PRAISE & PRAYER DIARY December 2022 to February 2023

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Stephen McQuoid teaching at Counties weekend conference

December

2022

PRAY FOR COUNTIES SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

Please pray for the Life exhibition; GSUS Live and Key to Life as they plan future school visits.

01 THURSDAY

David & Lindsey Brown are leading an assembly for Key Stage 2 at Straits Primary School, Dudley today.

Beverley Bedford, Counties Training Officer asks: "Please



pray for the right person to fill the position of Neighbourhood Chaplains Co-ordinator."

02 FRIDAY

Janet Hawking is teaching from Acts about the Holy Spirit coming in power to sixty eleven year olds, and another sixty pupils about Samuel and the anointing of the Kings, at St Joseph's Cathedral School, Swansea today and on 9 December. **Paul Willmott** is leading Christmas themed assemblies at Hurst Green, St Margaret's and Brierley Hill primary schools in West Midlands. Paul visits these schools in connection with local churches.

GenR8, a school organisation that John Hardwick co-founded in Cambridge twenty two years ago, will have five teams touring around over 100 primary schools using John's scripts, songs, stories, puppet sketches, etc. John adds: "I will be in one of the teams on tour going into four schools a day around west and north Cambridgeshire. The theme is 'The Greatest Gift!'. My tour starts today, and continues until 15 December. Please pray for safety on the roads and a good response from schools as we reach so many children with the true meaning of Christmas."

03 SATURDAY

Miriam Jelfs is leading a 'Reaching Women for Christ' Christmas outreach at All Saints Church, Fordham today. Also pray for Miriam as she speaks at 'Crafty Ladies' Christmas lunch at Crossways Fellowship, Halstead on 5 December.

04 SUNDAY

Julian Gutteridge (Hull) is engaging in a dialogue meeting in a Shia Mosque on the prophet Noah today. Julian explains: "This has been arranged with the Islamic centre leader and there will be a presentation by an Imam on this subject followed by myself from the Christian perspective, before a question and answer session. This is an exciting opportunity to share the Gospel with the Muslims. Also, I am planning to do a Christmas presentation on the birth of Jesus with around twenty Sufi Turkish Muslims followed by food, carol singing and other cultural things."

Please pray for those preaching today, including, **Andy Jelfs** (Essex) at Fullbridge Evangelical Church, Maldon; **Steve Ellacott** leading and preaching at Bishop Tawton Gospel Hall, Devon; **Victor Jack** at Pakenham Chapel, Suffolk's Christmas event; **Phil Davies** in Nantcoch, Newport; **David & Lindsey Brown** at an all-age worship at Penn Christian Centre, Wolverhampton. Pray for a freshness and equipping in preparation and that the Lord would speak, encourage and challenge.

05 MONDAY

Please pray for **Ray Dadswell** as he leads Padre's Hour with Eastbourne Air Cadets, focusing on the Christmas story today.

Pray for **Charles Addoco** as he seeks to build teams in communities in North East London. He asks: "Pray that the Lord sends people with a heart for reaching young people and raising them to be disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in their communities and schools."

06 TUESDAY

Pray for the outreach **Colin Johnson** is doing at the Leighton Buzzard market on Tuesdays, and at the Dunstable market on Wednesdays.

Tim Ayrton (Suffolk) asks: "Please pray for the new manager of Number72, Hannah Kemp, as she settles into her new role. Also for Rob McNeish (Development Manager at our Great Cornard base), as he has been suffering with health problems."

'Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.' Proverbs 16:24

07 WEDNESDAY



We give thanks for the teaching, from Stephen McQuoid (see front page), and the fellowship experienced at the Counties Conference for the evangelists and church planters. The feedback includes: "Being challenged through the teaching from Stephen was so helpful and heart searching." And "We have had a challenging year as church planters and the teaching sessions were incredibly timely for us." Please pray as we start to plan for next year's conference for evangelists, church planters and supporters.

08 WEDNESDAY

Stephen Gillham asks: "Please pray for the opportunity to share the message and meaning of Christmas in five of our local schools around West Moors, Dorset this month. Pray that the children will look forward to Christmas with a greater understanding of why Jesus came."

09 FRIDAY

Ian Carr (Dorset) is taking primary school assemblies today at Spetisbury, William Barnes (Sturminster Newton), Marnhull and Shillingstone. Please pray for freshness and clarity in presentation, and that the seeds sown will grow and produce fruit in the lives of the young people who hear God's Word."

Mark Bingham (Kent) asks: "Please pray for the 'Kingsquad' I help to run in St John's School, Maidstone every Friday. Pray the children will learn more about God."

Andy Jelfs is speaking this evening at '421' youth group at Fordham All Saints Church, Essex.

10 SATURDAY

Paul Willmott is speaking at a Messy Church event with Chawn Hill Church, West Midlands today. Paul explains: "This will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the message of Christ with local families."

Tim Cracknell (Gloucestershire) is leading carol singing in Sainsburys car park at Ross on Wye today, and on 16 December at Cinderford.

11 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including **Steve Ellacott** at Chagford Gospel Church, Devon; **Andy Jelfs** at Stratford St Mary Christian Fellowship, Essex; **David Brown** at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry; **Tim Cracknell** at a Carol Service at Ross-on-Wye Community Church; **Will Andrews** at a Carol Service and later an evening service at Cannon Court Evangelical Church, Fetcham; and **Victor Jack** at Welton Baptist Church this morning and tomorrow evening.

Andrew & Rachel Mugford are taking the Carol Service at Fullbridge Church, Maldon this afternoon. They ask: "Please



pray that the hope-full Christmas message will draw a response from the guests." Andrew would also value prayer as he is a governor at Heybridge Alternative Provision School and the head of RE is liaising with him about coming back to take some lessons. Please pray for this to be diarised and for open discussion about the Christian faith.

12 MONDAY

Please pray for the many and varied Christmas opportunities **Gordon & Penny Curley** (Hampshire) are leading, from coffee mornings to carol services.

Jonathan & Heather Brain (Wiltshire) reports: "Throughout this month, the Gospel Trailer will be taken around Wiltshire's roads. The only practical problem is it being too windy - please pray for this and God's direction."

13 TUESDAY

Tony & Ruth Hood (Suffolk) continue to run the weekly after-school SPLAT clubs on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Tony is also involved with weekly assemblies in the local primary school in Hopton on Wednesday mornings and is responsible for assemblies in Barningham School on a fortnightly basis.

'And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.' Matthew 18:5

14 WEDNESDAY



David Symons (Devon)

shares: "Praise God for a great South West **One2lead** weekend away. It was good to see a group of young people so willing to grow and learn."

15 THURSDAY

Please pray for Counties staff meeting today for prayer, fellowship and planning.

Pray for **Phil Davies** and **Steve & Gwyneth Treseder** who are leading 'Christmas Wrapped Up' (15-22 December). Pupils from eight schools will visit Dunvant Christian Fellowship and Castleton Chapel, Swansea to hear the story of Christmas.

16 FRIDAY

Steve Loader (Bristol) writes: "This month is a busy time for handing out Christmas gifts to the seafarers that come into the Bristol ports. Being away from families at this time is always hard for these men and women who work at sea. I include a booklet with the message of Christmas with each gift, hoping the Gospel will transform their lives during this time. Please pray for the merchant seafarers."

17 SATURDAY

Please pray for **Will & Lynne Andrews** (Hertfordshire) as they attend the NET Cancer Support Group meeting today at Garden House Hospice, Letchworth. They add: "This is the first time we have met since the sudden passing of one of the group, which was a shock to all. Pray for further opportunities to offer pastoral support and share the Gospel with folks who are asking big questions." They would also value prayer for a Carol Service this evening at Cornerstone Church, St. Albans.

Steve Ellacott (Devon) is leading 'Who let the Dad's out' at Grosvenor Church, Barnstaple today and on 21 January and 18 February.

Tim Cracknell (Gloucestershire) is preaching at a Carol service in Cinderford today.

18 SUNDAY

Paul Willmott is speaking at a Christingle Service at Amblecote Community Church, West Midlands today.

Rob Watson is preaching at St Andrews Church Meols, Wirral today; and **Ian Carr** is leading and preaching at a Candlelit Carol Service at Ottery St. Mary United Reformed Church, Devon. Ian asks: "Please pray for familiar carols and readings to have fresh and Spirit-filled impact in the lives of those who attend."

Martin Korchinsky is preaching at a Community Carol Service at Brinnington Community Church, Stockport today. He also asks for prayer as he leads Carol Services at Brinnington Hall Care Home this month.

19 MONDAY

Lee Marsland (Greater Manchester) asks: "Please pray for our Christmas outreach during this week, including open air preaching; our Carol Service and our toys and hamper give away."

Paul Davies is leading various Christmas assemblies and lessons this month, including at Cwmtawe Secondary School, Swansea (19-23 December).

20 TUESDAY

Rob & Sarah Watson (Merseyside)

"Pray for our work with homeless people during the winter months. We will be giving out Christmas food hampers to those we hear about who are in great need."

21 WEDNESDAY

Jordan Armstrong asks: "Pray for our Little Lights Parent & Toddler group at Church in the Community Wollaston, West Midlands. Today is our Christmas party, pray for breakthrough in conversations."

22 THURSDAY

Matt Rich (Cumbria) shares: "We give thanks that the church was approved for a stand in the town at the Dickensian Festival, and that we are able to chat with so many people online."

23 FRIDAY

Please pray for Counties' evangelists, church planters, staff and trustees as they celebrate Jesus' birth and spend quality time with family, friends and fellowships.

24 SATURDAY

Phil Davies asks: "Pray for our Christmas Eve outreaches including two Carol by Candlelight events in both Dunvant Christian Fellowship, Swansea and a new area of work in Gowerton. Pray for good relationships with local Councils and other churches and that the message of true hope will be heard and discovered."

25 SUNDAY

Praise God, our Father, as we celebrate the birth of His Son. Merry Christmas to all from the Counties family!

Ian Carr is leading and preaching at the Christmas Day service at Bulbarrow Christian Fellowship, Dorset today. Ian asks: "Please pray for local villagers to come along and hear the Gospel, and for real blessing on the small group of believers who will gather."

Please pray for **Tim Cracknell** who is preaching in Cinderford today.

26 MONDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) ask: "Pray for the families of people in addiction as they struggle to know how to help their loved ones. We are frequently contacted by people who are so worried. Pray for those attending Living Recovery, our church-based group supporting addicts."

27 TUESDAY

Please pray for the **Neighbourhood Chaplain's** as they go out and share the Good News in their local areas.

28 WEDNESDAY

Andrew Mugford (Essex) writes: "Praise God for a great start to a new in-person Alpha course!"

29 THURSDAY



Pray for new churches that network have been planted across the country in the past year, and for **Counties Planting Network** as we seek to support and encourage churches to reach their communities through planting, revitalising and growth.

30 FRIDAY

Please pray for **Will & Lynne Andrews** (Hertfordshire) as Will starts his fifth cycle of chemotherapy. They write: "This is the half-way point and should be accompanied by a scan to see if the treatment is working. We praise God for

31 SATURDAY

Jordan Armstrong (West



Midlands) shares: "Praise God that our team completed the M4 learning process which was a wonderful experience and encouraging for our ministry as we set the direction for the future."





Evangelist Training Programme:

This programme offers training and support for those who believe God is calling them to be an evangelist. See the above photo of our current trainees with their wives at our recent conference.

The One2Lead TEAM gap year:



Peter Allin - Devon

TEAM is for those who have a passion to make Jesus known. Counties offer an opportunity to explore and develop gifts in evangelism, mission, and ministry in the local church. Peter Allin (see photo) is currently on the programme.

Prayer focus:



PRAY FOR COUNTIES' TRAINEES

We are delighted to welcome this year's trainees on the Evangelistic **Training Programme** (ETP) and **Training in Evangelism and Mission** (TEAM). See www.counties-training.org

Please pray Colossians 4:2-4 over each trainee:

- For wisdom as God directs their steps and confirms their calling in evangelism.
- For opportunities and open doors to put what they are learning into practice.
- For boldness in their personal evangelism.
- Pray for encouragement and strengthening of faith throughout their training period.

January 2023 PRAY FOR COUNTIES SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

Please pray that the Life exhibition; GSUS Live and Key to Life will have full diaries to visit schools.

01 SUNDAY

Phil Davies asks for prayer as he preaches in his own fellowship in Dunvant, Swansea as they set the vision for the coming year. Pray for wisdom as the church makes new steps forward in a number of different areas.

02 MONDAY



Neighbourhood Chaplains team are hosting a Warm Room initiative this winter until the end of March. This is held at Brinnington Community Church, Stockport every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and as well as welcoming people to a warm church, they also provide free hot drinks, toast, homemade soup, Good News-papers and activities or quiet space. Martin explains: "The plan is to get vulnerable and low income residents out of their homes a couple of days a week during the winter to enable them to leave the heating off at home."

'If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right.' James 2:8

03 TUESDAY

Please pray for **Stephen Gillham** (Dorset) as he sets up a school's programme for the twelve schools he visits. He also adds: "The next couple of days will be a busy time as we send out the Postal Bible School lessons to our 270 students who are all over the country. Some will be put on higher-level lessons this month and certificates will be awarded for achievements in the past year. Pray that these students will regularly send in their lessons each month." **David Brown** is leading Walk Through the Bible Old Testament lessons with Year 5 and New Testament lessons with Year 6 at St. Mary's CE Primary School, Kingswinford on Tuesdays, and Walk Through the Bible Old Testament lessons with Year 5 at Straits Primary School, Dudley on Wednesdays.

Steve Ellacott (Devon) is teaching at Kingsley Prep-school Bible Club and then leading and teaching the Christian Union at Kingsley Senior School on Tuesdays.

04 WEDNESDAY

Ray Dadswell is leading Padre's Hour for Eastbourne Air Cadets today, focusing on 'New Beginnings'. About twenty new cadets are being enrolled, each of whom will receive a New Testament, special edition, with RAF crest.

05 THURSDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) ask: "Pray for those leaving prison tightly bound to criminality. Mental health, addiction or their unwillingness to face their criminal behaviour often sends them back to wrongdoing and prison. Pray that someone will share friendship and the gospel to point them to a way out."

06 FRIDAY

Pray for **Steve & Gwyneth Treseder** at Castleton Chapel, Mumbles, Swansea as they look for ways to encourage the small group who meet there, help to nurture those who are seeking to grow in their Christian faith, as well as reaching out to the wider community.

07 SATURDAY

Martin Korchinsky (Greater Manchester) writes: "Praise God for the visit of a team from Long Island who went door to door with us, sharing the Gospel and helping to run our barbeque. Brilliant turn out and great conversations, one healing and three praying to be saved by Jesus!"

08 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: Julian Gutteridge (Hull) at East Hull Presbyterian Church, East Hull; Stephen Gillham at Bere Regis Chapel, Dorset; Rob Watson at West Kirby Reformed Church, Wirral; David Brown at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry; Ray Dadswell at Grange Evangelical Church, Uckfield; and Tim Cracknell at Forest & Wye Community Church, Gloucestershire.

09 MONDAY

Lee Marsland asks: "Please pray as our Bible study starts this week at Chadderton Community Church, Oldham, after having a face lift. Pray it will be a place where we can help people to apply what they learn to their Christian lives.

Beverley Bedford, Counties Training

Officer asks: "Pray for the SWYM Conference today at Lee Abbey in North Devon, where I will be conducting a workshop with over 90 young people on how to share your faith. The theme is 'Won't you leave the ninety-nine?' "

10 TUESDAY

Please pray for the **Evangelist Training Programme trainees** today, and for **Bob Telford** teaching them on Zoom about 'Evangelism Preaching' and **Martin Erwin** on 'Evangelism in the local church'. Pray the ETP trainees will be able to use what they learn in their evangelism.

Pray for **Victor Jack** (Suffolk) who is attending an Evangelist Conference in Daventry (10-12 January).

11 WEDNESDAY

Janet Hawking (Pembrokeshire) is teaching from the New Testament every Wednesday at St Dogmaels Primary School, Pembrokeshire. Pray as Janet aims to reach the young generation and equip them with their own Bible, as well as to train others to do the same.

12 THURSDAY

Please pray for wisdom for the **Counties trustees** as they meet today at Ladyfield Evangelical Church, Chippenham.

Mark Bingham asks for prayer for 'Boom', a group for families who have members with learning, developmental or behavioural conditions. They are meeting today at Maidstone Family Church, Kent. Mark writes: "Pray for God to keep giving us new contacts."

13 FRIDAY

Please pray for **Charles Addoco** as he prepares a group of young people from East London and Essex for missions in July and August. Charles asks: "Pray for wisdom from God and that He will soften the heart of young people for the unsaved in their local area."

Ruth Hood (Suffolk) is continuing to mentor children with anxiety on Fridays at a local primary school in Stowmarket as part of the Greenlights project.

14 SATURDAY

Please pray for **Paul Davies** (Swansea) and others as they discuss the future of the work of United Beach Missions today.

15 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Stephen Gillham** at Charminster Chapel, Bournemouth; **Ray Dadswell** at Grange Evangelical Church, Uckfield; and **Andy Jelfs** at Fullbridge Evangelical Church, Maldon.

16 MONDAY

Jordan Armstrong (West Midlands) writes: "We have The Hub (coffee house) open more hours in the week to be a support to the community in the colder months with the rise in cost of living. Please pray for our workers who are volunteering extra hours and for good conversations with Hub users."

17 TUESDAY

David Brown shares: "I have started training two children's workers from a church in Solihull to deliver Walk Through the Bible OT Mini lessons. They are such fantastic storytellers and engaged the attention of the pupils brilliantly."

18 WEDNESDAY

Paul Willmott is leading a New Year assembly today at Annie Lennard Primary School, Bearwood. Paul visits this school in connection with Bearwood Chapel, West Midlands.

Ian Carr is leading school assemblies at Child Okeford and Downlands (Blandford Army Camp) primary schools, and at Cranborne Middle School today. The schools are very different in terms of ethnic mix; please pray for the Gospel to take root in the varied lives of all the young people who hear the Good News.

Tim Cracknell (Gloucestershire) asks for prayer for the Forest & Wye Community Church trustees meeting today, and the core team meeting on 25 January.

19 THURSDAY

Pray for **Paul Davies** (Swansea) as he speaks at Libanus Church, Swansea for their 'Talk & Tea' outreach.

Please pray for **John Hardwick** as he leads 'Singing at the Ark' parent and toddler group on Thursday mornings at Histon Baptist Church, Cambridge. Also, pray for Messy Church at Royston Methodist Church, Hertfordshire on 22 January.

20 FRIDAY

Colin Johnson asks: "Please pray for plans to start a new in-person and online outreach course, working with the local Anglican church in the south of Leighton Buzzard. We are aiming to reach people in the new housing estates that are being built in our area."

21 SATURDAY

Please pray as **Gordon Curley** runs the programme for the camp leaders reunion meal, catch up and prayer this evening at Duncan Road Church, Southampton. The planning and sign up for the summer camp will officially start with this event. **Penny Curley** is cooking the meal.

'But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. 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

22 SUNDAY

Pray for those preaching today, including: **Steve Loader** at Edington Chapel, Somerset; **Steve Ellacott** at Central Church Bideford Youth, Devon; **Tim Cracknell** at Forest & Wye Community Church, Gloucestershire; **Phil Davies** at Castleton Chapel, Mumbles, Swansea.

Andrew & Rachel Mugford (Essex) share:

"The Eastern Cluster of Counties' evangelists are meeting today and tomorrow in Cambridge for support and training. Please pray for an encouraging and 'blade-sharpening' time together as we look at discipleship."

23 MONDAY

Please pray as **Jonathan & Heather Brain** (Wiltshire) aim to travel to busy areas of traffic with their Gospel billboard trailer, so that the maximum amount of people will view it. Pray the weather is not too windy.

24 TUESDAY

David Symons (Devon) asks: "Please pray as I lead the Counties training day on Apologetics today. Pray for wisdom and fresh insights into how to best answer the questions non-Christians are asking."

25 WEDNESDAY

Steve Loader (Bristol) shares: "Praise God that a seafarer friend of mine continues to find new revelation of Christ in his life. He has joined an online Bible study course, which has had a huge impact on him. He now tells me another seafarer has also discovered Christ through this group. I have given my friend extra study notes to help him."

26 THURSDAY

Paul Willmott is so pleased to be visiting Rufford Primary School, West Midlands with a new assembly today. This is a special school for Paul as it is where he went as a child.

27 FRIDAY

Today **Joy Ayrton** is leading an outreach event 'Living with the loss of a loved one' at Woolpit Room Christian Fellowship, Suffolk. Also pray as Tim & Joy as they step down from various aspects of the work prior to their upcoming sabbatical.

28 SATURDAY



Phil Davies asks: "Please pray for GSUS Live which arrives in Swansea area today for the next five weeks. Pray for the training session with **Dave Thomas** this morning. Also, pray for the Welsh Cluster of Counties' evangelists as we meet tomorrow and Monday."

Miriam Jelfs leading a 'Reaching Women for Christ' away day at Stanway Evangelical Church, Colchester .

29 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Steve Loader** at Cromhall Chapel, South Gloucester; **Andy Jelfs** at Westcliff Free Church, Essex; **Ian Carr** at Charminster Chapel, Bournemouth; and **Andrew Mugford** at West Thurrock Chapel, Essex. Pray that the messages given will encourage the churches.

30 MONDAY

Pray as **the Life exhibition** works **vith London City Mission today**



until 3 Feb. Pray the children visiting the exhibition will have a revelation of who Jesus is.

31 TUESDAY

Pray for opportunities for **Clive Cornish** and the team at Reflect Community Church, Ely to reach the community with the Gospel.

February 2023

PRAY FOR COUNTIES SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

Please pray for the Life exhibition; GSUS Live and Key to Life as they plan future school visits.

01 WEDNESDAY

David Symons shares: "Praise God for our wonderful Counties Link Group here in North Devon. The support and advice they give Katie and I is invaluable. Please pray for wisdom as we gather together today."

02 THURSDAY

Paul Willmott (West Midlands) is leading assemblies with Offmore primary schools, Kidderminster today. Paul visits these schools in connection with Offmore Church.

03 FRIDAY

Gordon Curley (Hampshire) writes: "It was good to be back at Hawthorne Court nursing home, the first time for three years due to Covid. Penny and myself are able to run a short Christian service once a month for some of the patients. Hawthorne Court specialises in dementia care. Praise God for the encouraging feedback: 'This mornings service was lovely. Gordon and his family judged it well. It was the first time for ages that I have seen one of the ladies so attentive. She sang all the hymns without using the hymn sheet.'"

04 SATURDAY

Jordan Armstrong (West Midlands) shares: "The young people we have been establishing relationships with through the Hub and youth ministry have been engaging with the Gospel regularly. Please pray for them as they continue to explore questions of faith. Pray as I lead the youth ministry and that I continue to have many Gospel conversations."

05 SUNDAY

Steve Loader (Bristol) writes: "As well as the usual ship visiting, please pray for my preaching engagement at Wrington Church, Somerset today."

Others preaching today are: **Steve Treseder** at Neath Gospel Hall, South Wales; and **Andy Jelfs** at Oakwood Chapel Harlow.

06 MONDAY



Please pray for **the Life exhibition** visit to Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry (6-10 February).

Steve Ellacott (Devon) leads and teaches at 'The Forum', a Christian Union event at West Buckland School on Mondays.

Pray for **Ray Dadswell** as he leads Padre's Hour with Eastbourne Air Cadets today.

""When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt.' Leviticus 19:33,34b

07 TUESDAY



Andrew & Rachel Mugford (above) co-lead 'Fullbridge Community Hub' on Tuesday mornings at Fullbridge Church, Maldon. They offer a welcome to members of the community in need of a place to belong, have support with job hunting or as refugees, especially Ukrainian families. Pray that conversations will open up to spiritual matters.

Pray for the **ETP trainees** as they undergo their preaching assessment today at the Counties office in Westbury. The trainees will have the opportunity to preach on a passage of Scripture and have it critiqued.

Ian Carr is leading primary school assemblies today at Spetisbury, William Barnes (Sturminster Newton), Marnhull and Durweston. Please pray that the Bible stories and their application will engage and challenge children and staff, and ultimately bring salvation and blessing.

08 WEDNESDAY

Paul Davies (Swansea) writes: "Praise God for the opportunity I have to serve the 'Kids & Youth Leaders Network' as part of Wales Leadership Forum."

09 THURSDAY

Julian Gutteridge (Hull) asks: "Please continue to pray for the four mosques I have contact with and visit at least once a month, every Thursday and Friday afternoon and evenings."

10 FRIDAY

Lee Marsland (Greater Manchester) writes: "Please pray for our 'Encounter Ministries' as we look to do more outreach both in the town centre and the local community. We aim to do community clean ups, fun days and open air ministry."

11 SATURDAY

John Hardwick is leading a 'Praise Party' today at the XcellR8 Children's Weekend

based at Histon Baptist Church, Cambridge. Children from churches across Cambridge attend this.

Mark Bingham (Kent) would value prayer for the street outreach in Maidstone he is engaged in today. Pray that people are open to receiving the Gospel.

12 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Steve Loader** at Nailsea Methodist Church, Bristol; **Tim Cracknell** at Forest & Wye Community Church, Gloucestershire; **Andy Jelfs** at Norrey's Chapel, Wokingham via Zoom; **David Brown** at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry; **Phil Davies** at Mount Pleasant, Pembroke. Phil adds: "This is a growing church that is seeking to move from their current meeting place in a school into a building that is still in the process of being rebuilt."

Also, **Ian Carr** is leading and preaching at Brewham Baptist Chapel this morning. Ian shares: "Pray for real encouragement for the group of believers who gather faithfully in this small village, and for their faithful witness to impact the local community."

13 MONDAY

Pray for **Gordon Curley** as he leads a holiday club at Swanfied Chapel, Chichester. Gordon comments: "It is always great to see a church full of children for two hours of morning activities."

John Hardwick is leading a holiday club at St John's Church Woodbridge, Suffolk (13-15 February).

14 TUESDAY



Praise God for the 400 Bibles that Janet Hawking and a couple of local Christians labelled, ready to give to school children in Pembrokeshire. Pray the Lord will keep the doors open to go into schools.

15 WEDNESDAY

Paul Willmott is pleased to be visiting Cotwall End Primary School and Woodsetton Special School today with a fun-filled assembly. This is in connection with All Saints Church, Sedgley.

Pray for **Paul Davies** as he is part of Swansea SACRE to discuss the RVE (Religion, Values and Ethics) development in the new Wales curriculum.

16 THURSDAY

Please pray for **Charles Addoco** and the First Priority Team members as they mobilise and train youth coaches for the First Priority Strategy in London and Essex.

17 FRIDAY

Please pray as **Jonathan & Heather Brain** take the Gospel billboard trailer to rural locations around Wiltshire.

18 SATURDAY

John Hardwick is leading a children's programme at an away day with Felsted CE Church at the Kings Centre in Northampton.

19 SUNDAY

Andrew Mugford is leading the service at Oakwood Chapel, Harlow today. Please pray that the Holy Spirit uses the message to touch hearts and minds, and draws them closer to the Lord.

Tim Cracknell is preaching at Forest & Wye Community Church, Gloucestershire today.

20 MONDAY

Phil & Sheila Davies ask for prayer as this week they hold a kids holiday club in Dunvant and Gowerton. Pray especially for Gowerton as they seek to start to establish a new work there.

Please pray for **the Life** exhibition's visit to Sudbury led by **Tim & Joy Ayrton** and the



Number72 team. They write: "Pray that many children from local schools will benefit from this excellent presentation. Last time we had over 400 children through the doors. We hope for more this time!" (20-24 February)

21 TUESDAY

Tony & Ruth Hood run the coffee mornings on Tuesdays at High Street Chapel in Hopton, Suffolk. They add: "This is now part of the warm spaces project which gives us opportunities to provide support to local residents."

22 WEDNESDAY

On Wednesdays Janet Hawking

(Pembrokeshire) leads a prayer workshop after teaching from the Bible. Janet asks: "Pray the Holy Spirit will answer their prayers and bring comfort, peace, faith and hope to troubled young lives and staff. I often travel and teach alone. Please pray for a bigger team to reach more schools across Wales."

23 THURSDAY

Please pray for **Colin Johnson** as he continues community visiting in Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

24 FRIDAY

Please pray for Counties widows: Grace Anderson, Madelene Bathgate, Jean Campbell, Wendy Iliffe, Phyllis Jenkins and Gladys Whittern. Pray they all experience the love and peace of God.

25 SATURDAY

Julian Gutteridge (Hull) shares: "Praise God for the ongoing Bible studies I am able to have with a Turkish Sufi Muslim. He also comes to church with me to hear me speak, even when I am speaking in other churches in Yorkshire."

26 SUNDAY

Pray for those preaching today, including Steve Loader at Chelsea Christian Centre, Bristol; Steve Ellacott at Roundswell Christian Fellowship, Devon; Andy Jelfs at Crossways Fellowship, Halstead; Victor Jack (Suffolk) at Woolpit Christian Fellowship, Bury St Edmunds.

27 MONDAY



This is the first day of **GSUS Live** in Bishop Gore School, Swansea with **Phil Davies**. Pray for a growing excitement among pupils and staff and for a new work to start in the school after GSUS Live leaves. Pray also for **Steve Treseder** as he helps to present this programme.

28 TUESDAY

Rob & Sarah Watson ask: "Please pray as we begin to make early preparations and planning for summer camps with Merseyside churches."

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) share: "In these winter months, we pray especially for the homeless, the ex-offender seeking accommodation, a job to pay bills and simple friendship in a lonely world. We pray that they would find a church community offering friendship and warmth to help them re-establish their lives."

'See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.' 1 John 3:1,2

"Praise God for a very good restart to One2Lead in South Wales & Borders with 21 students, many of these were new. A lovely atmosphere and a heart to grow." Phil Davies, Swansea

"Give thanks for the great start to the new online Alpha course I am leading, with nine people attending." Colin Johnson, Bedfordshire

"Praise God for encouraging news of people blessed through our ministry going back years and for the continuing fruit from our summer camp work." Rob & Sarah Watson, Merseyside

"Praise God that a partner of an ex-offender has started attending church regularly and wants to be baptised."

Kim Hobbs, Hemel Hempstead

"Praise God for the conversations we have with those on our street outreach." Mark Bingham, Kent 'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.' Psalm 150:6



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