PRAISE & PRAYER DIARY March to May 2020



March

2020 WHERE ARE COUNTIES RESOURCES THIS MONTH?

- Life exhibition: Coventry, Sudbury, Billericay
- GSUS Live:
 Unit One Torquay
 Unit Two Devon
- Key to Life: Suffolk, Hampshire, North Somerset

01 SUNDAY

Pray that God will speak through the evangelists who are preaching today, including: **Will Andrews** at Bethany Christian Fellowship, Holbury; **Steve Treseder** at Swanfield Chapel, Chichester; **Andy Jelfs** at Broomfield Road Evangelical Church, Chelmsford; **Ian Carr** at Ebenezer Evangelical Church, Weymouth and **Phil Davies** at Castleton Chapel, Mumbles and Nantcoch, Newport. Pray for a freshness and real authority and freedom to share the Gospel.

02 MONDAY

Lee Marsland is starting a new life skills project at Impact Church in Oldham, helping to integrate the homeless back into the community and to find accommodation. Please pray as Lee leads this project with a team throughout 2020.

Andrew Mugford is working with a team from churches in Tiptree, Essex to present Key to Life this week at St Luke's Primary School. He adds: "Thank God for the openness of the school and for the opportunities to build further relationships between the churches and the families at the school."

03 TUESDAY

Julian Gutteridge is speaking at Bridlington Baptist Church's midweek fellowship meeting today. He explains: "I shall be speaking about the work of Counties and doing a presentation of the work Ella and I are doing with Muslims and Chinese students in Yorkshire." **David Brown** is delivering 'Walk Through the Bible OT Mini lessons' to Year 5's in Red Hall Primary School, Dudley today, and on Tuesday afternoons throughout March, for the second year. Pray that this year they will also book NT Mini lessons for Year 6. Also, **David & Lindsey Brown** will be taking an assembly at Cotwall End Primary School, Dudley tomorrow, and at Straits Primary School, Dudley on 19 March.

04 WEDNESDAY

John Hardwick shares: "A Christmas Primary school tour, 'GenR8', went into around 140 schools using my Christmas songs, sketches, and talks. Praise God for around 40,000 children and teachers being reached with this Gospel presentation."

Ian Carr writes: "Give thanks for the 35 children at Castle Court School, Wimborne, who regularly attend 'J Team', a voluntary lunchtime Christian Union meeting."

'For the word of the LORD is right and true; He is faithful in all He does. The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love.' Psalm 33:4-5

Paul Willmott shares: "I was invited to film a series of short TV shows at TBN UK. The show is about asking faith questions. I have shared this in schools to find that children, staff and head teachers have been really excited about this and are planning to use this show and new website in RE lessons and during collective worship."



Check out Twist's website for fun activites that are linked to each episode at www.twistonline.co.uk



06 FRIDAY

Ruth Hood is catering for a church weekend at Sizewell Hall, Suffolk (6-8 March).

For the first time **David Brown** is delivering 'Walk Through the Bible OT Mini lessons' to Years 5 & 6 in St. Benedict's CE Primary School, Wombourne on Friday afternoons throughout March.

07 SATURDAY

Please pray for **the Life exhibition** in Coventry Allesley Park for the first time and Billericay Baptist for the sixth time. Pray that these visits will bear fruit in these community.

Key to Life is in Bordon, Fareham and Southampton from 7-20 March. Pray for the training today, and for the presenters, **Gordon Curley** and Neil Maddock.

08 SUNDAY

Please pray for Victor Jack who is speaking at New Life Church, Sudbury; Will Andrews at Cannon Court Evangelical Church, Fetcham; Andy Jelfs at Oakwood Chapel, Harlow and Steve Treseder at Neath Gospel Hall today. Pray that people are encouraged and challenged.

09 MONDAY

Please pray for the **South West Cluster** as the evangelists meet today in Barnstaple, for fellowship and encouragement.

Tim Cooke is with Crossfya schools mission in Swanland from 9-13 March.

Tim Ayrton (Sudbury) asks: "Please pray for our management meeting & CLG today. Also, pray for the continued progress of our work in primary and senior schools, and with families and individuals.

10 TUESDAY

Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom for **Charles Addoco** and the team as they lead 'First Priority' in Romford. This is an initiative which seeks to equip young people in schools and colleges, to deepen their faith and reach out to friends in school and their communities.

Stephen Gillham shares: "We shall be having our annual tour of Lancashire from 10-23 March, visiting six churches to give reports and teaching. We also have a list of friends and family who are unwell, been bereaved, or passing through difficult times that we hope to visit. Pray that we might be a blessing to all who we meet with."

11 WEDNESDAY

Paul Willmott is leading whole school assemblies in Dudley today: Cotwall End Primary; Woodsetton Special School and Straits Primary. This year Paul is using street signs to illustrate Bible themes. This month the 'Man at work sign' will illustrate the works of Jesus on the cross.

12 THURSDAY

Will Andrews (Herts.) is currently conducting Health Checks with two churches. He asks: "Please pray that God the Holy Spirit builds them up and blesses them as they seek God's direction for 2020. Pray that I will be used by God to minister to them."

13 FRIDAY

Janet Hawking is teaching Walk Through The Bible storyline of the cross and resurrection to three Year 6 classes in Llanelli, Wales today. She adds: "The song 'He's Alive' leaves a powerful impression and pupils often go out singing it." Janet is also training two helpers.

Andy Jelfs is speaking at Capel St Mary's Methodist Church weekend away at Sizewell Hall, Suffolk, from 13-15 March.

Charissa Cooke is leading Pulse kids and youth club outreach today, and on 27 March with **Tim Cooke**.

14 SATURDAY



Praise God for the opportunity Jonathan Brain had to baptise his friend, David, at Studland, Dorset in November. David later wrote: "Being Baptised has changed me in ways I didn't think it could or would have. I thank God for helping me see that it wasn't Him not accepting me, it was never Him, it was me not accepting Him." Please pray that David's relationship with God will grow and remain in the centre of his life.

15 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Steve Treseder** at Crindau Christian Fellowship, Newport; **Victor Jack** at Westley Community Church, Bury St Edmunds and **Craig Dowling** at Wye Community Church, Ross on Wye.

16 MONDAY

Please pray for **Paul Davies** as he takes assemblies on the 'Story of Blind Bartimaeus' in schools across Swansea & Swansea Valley this month. He is also part of a team leading Easter lessons in Secondary Schools throughout March & April called '24 Hours that Changed the World'.

Pray for **Phil Davies** and his son-in-law, Dan, as they take a lesson called 'Big Question - Is this life all there is?' in a secondary school in Swansea this morning. Phil asks: "Pray for a real engagement from the young people."

17 TUESDAY

Shaun & Livi Almond (Halstead) ask: "Please pray for ongoing success of our monthly teen gatherings. Many churches come together with the common goal of bringing our teens to the Lord."

18 WEDNESDAY

Ian Carr is leading and speaking at 'Bible Fellowship' at Guys Marsh Prison, Shaftesbury today. Pray for more men to be willing to choose spending time with God over other afternoon activities.

'Let Him lead me to the banquet hall, and let His banner over me be love.' Song of Songs 2:4

19 THURSDAY

Please pray for the **Counties staff** as they meet today to share a time of fellowship and updates from team members. Pray as they seek to encourage one another.

20 FRIDAY

Please pray for **Victor Jack** who is leading and speaking, and **Tony Hood** who is part of the leadership team, at a men's weekend at Sizewell Hall, Suffolk from 20-22 March.

Pray for the team, including **Phil Davies**,



Martin Erwin and Beverley Bedford, teaching a group of potential young

leaders at **One 2 Lead** in Chepstow from 20-22 March. Pray for safety and a real work of God in the lives of all who come.

21 SATURDAY

Please pray for **Miriam Jelfs** who is leading a 'Reaching Women for Christ' away day at Oakwood Chapel, Harlow today.

Jacquie Bodman (Cornwall)

asks: "Please pray for us as a church as we step out in

faith and start to go out on the street as **Neighbourhood Chaplains**. Pray for the team as we put into practice all of our training and preparations."

22 SUNDAY

Mike Strange shares: "Easter will be a time of new beginnings for us at Meare. It will have been exactly one year since the previous trustees told the congregation that Easter would be their last service. We will have a thanksgiving service for God's miraculous intervention and transformation."

Please pray for the **Key to Life** training in Nailsea with Churches together today. Children will be visiting **Key to Life** from 23-27 March.

23 MONDAY

Mark Bingham asks: "Please pray for our toddler group which we are relaunching. Pray for all those in the team to share God's love with the parents and children who will come along."

24 TUESDAY

Praise God that **the Life exhibition** was able to be used as part of Hebron



Church, Stockton's 150th anniversary celebrations, and that many were able to see the exhibition first hand.

25 WEDNESDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs' work is mainly building long-term relationships with men and women - often ex-offenders or people in addiction. They aim to develop connections with local and national employers in order to offer work experience and/or jobs to ex-offenders. Please pray that this initiative is backed by employers and for the individuals to have confidence and resilience to tackle workplace challenges.

Tim Aryton (Sudbury) writes: "Sports Outreach has always been part of Number 72's work. Please pray for the 'Fellowship Snooker' we are running today.

27 FRIDAY Please pray for



the **Counties Planting Network** as they lead M4 training for six church planting teams at Forest Community Church, Cinderford today and tomorrow. The keynote speakers are **Victor Jack** and Philippe Perrilliat (GLO), with the focus on mission.

John Hardwick is taking an Easter-themed RE Day at Duncombe Primary School, London today. He asks: "Please pray for more open doors into the schools."

Ian Carr is leading and speaking at children's and youth meetings today at Ebenezer Evangelical Church, Weymouth. Pray that the young people who regularly attend would genuinely turn to the Lord and be saved.

28 SATURDAY

Mike Strange reports: "Praise God for the first Baptismal service at Meare Community Church. Hallelujah!" Mike has also been involved in major refurbishment and decoration of the church building at Meare, Somerset. He explains: "This includes removal of pipe organ and unhelpful old text. Replacement of worm eaten wainscot and fresh paint throughout - not easy in such a tall building. Also, installation of data projector and screen. The 21st century has arrived!"

29 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today: Steve Treseder at Tycroes Gospel Hall, Wales; Will Andrews at Little Wymondley Baptist Church, Hitchin; Andy Jelfs at High Street Chapel, Hopton and Phil Davies at Dunvant Christian Fellowship, Swansea and Neath Gospel Hall in the evening.

30 MONDAY

Paul Willmott is leading whole school assemblies at Blakeley Heath Primary, Staffordshire and Bromley Pensnett Primary, Dudley today.

Please pray for the Easter Programme for Year 2 children led by **Steve & Gwyneth Treseder** and **Phil Davies** at Castleton Chapel, Swansea. Please pray that those who attend, including the teachers and parents, will grasp the true Easter message of God's love for each of us (30 March-2 April).

Stephen Gillham shares: "The First and Middle Schools in one of our local towns have specifically asked for me to explain the meaning of Easter. Please pray for this tremendous opportunity to share the message with up to 800 children." (30 March—2 April).

31 TUESDAY

Julian Gutteridge has organised a special week of Open Air evangelism, working in partnership with St Andrew's Brethren Church, York and the Open Air Mission from the 31 March - 3 April. He will also be with the Open Air Mission in Leeds from the 28 April - 1 May. Please pray for good opportunities to share the Gospel.

'But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.' 2 Peter 3:18

Prayer focus: NEIGHBOURHOOD CHAPLAINS

- Please pray for new and recently trained teams in Lancaster, Kendal, and West Cornwall. Pray for volunteers and the set-up stages, for wisdom and encouragement.
- Pray for our existing teams in Bedfordshire, Stockport, Hereford Putson, Hereford Challenge, North Devon, Forest of Dean, Swansea, East Bristol, London Hammersmith, Melksham, Newport, Frome, and South Glasgow as they're out and about this spring. Pray they will connect with those most in need of their help, and that conversations will easily turn into prayers. We've now trained over 120 volunteers, pray they all remain enthusiastic and committed, and pray for more to join them.
- Please pray for churches in **Gloucester**, **Northern Ireland** and **Coventry**, who are in the beginning stages, seeking volunteers to form new teams. Pray that God will make clear by His Holy Spirit what next steps to take, and encourage new volunteers to be bold.

April 2020

WHERE ARE COUNTIES RESOURCES THIS MONTH?

- Life exhibition: no bookings
- GSUS Live:

Unit One Black Country Unit Two Leeds

• Key to Life: not in use

01 WEDNESDAY

Paul Willmott is leading whole school assemblies in Westfield Primary, Staffordshire, Amblecote Primary, Dudley and Hawbush Primary, Dudley today.

02 THURSDAY

Please pray that God will speak through Will Andrews as he preaches today at Eldon Road Baptist Church, Wood Green and at Cornerstone Church, St. Albans on 5 April.

03 FRIDAY

Please pray as **Janet Hawking** concludes five weeks of teaching in ten schools today. She offers a Prayer Workshop for pupils to engage in twelve types of prayer with actions. She asks: "Pray the staff, as well as the children, will experience the love, power and presence of the Holy Spirit."

Jacquie Bodman (Cornwall) asks: "Please pray that the Lord will bless our Easter Messy Church today, and that we will have some good conversations, Christian literature taken and souls won for Christ."

Andy Jelfs is speaking at Tile Kiln Church in Chelmsford at 'Food on Friday', an OAP'S lunch, today.

04 SATURDAY

Andrew & Rachel Mugford will be at Albany Church's 'Messy Church' event in Enfield today. They explain: "The church works together to run Messy Church, attracting new families. Please pray for the conversations around activity tables and my message at the end of the morning, before the shared lunch."

'He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation.' Mark 16:15 Please pray for **Tim Cooke** as he reaches out to men at a breakfast today, and then at a 'Bible and Beer' event on 13 April.

Tim Ayrton is on a speaking tour in the Isle of Wight from today. He will be at Ventnor Baptist Church tomorrow and at East Cowes on 7 April, and a church in Newport (tbc).

05 SUNDAY

David Symons in North Devon asks: "Please pray for the power of the Spirit to be evident as I preach on various occasions throughout this month."

Lindsey Brown is giving a children's talk and **David Brown** is preaching at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry today. Please pray for impact, including first-time commitments to Christ.

06 MONDAY

Please pray for **Gordon & Penny Curley** as they lead a Holiday Club at Duncan Road Church, Southampton from 6-10 April. The theme is 'The Backpackers' and the programme focuses on the Gospel of Matthew, introducing the love of God, as seen on the cross, and inviting children to encounter and respond to God's plan of salvation. Please pray for **Paul Davies** as he leads 'Kapow Holiday Club' at Efford Christian Fellowship from 6-9 April. He asks: "Pray for families to join us and for the Gospel to go out clearly."

07 TUESDAY Praise God for all the



opportunities the Neighbourhood

Chaplains have to make Jesus known. Chaplains in Devon had been asked to take a funeral of one of the residents they had befriended. **Beverley Bedford** reports: "Our Neighbourhood Chaplaincy profile will be demonstrated as a visible presence and it feels we are making an impact on families."

08 WEDNESDAY

Lee Marsland is holding open air and tent meetings each Saturday throughout April in Oldham and on various local council estates. Please pray as he preaches the Gospel and gives out Gospel tracts.

09 THURSDAY

Please pray for the regular talks **Steve Loader** gives, to explain his work with seafarers, to various groups including, Mothers Unions and Men's Breakfasts. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.'

Matthew 28:6

10 FRIDAY

Please pray for **Charissa Cooke** as she leads the Pulse kids and youth club outreach today, and then, with **Tim Cooke**, on 24 April.

11 SATURDAY

Praise God that a 10 year old girl has been helped by praying through the grief of losing her grandmother at an after-school club with **Jacquie Bodman**. Jacquie adds: "Her mum is now bringing all three children to the after-school clubs and also to some Sunday services. From being an atheist when she first attended the toddler group, she is now open to listening about Jesus."



12 SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

Victor Jack is preaching at Westley Community Church and West Road Church, Bury St Edmunds today.

Beverley Bedford asks: "Please pray as I share my testimony today at a community event, where there will be many nonbelievers, at Bodmin Community Church.

13 MONDAY

EASTER MONDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) encourage ex-offenders to support others who may not have progressed as much as them. Please pray that this buddying initiative continues to be successful and that this will result in new followers of Jesus leading others into the faith.

14 TUESDAY

Please pray for **Tony Hood** who is part of the leadership team for the 5-7's at Spring Harvest, Harrogate from 14-18 April.

15 WEDNESDAY

Clive Cornish shares: "Prison work continues. The Chaplain recently left, so two of us have been filling in until a new Chaplain is appointed. Please pray he or she will be Spirit filled."

16 THURSDAY

Please pray for **Rob & Sarah Watson** in the Wirral as they disciple young people and work amongst the homeless, poor and needy.

17 FRIDAY

Andrew Mugford shares: "Praise God for the opportunities to speak to GCSE students in my old school in Chelmsford, including Q&A's after each lesson. I was asked what my role involves, how I came into it and what key Christian teachings structure my work! This was followed up with an invitation to talk to 120 year 12 students. Open doors into school are a real encouragement for us!"

18 SATURDAY

Please pray for the training GSUS and the training day for GSUS Live today with Leeds Faith in Schools.

19 SUNDAY

Please pray for **Charles Addoco** as he speaks at the Emmanuel Christian Fellowship in Ilford today and on 26 April.

Please pray for **Andy Jelfs** as he speaks at Queen Edith Chapel, Cambridge today.

20 MONDAY

David Brown asks: "Please



pray for effectiveness and good links to be established between the school and local churches during **GSUS Live** lessons at Moreton School, Wolverhampton from 20-24 April.

21 TUESDAY

Paul Willmott will be joining the Wombourne Churches 'Walk of Witness' today. Five local churches walk around the village as a witness to the death and sacrifice of Jesus. At the end of the walk the churches gather to sing and share Bible readings. Paul will be the speaker, engaging all ages in the message of the Cross. 'Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'

Matthew 5:15-16

22 WEDNESDAY

Today **Ian Carr** is taking assemblies at Alderholt, Downlands (Blandford Camp), and Archbishop Wake (Blandford) primary schools; involved with chaplaincy work at Sturminster Newton High School and speaking at the mid-week Bible study at Ebenezer Evangelical Church, Weymouth. He asks: "Please pray for strength and energy to tackle everything in such a varied day!"

Praise God for the encouragement that



Neighbourhood Chaplains have had in Mumbles. Steve Treseder explains: "A coffee shop situated directly opposite Castleton Chapel offered us the opportunity to sit with those who come in regularly for company. The owner has directed us to those who she feels would benefit from someone to talk to. This is now happening on a regular basis on a Tuesday morning and relationships are being built with those we meet.

24 FRIDAY

Mark Bingham asks for prayer for the youth and children's work that takes place on Fridays in term time in Maulden. Mark adds: "Please pray that the children will deepen their understanding of Jesus."

25 SATURDAY

Please pray as the Trustees and Counties Link Group members meet today for the **Counties AGM** at Northwood Hills Evangelical Church in Middlesex. Please pray for **Jacquie Bodman**, and a church team, as they provide crafts; a barbeque; puppet show and refreshments on the streets at 'Trevithick Day' in Camborne, Cornwall. Jacquie adds: "We usually give away about 500 tracts, over 200 Bibles and around 300 people come through the church."

26 SUNDAY

Please pray for **Andy Jelfs** who is speaking at City Hall West Mersea, Colchester today, and at Bradfield St George Chapel, Suffolk on 28 April.

27 MONDAY

Please pray for **Martin Korchinsky** and his team who are often on the 'front line' sharing Jesus through **Neighbourhood Chaplains**, the Youth Works and outreach programmes like the Food Bank.

28 TUESDAY

Please pray for **Kim & Jo Hobbs** (Hemel Hempstead) and the team who work with ex-offenders, offering friendship and mentoring that aims to help individuals find work, somewhere to live and to find a new direction to their lives. Please pray that each person finds Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.

29 WEDNESDAY



Please pray for more opportunities for **Colin Johnson** (above) to share God's love effectively during his regular community visits. He was encouraged after being invited to a couple's 65th wedding anniversary, after he met them on a cold call a few years ago. He shares: "Their granddaughter thanked me for my visits. I went to the party and met all the family and the granddaughter said she would come along to our church."

30 THURSDAY

Tim Cooke reports: "Praise God for the many unchurched young people who responded to the Gospel at our Crossfya Tour in Telford, Richmond, Birmingham and Burnley. Also, for the impact of our online videos reaching thousands of people across the country."

May 2020

WHERE ARE COUNTIES RESOURCES THIS MONTH?

- Life exhibition: Fife & Aberdeen
- GSUS Live:

Unit One Black Country Unit Two Leeds

• Key to Life: not in use

01 FRIDAY

Please pray for **Ruth Hood** as she caters for Cedars Church weekend at Sizewell Hall, Suffolk from 1-3 May, and for Sudbury Church from 29-31 May.

Pray for **Paul Davies** and the work of United Beach Missions as they organise Summer missions and training of future leaders today and tomorrow.

Andy Jelfs is speaking at Broomfield Road Evangelical Church's 'Weekend at Home' from 1-4 May.

02 SATURDAY

David Brown asks: "Please pray for enough volunteers from local churches to deliver **GSUS Live** lessons at St. Michael's School, Rowley Regis (4-7 May) and Redhill School, Stourbridge (11-15 May). Pray for effectiveness and good links to be established between the schools and local churches."

03 SUNDAY

Praise God for the encouragement Will & Lynne Andrews (Herts.) have had from people responding to the Gospel. They explain: "Some have just begun to enquire about faith, such as two members of a rock band who attended an Evangelistic Quiz Night. They had never been to church before, but were brought by their Christian manager. Some have been coming to faith through the preached message or where we have been given the privilege of reaping what others have sown."

04 MONDAY

Tim Aryton (Sudbury) asks: "Please pray for the Self Esteem course 'Worth it' taking place this month."

05 TUESDAY

Julian Gutteridge shares: "I shall be once again endeavouring to plan with Muslim leaders dialogue discussion through which I am able to share the Gospel with Muslims in a relevant way. Please pray the Lord will open up opportunities for this to happen."

06 WEDNESDAY

Ian & Sally Carr are leading the monthly 'Lighthouse' children's group at Shillingstone Church Centre, Blandford Forum today. Give thanks for the good numbers of children and helpers who regularly attend and enjoy the games, songs, crafts, activities, the bible story and its application.

'This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us.'

1 John 5:14



Pray for **Gordon Curley** speaking at the 'BodyBuilders Houseparty', and **Penny Curley** who is part of the leadership team. This is an inter-church youth event in Bournemouth for 8-15 year olds, from 7-10 May.

08 FRIDAY

GSUS 🛓

Praise God for the opportunities to share the Gospel in schools. 2,434 students visited **GSUS Live** in Telford, hosted by Bridgnorth Youth and Schools Project and 2,155 students in Bournemouth, hosted by Program for Applied Christian Education. The total visitors in 2019 was 30,825.

Also, give thanks for the **Key to Life** visit to North

KEY TO LIFE ?

Belfast, Ballymena and North Coast where 1,856 children visited, hosted by Scripture Union Northern Ireland.

09 SATURDAY

Tim Cooke writes: "We are constantly filming new content for our online iTruth outreach. Please pray for creativity and impact to the thousands who are watching our films."

10 SUNDAY

Please pray that God speaks through **Will Andrews** as he preaches today at West End Chapel, Fareham, and Albany Church, Enfield Highway on 17 May.

Ian Carr is preaching, with **Sally Carr** supporting, at the afternoon service at Bethany Chapel, Lyme Regis today. He asks: "Pray for the unsaved youngsters who have often come along to this service during the past year."

11 MONDAY

The Life exhibition is just to

the North West of Aberdeen this week. This is a 'first time' venue and they are speaking with others in the area. Please pray for more bookings in Scotland.

Today is the beginning of the SAT's testing in primary schools and **Paul Willmott** is leading prayers with a group of year 6 children at Maidensbridge Primary school, Dudley.

12 TUESDAY

Please pray for **Lee Marsland** as he plans to start either a Freedom in Christ or an Alpha course on Tuesday evenings, aimed mainly at the guests at the shelter at Impact Church in Oldham.

13 WEDNESDAY

Mark Bingham asks: "Please pray for my team and I as we run our community coffee morning on the second Wednesday of every month. Pray that we can build up relationships with the community of Maulden."

Stephen Gillham shares: "Please pray for our annual visit to the Isle of Wight where we shall visit four churches and four schools. Pray that we might be given the right words and spirit of encouragement and help in these situations." (13-20 May)

14 THURSDAY

Please pray for a course **Kim & Jo Hobbs** (Hemel Hempstead) are launching which will help prisoners resettle successfully. They also aim to support individuals in the community after they attend the course. Pray that any teething troubles are ironed out and a successful outcome is achieved.

15 FRIDAY

David Brown reports: "One school has stopped Walk Through the Bible lessons, at least for this year, but three more have opened, including the primary school I went to as a child." Please pray for more doors to be opened to share the Gospel in schools.

16 SATURDAY

Please pray for **Victor Jack** as he speaks at a Methodist Retreat at Athelington Hall, Suffolk today. He will also be speaking at Eckling Grange, a Christian residential care home and sheltered accommodation complex in Dereham tomorrow.

17 SUNDAY

Please pray for **Andy Jelfs** who is speaking at Frinton Gospel Chapel today; at Woolpit Christian Fellowship on 24 May and at Manor Lodge Chelmsford on 26 May.

Craig Dowling is preaching at Kings Church in Taunton today.

18 MONDAY

Andrew & Rachel Mugford, with two volunteers from churches in Maldon, are listening to and seeking to support students facing anxieties today, and every Monday during term time. They explain: "We are free to sensitively pray for, or with, the students. Pray for discernment and wisdom in what we say to students, and for opportunities to chat to staff."

19 TUESDAY

Janet Hawking is teaching in Swansea and Neath Junior Schools today. She adds: "But my passion is to train locals up to reach and teach in their own patch."

20 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for **Jacquie Bodman** as she supports students, as a School Chaplain, in a school in Cornwall. She also answers any Christian related questions in an RE lesson once a week. She asks: "Pray that I have the Lord's wisdom, discernment and understanding, and that I am a good witness to the students and teachers."

21 THURSDAY

Paul Willmott is leading whole school assemblies in Brook Primary, Dudley and St Oswald Primary, Kidderminster today. Later, Paul & Vanessa will be hosting their regular small group at home.

22 FRIDAY

Please pray for **Charles Addoco** and the team at South Park Chapel, Ilford as they run a regular youth club. Pray the young people will grow in faith and their knowledge of Jesus. He also asks: "Please pray as I support a new church plant at Hornchurch in the London Borough of Havering."

23 SATURDAY

John Hardwick is leading the children's work and the all-age celebration at the Christian Camping and Caravan holiday/ conference from 23-29 May. With motor homes becoming so popular it's a great opportunity for Christians to come together for this encouraging conference.

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.' Philippians 4:6

24 SUNDAY

Steve Loader reports: "By this time of year I would normally have visited about 250 ships. Please continue to pray that many seafarers will be won for Christ!"

Ian Carr is leading and preaching, with **Sally Carr** supporting, at Ottery St. Mary United Reformed Church today. Pray that those who come would really engage with God's Word.

25 MONDAY

Matt Rich reports: "We are excited that we have now had more than one million visitors to our website, Chatnow.org. Of these, two in every ten have clicked on 'Chat now' to chat privately with a Christian volunteer." Praise God for these opportunities.

26 TUESDAY

David Symons asks: "Please pray for Pentecost festival outreach this week, running up to this Sunday, when we have a united service at Bideford Pannier Market. Please pray as I put together prayer, follow up, stewarding and welcome teams. Pray for many non-Christians to come along and be impacted by the Gospel."

27 WEDNESDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs asks: "Please pray for the families of offenders and people in addiction. We frequently see the huge toll that prison and addiction lays on loved ones. The huge stress and worry often continues, sometimes for years." Pray that Kim & Jo and their team are able to offer effective support, bringing hope and sharing the love of Jesus.

28 THURSDAY

Please pray for Counties widows, Grace Anderson, Jean Campbell, Hettie Hall, Wendy Iliffe, Phyllis Jenkins, Ruby Powell, Betty Saunders & Gladys Whittern. May God continue to bless them and give them peace in all situations.

29 FRIDAY

Clive Cornish would value prayer for a proposal request he made for a recently closed Gospel Hall. He explains: "I'm passionate about doing a work in my locality. The hall needs a lot of work but God willing it would be used for community service and outreach. The focus would be on reaching the community for Jesus."

30 SATURDAY

Please pray for the final planning for **Counties Family Day**. This will be on 27 June 2020 at Tom Roberts Adventure Centre, Newent, Gloucestershire.



This is an opportunity for you to bring churched and non-churched people to experience a fun packed day and to hear the Gospel. We would love you to join us—please put the date in your diary.

31 SUNDAY

Please pray for **Caleb Mathewos** and the evangelism team he has been organising. He explains: "This year I am looking forward to training and involving more people in the team." Please pray for the team to grow in Christ's likeness and be enthusiastic to share the Gospel. "It was pouring with rain when we did Open Air talks in York. However, that did not dampen the enthusiasm of the team, from St Andrew's Brethern Church, giving out tracts. Despite the rain, we were engaged in long spiritual conversations in which we were able to share the Gospel." Julian & Ella Gutteridge, Hull

"Praise the Lord that another husband and wife committed their lives to Jesus." Victor Jack, Bury St Edmunds

"Praise God that 'Mission Uganda' saw 100's saved and healed by the power of God. Also, for the twelve people who moved on from the homeless shelter into new accommodation or rehab, and the ten men who have given their lives to Jesus so far!" Lee Marsland, Oldham

"Praise God for all of God's provision whilst moving to Herefordshire." Craig Dowling, Hereford

"The Castleton Youth group continue to grow each week. We started with two, and we now have 18 regular members, most of them being unchurched. We are so grateful for the help of Tom Binding, who has a wonderful rapport with the youth. Please pray that these youngsters will come to know Jesus in a personal way. Steve Treseder, Swansea 'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.'

Psalm 150:6

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