfordshire today.

Julian Gutteridge asks: 'Please pray that I, along with the rest of the Counties itinerant preachers, will be able to resume preaching in local churches. I speak in nine churches on a regular basis. These churches are in Bridlington, Hull, Rawcliff, Grimsby and in Patrington.'

22 MONDAY

Jacque Bodman gives thanks for her husband's healing. She shares: 'Praise God that Tim was healed from Corona-virus when at times it looked like things could have turned out very differently. There were four times when he was particularly bad and God sent help each time: the first, ambulance men; second, an urgent video appointment with a doctor, and twice a prayer time over Zoom where the elders prayed over him and I anointed Tim with oil. After each event he definitely turned a corner and we knew God had intervened.'

23 TUESDAY

Please pray for **Lizzie Bell**, who is on Counties TEAM programme, as she helps with video and editing for Forest Community Church, Gloucestershire during these challenging days.

24 WEDNESDAY

David Brown asks: 'Please pray for creative ideas for filming assemblies to offer to schools for the pupils attending school and those working at home. These include schools in Dudley: Straits Primary School, for Key Stage 1 today and a Key Stage 2 assembly on 2 July and for Cotwall End Primary School on 8 July.'

Ian Carr is speaking at the weekly Bible Fellowship, Guys Marsh Prison, Shaftesbury today. Pray that the men who attend this afternoon's meeting will be truly impacted and changed by God's Word.

*'Is anyone among you sick?
Let them call the elders of the
church to pray over them and
anoint them with oil in the
name of the Lord. And the
prayer offered in faith will
make the sick person well;
the Lord will raise them up.'*

James 5:14-15

25 THURSDAY

Jonathan & Heather Brain in Wiltshire share: 'The opportunities to share the Gospel on one level have completely gone, but on another level have opened up like never before! Please pray that God would keep this door open.'

26 FRIDAY

Please pray for **Rob & Sarah Watson** as they network with foodbanks and Missions in Wirral, reaching out to the homeless community. They continue to provide various resources to help them.

Pray for **Steve Loader** as he continues his contact with hundreds of seafarers via Facebook messenger, whilst he is unable to visit the ships in Bristol. Pray that they will hear the message of hope and encouragement at this time.

27 SATURDAY

Will & Lynne Andrews write: 'We would appreciate prayer for the weekend of evangelism that is planned at Central Baptist Church, Luton and their church plant at Perry Green from 27-28 June.' Pray for alternative opportunities if this is cancelled.

*'How lovely on the mountains
Are the feet of him who brings
good news,
Who announces peace
And brings good news of
happiness,
Who announces salvation,
And says to Zion, "Your God
reigns!"'*

Isaiah 52:7

28 SUNDAY

Matt Rich (Cumbria) asks for prayer: 'At this time we are putting a new Sunday meeting together on YouTube each Sunday - with songs, bible reading and preaching.'

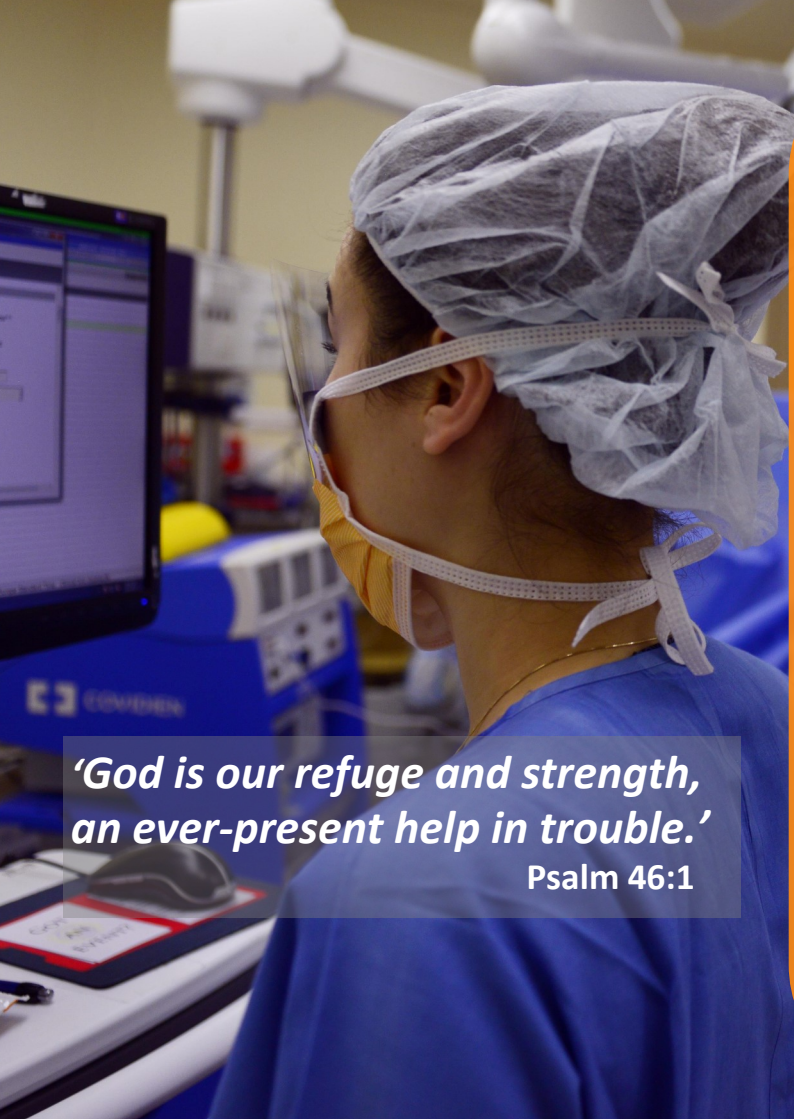
Stephen Gillham writes: 'Many of the local churches are longing to get back to some sort of normality. Pray especially for Thorncombe Chapel, Dorset where we have had an annual Songs of Praise each year since the Millennium. This is due to happen this evening and is usually attended by many villagers.'

29 MONDAY

Andrew & Rachel Mugford have been involved in the Maldon community response to the Coronavirus threat. Churches were asked to head up the emergency food distribution. The new 'Hope' magazines were added to food parcels that volunteer church members dropped off. Please pray for the spiritual impact across the other support agencies, as well as food parcel recipients from this new opportunity to work together.

30 TUESDAY

Tim Cooke (Greater Manchester) reports: 'We have seen over 100,000 people view our Easter spoken word video online. We have had hundreds of comments and some people breaking down in tears. We feel that this is the time for our ministry at MJK to really step up. We have just started pushing our 'What is a Christian?' video and are seeing people get saved everyday.' Praise God for these exciting opportunities to make Jesus known across the UK.



***‘God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.’***

Psalm 46:1

Prayer focus:

PRAY FOR OUR NATION



Father God,

- We pray that you would protect those in our nation **who are most vulnerable** to the Coronavirus. We lift up the elderly and those with pre-existing health conditions. We pray they would know your peace, comfort and for your healing to those who are sick.
- We pray for those working in our hospitals, care homes and other **front-line key workers**. We pray for your protection, strength and peace.
- We pray for your wisdom for **our leaders** who are seeking solutions to PPE shortages and for a suitable vaccination. We pray for a breakthrough in efforts to put in place preventative measures.
- Lord God, we pray particularly that **our nation** turns to you at this time and that the connections churches have made during this time will be lasting and fruitful.

In Jesus name, Amen.

July

2020

PRAY FOR COUNTIES SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

Please pray that the Life exhibition; GSUS Live and Key to Life will be able to visit the schools that had to cancel at alternative times.

01 WEDNESDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) ask for prayer for those newly released from prison. Pray that they can learn to trust their mentor and develop new positive relationships. Pray that in time they cry out to God for fundamental change in their lives.

Please pray for **Phil Davies**, his son-in-law, Dan Marks, along with **Tom Binding** (TEAM) taking a Year 7 Big Question session today at Olchfa School, Swansea.

02 THURSDAY

Paul Davies (Neath) shares: 'Praise God for the opportunity to sit in a room with fellow church leaders from across Wales to discuss and pray about the Gospel work across Wales. Also, I am thankful to still be able to communicate with families in these difficult times.'

03 FRIDAY

Janet Hawking is teaching NT today in Pembrokeshire. Bibles are being presented to schools in Carmarthen, Llanelli, Pembroke Dock. Janet adds: 'His Word is living, active and sharp. Please pray as children read the bibles, that faith will grow, hope arise and they will put their trust in God.'

Ian Carr is at Sturminster Newton High School today in his role as School Chaplain. Please pray for the students he sees regularly, and for the unscheduled opportunities and conversations that always occur with students and staff. Ian usually visits three times each week during school terms.

04 SATURDAY

Lee Marsland shares: 'We are hoping to take our team of evangelists and prayer warriors out on the streets of Oldham in July. This weekly outreach on Saturdays include giving out Gospel tracts, open air preaching and prayer ministry. I will be leading this in partnership with other churches with the aim of seeing souls won for Jesus and to bring unity amongst our local churches.'

'I am the living bread that came down from heaven.' John 6:51

05 SUNDAY

Please pray for ongoing Chinese Bible studies **Julian Gutteridge** is leading online every Monday evening and Sunday, with Chinese contacts from Hull, London and Beijing.

Stephen Gillham is preaching each Sunday in July. He asks: 'Pray that churches will be open and I might be able to bring relevant and refreshing messages.' He is due in Bere Regis today; Thorncombe 12 July; Charminster Chapel, Bournemouth 19 July and Poulner Chapel, Ringwood on 26 July.

06 MONDAY

Please pray for **Will Andrews'** (Hertfordshire) visit to the Oncologist today. He writes: 'No treatment was carried out during the lockdown, so we trust that nothing untoward has occurred during this period. Also, as we see the outcomes of the Coronavirus unfold, pray that God will speak to people through the preached message in a powerful way, as we have all had opportunity to review life and our priorities.'



08 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for **Charles Addoco** and the team as they are due to support a camp for young people in Moldova. Charles will be speaking to the children as well as the leaders of the camp. See photo above.

09 THURSDAY

Tim & Joy Ayrton (Sudbury) share: 'Please pray for the courses on bereavement and loss, budgeting, and parenting which we were running before the virus outbreak (the bereavement one with children, the others with adults). Pray that we will be able to reconnect with these people.'

Jacque Bodman and the **Neighbourhood Chaplains** in Cornwall have set up a Covid-19 bereavement support group. Please pray this initiative reaches those in need.



10 FRIDAY

Martin Korchinsky (Greater Manchester) asks: 'Please pray that if the planned visit of a youth pastor and his team from Hewitt in Texas is unable to go ahead, that it will be possible to reschedule. We will continue to respond to the Coronavirus crisis with the love of Jesus in many practical ways and by sharing the Good News of salvation.'

11 SATURDAY

David Symons (Devon) asks: 'Please pray for today's United Generation youth event. We are hoping that it will go ahead, if not, the event will be streamed online.'

12 SUNDAY

Please pray for **Stephen Ellacott** who is preaching today at King Street, Tiverton, either in person or via Zoom online. He will also be preaching at Bideford Youth Meeting on 26 July .

13 MONDAY

Tim Cooke (Greater Manchester) asks: 'Please pray for creativity as we write and film new material to reach out to people online. The daily videos are reaching thousands each week, and our iTruth videos are reaching tens of thousands.'

07 TUESDAY

Praise God for the encouragement **David Brown** has had following Walk Through the Bible Mini lessons. A parent from St. Benedict's CE Primary School commented: 'My son is in year 6 and after the first session he talked constantly about it on the way home. He really enjoyed it.' Pray for more conversations like this. Also, several parents have been using his daily devotional Facebook videos in place of assemblies whilst home schooling during lockdown.

14 TUESDAY

Phil Davies, Tom Binding and Show Jesus would have been beginning to set up for the Royal Welsh Show today. Pray for the ongoing relationships with the team, the traders and the regulars who would have come into the tent. This years theme was hope!

15 WEDNESDAY

Tim Cracknell (Gloucestershire) asks: 'Pray that the contacts we have made online during Coronavirus lockdown will bear real Kingdom fruit for eternity.'

16 THURSDAY

Stephen & Gwyneth Treseder (Swansea) share: 'With the sudden change in life due to lockdown, we were able to put cards around the Park Home site on which we live. We were aware that there were a lot of our neighbours who fell into the vulnerable and at risk category. We were able to give out cards offering help and support. This has resulted in some good contacts and growing relationships in the community.'

17 FRIDAY

Ian Carr is due to speak at the end of year assemblies at Sturminster Newton High School today. Pray that his message will find good soil, and produce good fruit in the lives of the young people who hear.

'In his name the nations will put their hope.' Matthew 12:21

18 SATURDAY

Rob Watson (Wirral) shares: 'We are normally involved in youth camps in July and August, but as things stand, it seems unlikely that the camps will be happening, certainly in the usual format. Please pray that local churches will still be able to maintain contact with their young people during the summer and the Lord will turn this situation round for good.'

19 SUNDAY

Please pray for the Covid-19 Facebook page **Jacquie Bodman** has set up for the **Neighbourhood Chaplains** team in Cornwall. Jacquie adds: 'Our desire is that we will see people saved through the connections that we build up with them in this work, as well as being a practical help to them.'



20 MONDAY

Please pray for all the children who would have been attending holiday clubs that have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus crisis. **John Hardwick** hopes to be leading Cottenham Holiday Club in Cambridge from 20 - 24 July.

21 TUESDAY



Paul Willmott is due to help lead a local REVIVE holiday club from 21-23 July. This is part funded by Dudley council and lunches will be provided to those in need followed by a Bible based holiday club. Please also pray for the new videos Paul is releasing twice a week. Each video is a couple of minutes long, with Twist the little puppet who has Big Faith questions (see photo). The videos encourage families who are possibly in isolation to talk about faith at home.

22 WEDNESDAY

Julian Gutteridge (Hull) reports: 'Praise God that I had been able to start a weekly Bible study with two Muslims in my home and now online due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Muslims believe in a chain of Prophets, so I have started a study which starts with the prophets of the Old Testament, from Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, onwards, which of course reveals the prophesies concerning the first coming of Jesus, that He is both the Messiah and the Divine Son of God, Immanuel, God with us. Praise the Lord for their willingness to understand our faith and pray that God will speak to them so they will trust in Jesus as their Saviour.'

23 THURSDAY

Jacquie Bodman in Cornwall asks: 'Please pray for our **Neighbourhood Chaplains** team as we offer practical help, with shopping and collecting prescriptions, to our community. We place Christian literature in the shopping bag as well as an invitation of a phone call for prayer and pastoral support.'



24 FRIDAY



Please pray for the connections made through the **Counties Planting Network** and for the M4 coaching programme for church planters, that is currently continuing online.

25 SATURDAY

Andrew & Rachel Mugford are co-leading the 'Family Outreach team' at the Southwold Beach Mission, hopefully starting today. They are involved in team training over the weekend. They ask: 'Please pray that the form of the Mission that emerges from the Coronavirus crisis will still see the Lord opening doors to share the Good News to local residents and holidaymakers in around Southwold.'

26 SUNDAY

Please pray as **David Brown** leads an All-age Service at Charlton Road Gospel Hall, Birmingham today.

27 MONDAY

Paul Willmott is leading a holiday Bible club with Trinity Church, Newport from 27-31 July. The week will be concluded on Friday when families are invited to join in followed by some lunch together.

28 TUESDAY

Colin Johnson (Bedfordshire) asks: 'Please pray for the social media promotion I am doing with **Matt Rich** for Memo and Chatnow.org.'

29 WEDNESDAY

Praise God for the new opportunities **Rob Watson** (Wirral) has had to share the Gospel with many people during the unusual restrictions. He reports: 'We are so encouraged to hear many people responding by saying "I've never prayed before, but I am now".'

30 THURSDAY

Please pray for all the children who would have attended the summer camps, that are now cancelled. Pray the Lord will reach them in other ways and they will know Him as their Lord and Saviour.

31 FRIDAY

Lee Marsland (Oldham) gives thanks to God that the homeless have been able to stay in hotels to self isolate. Also, for the lives saved and healed through online preaching.

August

2020

PRAY FOR COUNTIES SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

Please pray for the school visits booked in September for the Life exhibition; GSUS Live and Key to Life will be able to go ahead.

01 SATURDAY

Julian Gutteridge (Hull) asks: 'Please pray that more Muslims will want to study the Bible with me. Also I am hoping to plan another Dialogue meeting with a Muslim leader on the second coming of Jesus according to the Christian faith and that of the Islamic faith.' Please pray for continued opportunities.

02 SUNDAY

Please pray for **Charles Addoco** for God to grant him wisdom as he supports the church at Emerson Park, East London as part of the leadership team.

03 MONDAY

Will & Lynne Andrews (Hertfordshire) share: 'Lynne has been meeting and faithfully witnessing to a Malaysian lady, who is afraid of death, since 2013. We praise God that the Coronavirus crisis has made her open up in a new way about faith and she is willing to read a couple of booklets. Also, praise God for the very positive response we have had from contacts to whom we gave the booklet, 'Hope Beyond Coronavirus'.'

04 TUESDAY

Please pray as **Tony Hood** is due to lead activities for the camps and holiday clubs at Hopton, Suffolk at the beginning of the school summer holidays, and the family camp at Sizewell at the end of August.

05 WEDNESDAY

Tim Cooke (Greater Manchester) asks for prayer for a chance to reflect and rest as a family in order to review and seek new vision for the future.

06 THURSDAY

Ian Carr is speaking at three meetings at Bethany Chapel, Lyme Regis today and on 13 and 20 August. Pray for God to speak through him and for encouragement and strengthening for the Lord's people in their work and testimony.

07 FRIDAY

Please pray that the Christian literature that **Jacque Bodman** gave to the local hospital, emergency 111 car, and to five local doctors surgeries will be read and have a life-changing impact. The literature included Counties' booklets and tracts; bibles; magazines, and has been placed in waiting rooms and wards, and put in end of life packs for patients, whom the medics feel won't recover from the virus. Jacque adds: 'The doctors and hospitals were so happy to receive them and asked if they could refer their patients to us when they were discharged and if we could continue to supply the literature so that they don't run out.'

'Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.' 1 Peter 3:15

08 SATURDAY

Andy & Miriam Jelfs (Halstead) share: 'God is keeping his promises in these difficult days. We are revisiting daily the covenant he made with us fifty five years ago. 'If you do the work I have called you to do, I will meet all your needs' He is a God who keeps His word!'

09 SUNDAY

Tim & Joy Ayrton (Sudbury) ask: 'Please pray for the five day barge holiday we have booked for the 2nd week of August. This trip is for ten youngsters aged between 12-15. All have been through a tough time and carry quite some emotional baggage as a result. This trip is an opportunity to reflect, have some respite time, and make positive choices for the future. Please pray for Joy and Bill from Number 72, as they lead this group with three crew.'

David Brown is preaching at the morning Service at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry today.

10 MONDAY

Paul Willmott is leading a whole week of holiday Bible club with Beeches Church, Great Barr from 10-14 August. The week will be concluded with a Friday Night Special inviting families to join in, followed by a buffet meal together.

John Hardwick is leading holiday clubs at St Michaels, Peckham Holiday Club from 10-14 August and at St Andrews, Cheam, Epsom from 24-30 August. He has developed an online holiday club if these are unable to go ahead because of the virus.

Phil Davies is speaking at a cross city Bible week in Swansea today. This is an unique event that brings together churches over the past few years in evangelism.

11 TUESDAY

The work of the evangelists, training and resources to make Jesus known across the UK would not be possible without the committed prayer support and generosity of **Counties supporters**. Praise God for these faithful men and women who are an encouragement to the evangelists and staff.

12 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for **Rob & Sarah Watson** (Wirral) as they start preparing the material and resources for the autumn, when they hope to resume preaching and other local ministries.

Today **Phil Davies** and Show Jesus would have linked with Bridgend and Vale churches for the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show, however, this event has been cancelled. Please pray this event will continue next year.



13 THURSDAY

Key to Life tells the story of Jesus through an interactive and immersive session. Using huge floor to ceiling computer touch screens, participants can watch films; interact with games and quizzes; and take part in small group discussions – helping them explore what Christians believe, and understand how the story of Jesus is key to Christianity. Please pray that churches book this unique resource to reach out to Key Stage 2 pupils or for use at outreach events with adults. Key to Life introduces people to the life of Jesus through a one-of-a-kind experience using sight, sound, scent and touch.

14 FRIDAY

Ian & Sally Carr (Dorset) are encouraged by the enthusiasm of youngsters attending the children's groups they run: the depth of spiritual questions asked and the ensuing conversations. Also, by the first 'staff prayer time' held at Sturminster Newton High School, which was attended by four believers.

15 SATURDAY

Neighbourhood Chaplains



equips local churches to build long-term community relationships by connecting, befriending and serving their neighbours. Please pray that more churches will sign up to this scheme.

16 SUNDAY

Stephen Ellcott is leading and preaching at Rosemary Lane Chapel, Devon today. He will be teaching at Bideford Youth Meeting on 23 August, and preaching at One-way Community Church, South Molton on 30 August.

17 MONDAY

Please pray for the **Counties staff team** as they continue to support the work of Counties to make Jesus known across the UK.

18 TUESDAY

Lee Marsland reports: 'We are going to be launching a soup kitchen which will operate at least twice a week from our soon to be launched church plants in Oldham town centre. This will be run in partnership with Impact Church and the Sanctuary Trust, which is a homeless charity.' Please pray for this new project.

19 WEDNESDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) ask for prayer for the newly trained volunteers working with them to befriend and mentor ex-offenders, people in addiction and with mental health issues. Pray that they will be quick to learn and have patience, perseverance, kindness and resilience as they serve.

20 THURSDAY

Will & Lynne Andrews (Hertfordshire) share: 'We hope to take a postponed holiday to celebrate our Ruby Wedding. We thank God for His goodness to us as a couple over the last 40 years. We know He brought and kept us together through all the ups and downs of life.' Please pray for the Lord's protection for the Counties' evangelists marriages and for God to be the centre of all their decision making.

21 FRIDAY



Gordon Curley gives thanks for two fantastic days at Liphook Church of



England Junior School in the Spring. 360 pupils enjoyed interactive lessons hearing the Good News of Jesus! He adds: 'Sadly, but understandably, we had to cancel our final school. **Key to Life** has been a great success, educating, entertaining and ensuring that hundreds of children have had the opportunity to learn why Christians think Jesus is special!'

'For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.' Luke 19:10

22 SATURDAY

Andrew & Rachel Mugford co-lead Family Camp 2 with **Tony & Ruth Hood** at Sizewell Hall, Suffolk. We have another full camp week and teaching groups across under 5s, reception to school year 4, years 5-8, teens and adults! Please pray for the teaching that is planned and for a positive response to the Gospel for those who don't yet know the Lord Jesus personally.

23 SUNDAY

David Symons is preaching at Umberleigh Christian Fellowship, Devon today, hopefully in person but if not, over Zoom.

Gordon & Penny Curley hope the Good News Camp will go ahead, within Government guidelines regarding the Coronavirus. The camp at Lockerley Water Farm in Hampshire runs from 23-28 August.

Stephen Gillham shares: 'August is our holiday month, and we always try to spend more time in preparation, and study. We hope to be visiting Cumbria and Scotland again. Please pray as I preach in Kirby Stephen on 23 August and in Workington on 30 August, also for times to rest.'

24 MONDAY

Please pray for normally the busiest time of year for **the Life exhibition** from September, and that cancelled venues can be rearranged. Pray for both schools and churches as they adjust to new ways of doing things as they start the new academic year.



25 TUESDAY

Colin Johnson (Bedfordshire) gives thanks for the opportunities that opened up to pray for people in the community during the Coronavirus lockdown.

26 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for **Beverley Bedford**, Counties Training Officer, as she finishes preparations for the new trainee evangelists starting in September.

27 THURSDAY

Please pray for Counties widows, **Grace Anderson, Jean Campbell, Hettie Hall, Wendy Iliffe, Phyllis Jenkins, Ruby Powell, Betty Saunders & Gladys Whittern**. May God protect them and provide for all their needs.

28 FRIDAY

Please pray for wisdom for the **Counties trustees** making decisions about Counties conferences, whilst following Government guidelines. Pray for the Lord's timing and inspiration for a way forward.

29 SATURDAY

Janet Hawking shares: 'I am a volunteer with ChatNow.org, please pray for wisdom and fruitful conversations through this ministry'.

30 SUNDAY

Craig Dowling asks: 'We praise God that new life is appearing in Wye Community Church. Please pray for the continued preaching and leading as we focus on our relaunch.'

31 MONDAY

Please pray for the children who have missed evangelist's assemblies, clubs, or visits to Counties schools resources, that they will have other opportunities to hear the Gospel. Pray their hearts and minds will be ready to accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

"I managed to go into 12 schools on our Easter Tour in March before it was cancelled due to Coronavirus. Praise God for all those children reached with the Easter message." John Hardwick, Cambridgeshire

"Praise the Lord for the progress on refurbishment of church at Meare. New doors and power supply." Mike Strange, Somerset

"The man who tried to commit suicide last month, who I helped to commit his life into God's hands, has made great progress spiritually and is being an encouragement to us all. My grandson David , who is 17, was baptised last month and gave such a clear testimony." Victor Jack, Suffolk

"After much prayer ALL of our three prison-based volunteers were issued their renewed prison security passes for 2020. We will be able to re-start prison work as soon as the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions are lifted." Kim Hobbs, Hemel Hempstead

"Praise God for the wonderful provision of a short notice booking for the Life exhibition and for the very positive response from the local schools which enabled us to meet many children, teachers and some parents." Tim & Joy Ayrton, Sudbury

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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