

PRAISE & PRAYER DIARY

December 2023 to February 2024



Counties Connect Conference



December 2023

PRAY FOR COUNTIES' SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

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

01 FRIDAY

Stevie Walker (Devon) is open-air preaching in Newton Abbot today, and this evening he is part of the response team at a J. John event in Torquay. Stevie will also be engaged in open-air preaching in Newton Abbot on 15 & 29 December, and in Paignton on 16 December.

Ian Carr (Dorset) has a meeting at Castle Court School, Wimborne today to discuss restarting his involvement there as Chaplain, and to consider how that work can be expanded. Please pray for wisdom and grace as to any decisions made.

02 SATURDAY

Please pray for **Miriam Jelfs** who is leading a 'Reaching Women for Christ' Christmas outreach, at All Saints Church, Fordham, Essex this evening.

03 SUNDAY

John Hardwick shares: "Today is a very busy day. I have an all-age service at Penn Christian Centre in Wolverhampton in the morning, then a long journey to Gosberton Parish Church, Lincolnshire to speak at a Christmas service organised between the local Baptist, Methodist, and Anglican churches this afternoon. The local primary schools will be taking part. Please pray I'll arrive on time and my message will resonate with all ages."

Please pray for others preaching today, including: **David Symons** at One Way Community Church, South Molton; **Victor Jack** at Grange, Dereham; **Andy Jelfs** at Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury; **David Brown** at a family service at Offmore Church, Kidderminster; **Stevie Walker** at Strete Chapel, Devon and **Natalie Walker** running Messy Church at Gerston Chapel; **Stephen Gillham** at Ebenezer Church, Weymouth and later at Chickerell Gospel Hall, Weymouth.

04 MONDAY

Stephen Ellacott leads 'The Forum' and Bible study group at West Buckland School, Devon on Mondays; and a Bible club at Kingsley pre-school, followed by CU at Kingsley Senior School on Tuesdays.

05 TUESDAY

Mark Bingham asks: "Please pray as I lead a service at Cavell Park Care Home, Maidstone today. Pray that the residents will come to know Jesus personally."

Every Tuesday morning **Tony & Ruth Hood** run a coffee and chat morning at High Street Chapel, Hopton. Tony writes: "We started this during the lockdown to give the elderly and isolated people in the village the opportunity to meet others and they won't let us stop!"

Will & Lynne Andrews (Hertfordshire) are leading a 'First Tuesday' fellowship group at Cromwell Hotel, Stevenage today.

Please pray for **David Brown** as he delivers 'Walk through the Bible' lessons at Straits Primary School, Dudley (with Rev Steve Carpenter, Bridge Church) today and on 6, 12, 13 December. Also, David will be at All Saints Primary School, Trysull, Wolverhampton on 7 and 14 December.

06 WEDNESDAY

Stephen Gillham (Dorset) asks: "Please pray for the opportunities I have to share the message and meaning of Christmas in seven schools this month."

07 THURSDAY

Please pray for **John Hardwick** (Cambridgeshire) and his Christmas Tour, he explains: "I'll be touring around thirty primary schools to present Christmas."

08 FRIDAY

Paul Willmott writes: "We are hosting the Submarine Theatre Company at church today. They will be bringing their performance of a Christmas Carol. We have taken this opportunity to invite families that we have various links with."

Please pray for **Andy Jelfs** who is speaking at '421 Youth Group' today at All Saints Church Fordham, Essex.

Will & Lynne Andrews (Hertfordshire) would value prayer for their visit to the NET Cancer Group at Garden House Hospice, Letchworth tomorrow.

09 SATURDAY



Praise God for the special time we had with evangelists, church leaders and supporters at our **Counties Connect Conference** in Daventry, Northamptonshire. Chris Sinkinson (from Moorlands College), Stephen McQuoid and Martin Erwin led the Bible teaching, and others led a variety of seminars. Our aim was to inspire and equip people to reach those in their communities with the Gospel.

One attendee wrote: "A fabulous God-filled weekend. I'm feeling excited and equipped to leap into action!"

Another commented: "Thank you to the Counties team for a wonderful Conference; I feel refreshed, recharged and ready to GO and make disciples."



10 SUNDAY

Matt & Nicola Rich are organising, leading and preaching at a 'Lego Builders' Carol Service today at Bethany Church, Ulverston, Cumbria.

Please pray for others preaching today, including: **Tim Cracknell** at a Carol Service at Forest and Wye Community Church, Ross-on-Wye; **David Brown** at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry; **Stephen Gillham** at St Cleer's Chapel, Somerton; **Stephen Ellacott** at Chagford Gospel Church, Devon; **Victor Jack** at a Christmas dinner and service at Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury; **Andy Jelfs** at Crossways Christian Fellowship, Halstead.

Please pray for **Jonathan Brain** who is leading and speaking at a funeral directors Christmas Service today. This is for all their customers from the previous year. Pray for an opportunity to share the Gospel to people possibly looking for hope.

'The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.'

Psalm 19:1

11 MONDAY

Please pray for **Phil Davies** (Swansea) as he shares in a week of school assemblies followed by a Christmas kids club on Friday. Pray for open ears and hearts (11-15 December).

Janet Hawking is teaching the Bible all day in two Pembrokeshire schools on Mondays. Please pray for clarity, compassion, fun, energy and the Word of God to release faith hope and love.

Please pray for **Stevie Walker** who helps at 'Pulse', an after-school club for primary age children, at Great Parks Chapel, Devon on Mondays.

'Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.'

Lamentations 3:22-24

12 TUESDAY

Clive Cornish asks: "Please pray as we, at Reflect Community Church, Cardiff, get very busy leading up to Christmas with our coffee shop, panto, Christmas Carol Service, church, etc. Pray for those working not to get stressed and for those in the community to come in."

David Brown is reporting on the Moldova mission trip today at Offmore Church, Kidderminster.

Please pray for the **Counties ETP trainees** and **TEAM student** who are training with **Kevin Baldwin** (the **Life exhibition** coordinator) and **Dave Thomas** (**GSUS Live** coordinator) today.



13 WEDNESDAY

Steve Loader (Bristol) writes: "Christmas time will once again give opportunities for me to give out Christmas presents to the seafarers that come to Portbury and Avonmouth docks during the festive period. Many of these men and women feel particularly homesick during this time. Pray that they will experience the comfort of Christ and the true meaning of Christmas."

14 THURSDAY

Paul Willmott is presenting the message of Jesus' birth in Saint Oswald Primary School, Kidderminster and Brook Primary School, Stourbridge today, on behalf of two local churches.

Will & Lynne Andrews (Hertfordshire) have a Church Revitalisation Project, Operations Team Zoom meeting this morning, and are at Cafe Church at Grange Baptist Church, Letchworth this afternoon.

15 FRIDAY

Lee Marsland (Greater Manchester) asks: "Please pray for our 'Big Give' which we run throughout December. I am leading this, collecting food, toys and warm clothes for those most in need and also organising a Gospel meal with testimonies."

16 SATURDAY

Mark Bingham (Kent) writes: "Praise God that He has opened the door in Canterbury and Gravesend to setup a team of evangelists, to do street outreach."

17 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today: **Phil Davies** speaking at a Carol Service in Dunvant, Swansea and later at Bridgend Gospel Hall, Bridgend; **Stephen Gillham** at Sturminster Newton Fellowship and Thorncombe Chapel (Chard) Carol Service; **Stephen Ellacott** at East the Water (Bideford) Messy Church Christmas special; **David Symons** at Bickington Christian Fellowship Carol Service; **Victor Jack** at Westley Church, Bury St Edmunds; **Andy Jelfs** leading a Carol Service at City Hall, West Mersea Island, Essex ; **Tim Cracknell** at a Carol Service in Cinderford; **Ian Carr** at Ebenezer Evangelical Church, Weymouth. Pray for clarity and joy in communicating the Gospel message and a response from those who listen.

18 MONDAY

Jordan & Lacy Armstrong ask: "Please pray as we travel to Guatemala for Christmas. This will be a visit to Lacy's family who are on mission there. We will also get to engage with the local ministry that our church is partnered with."

Please pray for **Phil Davies** along with **Steve & Gwyneth Treseder** and team as



they share with eight schools as classes come into Dunvant and Castleton churches to hear the real story of Christmas through 'Christmas Wrapped up', see photo (18-21 December).

19 TUESDAY

Please pray for **Steve Cowles** (Lancashire) who is speaking to the National Crime Agency today. Steve adds: "I will have 30 minutes to explain Christianity and then have open questions. This will be Zoomed to all divisions. They are wanting to train their officers to understand other religions and practices better. Please pray for me as I try to reach as many officers as possible. These are very hardened officers who badly need the Lord."

20 WEDNESDAY

Please pray as **Tim Cracknell** and a team give out 1,000 Christmas evangelistic gift bags across Forest & Wye Valley.

Pray as **Lionel Clargo** brings the message of our Saviour's birth to 'Cameo', a seniors group at Oakhall Church, Surrey today. He writes: "Approximately half the people who attend don't know the Lord yet. Pray the Holy Spirit to open eyes and hearts."

21 THURSDAY

Victor Jack (Suffolk) writes: "Praise God for three men who have come to faith recently. One through Alpha and two through a message I gave. All three are growing and showing signs of the Holy Spirit at work in their lives."

22 FRIDAY

Paul Willmott is presenting an all-age Christmas message at a Christmas meal for disadvantaged families at Amblecote Community Church, Stourbridge today.

Charles Addoco is leading a Gospel Impact Service at the Barking Methodist Church, London today. He asks: "Pray that it will be a blessing to all who participate or lead."

23 SATURDAY

Tim Ayrton writes: “Christmas is a special time, however, it is also a very needy time for those who are trying to make a little go a long way. Please pray for the families we meet at Number 72, Sudbury as we seek to share the true love of Christmas and Jesus coming to offer us hope in a broken world. May we have enough to share some gifts with every family we meet.”

24 SUNDAY

Please pray for **Stevie Walker** who is preaching at Great Parks Chapel, Paignton this morning and in the evening he is sharing a Gospel message at the ‘Carols by Candlelight’ Service.

25 MONDAY

Praise God for our Lord Jesus Christ, as we celebrate His birth. **Merry Christmas to all from the Counties family!**

Please pray for those in prison at Christmas that, being separate from family, they may have time to reflect on why we celebrate. Pray for their families who also face hardships and potential stigma of their loved ones' criminal

behaviour. Also, pray for those working in prisons, including **Kim & Jo Hobbs** (Hemel Hempstead), to have opportunities to share Jesus.

26 TUESDAY

Please pray for the Community Café at Windmill Community Church, Compton.

Andrew Hodson and the team aim to reach the needs of the community in various ways, including their spiritual needs. Pray that good Gospel conversations will lead to decisions for Christ.

27 WEDNESDAY

Please pray that the **Counties evangelists and staff** are able to have a relaxing break with their families this Christmas time.

28 THURSDAY

Will Andrews (Hertfordshire) writes: “Praise God that my second embolisation procedure was totally pain-free, which was a real answer to prayer. This has had a very positive effect on the side effects of the cancer, giving a far better quality of life and enabling me to start an element of public ministry again.”

29 FRIDAY

Please pray for Counties Planting Network as we seek to support and encourage churches to reach their communities through planting, revitalising and growth.

30 SATURDAY



Janet Hawking (Pembrokeshire) shares: “Give thanks for a good week with **GSUS Live** in my local Welsh secondary school, which has 450 pupils. Also, I had a great time praying and sharing a meal with our junior schools team. There were fifteen of us, and we made preparation for a new school year. We now have new schools booked, and there were over 5,000 Bibles given away in the last year. A head teacher in a non-faith school said she was ‘blown away by the impact on her pupils’.”

31 SUNDAY

Please pray for **Stephen Ellacott** who is preaching today at Roundswell Community Church, Barnstaple, Devon.

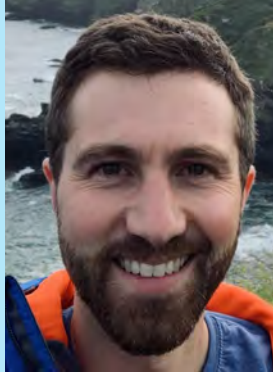
ETP trainees:

Dan Hawken is working at Forest & Wye Church, Ross-on-Wye;

Lesley Lawrence is in South Wales (Penarth);

Cheryl Magowan is in Lancashire (Preston area);

Simon Terry is in Wigston, Leicestershire.



Dan Hawken



Lesley Lawrence

TEAM student:

Jacob Newman is from Glebe Chapel and lives in Dymock, Gloucestershire.



Cheryl Magowan



Simon Terry

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:37,38

Prayer focus:

PRAY FOR COUNTIES TRAINEES

We are delighted to welcome this year's trainees on the **Evangelist Training Programme (ETP)** and **Training in Evangelism and Mission (TEAM)**.

The **Evangelist Training Programme** offers training and support for those who believe God is calling them to be an evangelist.

The **One2Lead TEAM** gap year is for those who have a passion to make Jesus known and wish to explore and develop gifts in evangelism, mission, and ministry in the local church.

Please pray for:

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

See www.counties-training.org for more information.



January

2024

PRAY FOR COUNTIES' SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

Please pray that schools will welcome Counties' schools resources to share about Jesus.

01 MONDAY

Jordan Armstrong asks: "Please pray for the Church in the Community Wollaston, West Midlands church plant, as we kick off the New Year with new outreach opportunities. We plan to launch an Alpha course this month that I will be leading."

02 TUESDAY

Please pray for **Lee Marsland** (Greater Manchester) as he leads a team to launch a regular podcast aimed at unchurched audiences. He explains: "We will be bringing on various guests to share what God is doing throughout the country. Pray for our online presence this month."



Steve Loader
with seafarers

03 WEDNESDAY

Steve Loader (Bristol) asks: "Please pray for the Lord's fresh anointing on me as I seek to share God's love with merchant seafarers and various preaching and ministry talks throughout the New Year."

04 THURSDAY

Please pray for **Steve & Debbie Cowles** (Lancashire) as they lead a Christianity Explored eight-week course, starting this month.

Tim Cracknell would value prayer as he follows up the new connections made over the Christmas period.

05 FRIDAY

Janet Hawking is teaching from the New Testament in Ysgol Dewi Sant Llanelli, Wales on Fridays. Please pray the reality

of the Gospel will touch their hearts deeply. Also pray for the younger pupils having Old Testament lessons with a colleague that Janet had trained. Pray that the pupils will read and treasure their Bibles that were sponsored by the local Welsh chapel.

Please pray for **David Brown** as he leads a 'Walk Through the Bible' training weekend for churches (5-7 January). Also pray as he leads 'Walk through the Bible lessons in primary schools in Dudley and Kingswinford this month.

06 SATURDAY

Please pray as **Matt & Nicola Rich** lead and speak at a 'Lego Builders' family event at Bethany Church, Ulverston, Cumbria today.

07 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Stephen Gillham** at Bere Regis Chapel, Dorset and **Stevie Walker** who is helping at Messy Church at Gerston Chapel, Paignton, Devon.

Lionel Clargo writes: “Katy & I plan to do a month of pastoral entertaining, as well as visiting in the local area of Caterham. Pray for wisdom for who to ask and opportunities to share the Gospel of good news.”

08 MONDAY

Andrew Hodson is leading a new men's discipleship group with eight men from Windmill Community Church, Wolverhampton on Mondays. He asks: “Please pray that we will be able to multiply this group with others in the church and the community.”

Please pray for **Stevie Walker** as he helps at 'Pulse', an after-school club at Great Parks Chapel, Devon on Mondays. Stevie will be door-knocking in Paignton on Tuesdays, and every Wednesday he shares a message at Gerston coffee morning, followed by outreach in Totnes with Totnes Gospel Hall.

09 TUESDAY

Mark Bingham asks: “Please pray for our street outreach in Maidstone today; that people will give their lives to Jesus.”

Will & Lynne Andrews (Hertfordshire) are leading a 'First Tuesday' fellowship group at Cromwell Hotel, Stevenage today.

Please pray for **Ian Carr** who is leading school assemblies at William Barnes, Sturminster Newton and at St Gregory's, Marnhull today, as well as counselling students at Sturminster Newton High School. Please pray for the words spoken to be truly those of the Lord, so that lives are changed and souls are saved.

10 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for **John Hardwick** (Cambridgeshire) as he contacts schools to offer a 'New Beginnings' assembly. Also, pray as he works on more videos and songs. He reports: “In one month my YouTube channel had over 30,000 views, so my Christian videos are reaching a lot of people!”

Paul Willmott is leading a whole school assembly at Cotwall End Primary School today. Paul is visiting the school on behalf of All Saints Church, Sedgley.

11 THURSDAY

Tony & Ruth Hood (Suffolk) share: “Praise God for the number of children eager and keen to be involved with the after-school SPLAT clubs. It has been a real encouragement as we start another term in the local primary schools.”

12 FRIDAY

Will & Lynne Andrews (Hertfordshire) have a Church Revitalisation Project, Operations Team Zoom meeting this morning.

Stevie Walker is engaged in open-air preaching in Newton Abbot today and on 26 January, and in Paignton on 20 January.

13 SATURDAY

Tim Ayrton (Suffolk) asks: “Please pray for the trustees of Number 72, Sudbury as we seek to address the need to recruit and train new members of the board and release others who have served faithfully over many years. As Lesley, our Centre Manager, moves the work forward we need a strong board with varied skills to support her.”

14 SUNDAY



Andrew & Rachel Mugford (above) are taking the baptismal service today at Fullbridge Church, Essex of a new believer who has come to faith recently through Alpha. Later, they are leading the Eastern Cluster as they meet this afternoon and tomorrow in Cambridge. Alongside praying for one another, Dan Randall is speaking on 'Reaching the younger generations'.

Charles Addoco is speaking at Emmanuel Christian Fellowship, Goodmayes, Ilford today. Please pray that God's anointing will come upon Charles to enable him to be a blessing to the young people.

Others preaching today include: **David Brown** at Cranham Evangelical Church, Worcester; **Stephen Treseder** at Tycroes

Gospel Hall, Carmarthenshire; **Victor Jack** at Westley Church, Bury St Edmunds; **Stephen Ellacott** at Bishop Tawton, North Devon; **Stephen Gillham** at Charminster Chapel, Bournemouth; **Ian Carr** at Fovant Free Church, Wiltshire this evening.

15 MONDAY

Stevie Walker (Devon) shares: "Praise God for two men who were baptised at Gerston Chapel. They came to a coffee morning and started coming to church on Sundays."

16 TUESDAY

The Life exhibition is hosted by ICE Exeter at Belmont Chapel, Devon (16-25 January).



Counties **ETP trainees** and **TEAM student** have training on 'Evangelism in the local church' today, led by **Gordon Curley**.

David & Lindsey Brown are reporting on schools' work at Offmore Church, Kidderminster today.

17 WEDNESDAY

Stephen Ellacott and **David Symons** are leading Petroc CU at St. Paul's Sticklepath, Barnstaple today. Stephen is also teaching at Abbotsham house group this evening.

18 THURSDAY

Please pray for the **Counties trustees** as they meet today. Pray for fresh vision for the coming year.

Stephen Gillham shares: "Grace Goulding, who has been administering the Dorset Postal Bible School, has retired. Jean & I will be responsible for all the work for the short-term. Please pray that the right person will be found to run this resource."

19 FRIDAY

Please pray for **Miriam Jelfs** as she leads a 'Reaching Women for Christ' conference at Sizewell Hall, Suffolk (19-21 January).

'If God is for us, who can be against us?' Romans 8:31b

20 SATURDAY



Please pray for **GSUS Live** training in Swansea today with **Phil Davies, Dave Thomas** and Glyn Davies. Pray for the teams visiting the following schools: Ysgol Bryn Tawe, Swansea; Ysgol Bae Baglan & St Joseph's, Port Talbot.

David Symons is speaking at a men's breakfast at Westward Ho! Baptist Church, Devon today.

21 SUNDAY

Paul Willmott is speaking at All Saints Church in Sedgley today, including presenting an all-age Bible message.

Pray for others preaching today, including: **David Symons** at Ilfracombe Baptist Church, North Devon; **Stephen Gillham** at Ebenezer Church, Weymouth; **Phil Davies** at Bethesda, Rhiwbina, Cardiff. Pray for the Lord's anointing as they speak.

22 MONDAY

Stephen Tresseder (Swansea) writes: "We praise God for new folk coming to our Sunday Family Services at Castleton. Some have never been to a church service before, but after investigating online decided to give it a try."

23 TUESDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) ask: "Please pray for the homeless, especially the ex-offenders, during this coldest part of the year. Pray that they access safe accommodation that leads to a better future." Pray for Kim as he meets people in these awful circumstances, that he can offer friendship, support and have an opportunity to speak about Jesus.

24 WEDNESDAY

Paul Willmott is visiting schools this morning, and later today he is hosting a local hub of children and family workers in the Dudley Borough.

Please pray for **Will & Lynne Andrews** as they attend the 'FEW' Evangelists Conference today and tomorrow.

25 THURSDAY

Jonathan & Heather Brain would value prayer as they take the Gospel trailer around schools at opening and closing times. Jonathan explains: "Any day that the weather permits I'll be aiming at the busiest times to grab people's attention with the Gospel. Young people take photos, pray it continues to have a great effect."

26 FRIDAY

Please pray for **Will & Lynne Andrews** as they offer hospitality at 'Foodie Friday' at their home.

27 SATURDAY

Ian Carr (Dorset) shares: "Praise God for opportunities to visit three more schools to share the Bible's teachings and the Gospel message."

28 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **David Brown** at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry; **Victor Jack** at Westley Church, Bury St Edmunds; **Andy Jelfs** at Crossways Christian Fellowship, Halstead.



29 MONDAY

Please pray for **the Life exhibition's** return visit to East London Tabernacle (29 January - 2 February). They hope to reach the other twenty schools in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets that missed the exhibition last time.

30 TUESDAY

Please pray for **Phil & Sheila Davies** (Swansea) as they take a Sabbath day away today. Pray as they seek to know the Lord's heart, freshness and time to relax together.

31 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for **Rob & Sarah Watson** (Merseyside) as they evangelise to those on the margins of society.

February 2024

PRAY FOR COUNTIES' SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

Please pray that Counties' schools resources will have full diaries to visit schools.

01 THURSDAY

Ian Carr is leading primary school assemblies at Stalbridge and Gaunt's Common, Dorset today. Please pray that familiarity with stories from the Bible will not lead to apathy and indifference, and that the Holy Spirit will break through into young lives, whether now or in future years, and bring salvation and fruit.

Pray as **David Brown** leads 'Walk Through the Bible' lessons this month at St. Mary's C of E Primary School, Kingswinford; Church of the Ascension C of E Primary School, Kingswinford and at Straits Primary School, Dudley.

02 FRIDAY



Please pray for **Phil Davies**, Matt Lewis, **Dave Thomas**, Tom Binding and **Lesley Lawrence** as they lead **One2Lead** South Wales and Borders (2-4 February). Pray that the students grow in their faith and in their leadership skills. Phil is speaking on 'A Race through the New Testament'. This will be Phil's last One2Lead weekend with the Chepstow group, after 14 years. Pray as the team continue to lead these weekends across three regions now.

Please pray for **Steve Cowles** as he leads a Christianity Explored class. Also, Steve is lecturing to Capernwray Bible School students this month.

The Life exhibition is at the 'Hand in Hand' children and family conference in Eastbourne (2-4 February). Pray for some good contacts.



'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.'

Joshua 1:9

03 SATURDAY

Stephen Ellacott (Devon) gives thanks that one of the young men he mentors has started a student Bible study group at college, with seven students attending. Also, praise God that three new young people have started to attend Stephen's Friday night Bible Study at McDonalds in Barnstaple.

04 SUNDAY

Please pray as **Stevie & Natalie Walker** run Messy Church at Gerston Chapel, Devon today.

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Stephen Treseder** at Neath Gospel Hall, Wales; **David Symons** at Copplestone Chapel, Devon; **Stephen Gillham** at Dorchester Community Church, Dorset; **Andy Jelfs** at Oakwood Chapel, Harlow; **Victor Jack** at Westley Church, Bury St Edmunds; **Phil Davies** at Sudbury Evangelical Church. Phil adds: "Pray for the Lord to use His word in the lives of the believers there."

05 MONDAY

Tim & Joy Ayrton are attending a Keswick Ministries conference in the Lake District, (5-7 February). The theme is 'The Way of Wisdom'. They ask: "May we be open to hear and apply what God is saying to us as we step back from responsibilities at Number 72 this year."

Stephen Ellacott leads 'The Forum' and Bible Study group at West Buckland School on Mondays; on Tuesdays he leads the Bible club at Kingsley pre-school, followed by CU at Kingsley Senior School.

London City Mission are hosting **the Life exhibition** in Havering this week (5-9 Feb).



06 TUESDAY

Please pray for **Stephen Gillham** as he leads the February Bible School at Verwood Road Chapel, Three Legged Cross, Wimborne each Tuesday evening this month. Pray that the talks given will be a blessing to the Church and encourage people in their Christian lives.

Please pray for **Will & Lynne Andrews** as they lead 'First Tuesday' fellowship group today at Cromwell Hotel, Stevenage.

07 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for **Janet Hawking** and the new trainees who are teaching the big picture, 'Walk Through The Bible' in Neath/Swansea schools and across West Wales to over 1,000 pupils each week.

08 THURSDAY

Andrew Hodson is leading his church team at **M4** learning community in Preston today and tomorrow. Andrew asks: "Please pray for the team, as we take part in our last weekend, that we clearly hear God's leading."



09 FRIDAY

Stevie Walker is engaged in open-air preaching in Newton Abbot today and on 23 February, and in Paignton town centre on 7 February.

10 SATURDAY

Please pray for **Jonathan Brain** as he meets and shares the Gospel with people in coffee shops in Wiltshire's towns.

Pray as **Lionel & Katy Clargo** continue to do pastoral entertaining, as well as visits in the local area of Caterham. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel.

11 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **David Brown** at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry; **Stephen Gillham** at Thorncombe Chapel, Dorset; **Victor Jack** at Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury; **Andy Jelfs** (via Zoom) at Norreys Chapel, Wokingham; **Will Andrews** at Langdale Evangelical Church, Dunstable.

12 MONDAY

Please pray for **Gordon Curley** as he leads a holiday club at Swanfield Chapel, Chichester (12-16 February).

13 TUESDAY

Please pray for the **Counties trainees** as **David Symons** leads a training session on 'Apologetics' today on Zoom.

Jordan Armstrong (West Midlands) asks: "Please pray for our church small groups tonight as we come together alongside the community for a pancake night. I will be speaking at this event. Praise God for the opportunity to speak the Gospel through this simple holiday."

14 WEDNESDAY

Charles Addoco is involved in mobilising and training young people from London and the UK for Intercultural missions in the UK and Europe. Please pray for Charles and the team to know the grace of God and trust Him to lead in every aspect of the initiative.

15 THURSDAY

Steve Loader (Bristol) asks: "Please pray for the Christian seafarers I meet, who are thrilled to be able to share their love for Jesus with me. I pray that I will be able to encourage them as they seek to encourage their crew mates in the things of Jesus Christ."

16 FRIDAY

David Symons (Devon) shares: "Praise God for two baptisms at our home church in Bideford and also two students from Petroc CU who got baptised in their home churches. Also, give thanks for six young people who made professions of faith at an united youth gathering that I help to organise."

17 SATURDAY

Stephen Ellacott is leading 'Who Let the Dads Out' event in Devon today.

18 SUNDAY

Please pray for **John Hardwick** as he leads Messy Church at Royston Methodist Church, Hertfordshire today.

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Stephen Gillham** at Howeth Road Evangelical Church, Bournemouth; **Andy Jelfs** at Fulbridge Church, Maldon; **Stevie Walker** at Strete Chapel, Devon; **Will Andrews** at the evening service at Bethany Christian Fellowship, Holbury.

19 MONDAY

Paul Willmott (West Midlands) is visiting Westfield Community School; Blakeley Heath Primary School and Springdale Primary School today, on behalf of two local churches.

20 TUESDAY

Stephen Gillham (Dorset) shares: "We have been especially encouraged by the responses to Sunday preaching by a number of Christians who have said what a blessing and help the message given was to them. We believe that this is a major part of our ministry these days." Praise God for this encouragement and for opportunities Stephen has to share God's Word.

21 WEDNESDAY

Please pray as **David Brown** leads 'Walk Through the Bible' lessons at The Ridge Primary School, Stourbridge today and 28 February. David is also taking 'Walk Through the Bible' lessons at Straits Primary School, Dudley (22 and 29 Feb.) and at St. Benedict's C of E Primary School, Wombourne, Wolverhampton on 23 February.

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.""

John 8:12

22 THURSDAY

Please pray for **Phil Davies**, in his Regional Connector role, as he seeks to support churches and church leaders in the South Wales area. Pray for wisdom to know where the Lord would have him help.

23 FRIDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) share: "We had been leading regular events at our local prison but they took a pause in 2023. Pray that Debate Club restarts and progresses successfully with prisoners - giving them opportunity for a positive, social and fun event and the opportunity for us to build good relationships with them in readiness for their release."

24 SATURDAY

Please pray for **Paul Willmott** who is speaking at a family pancake party with his own church, Amblecote Community Church, in Stourbridge today.

Mark Bingham (Kent) writes: "I am out with Street Pastors today. Please pray that God will give us good conversations with people about Jesus."

Pray for **David Brown** as he leads a 'Walk through the Bible' 'live' event today at The Mission, Nelson, Lancashire and then preaching there tomorrow morning.

25 SUNDAY

Please pray for **Stephen Gillham** as he preaches today at Sturminster Newton Christian Fellowship, Dorset.

Dave Thomas (GSUS Live Coordinator) asks: "Please pray for GSUS Live training with **Andy Mugford** and the team in Maldon today."



26 MONDAY

Andrew Mugford is hosting **GSUS Live** at Plume Academy, Maldon, Essex this week. Andrew asks: "Please pray for the contact with students and staff this week and conversations that come from this excellent resource."



27 TUESDAY

Please pray for **Lee Marsland** (Greater Manchester) as he leads a team to continue having a street presence as they go into the community and town centres with the Gospel.

28 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for Counties widows: **Grace Anderson, Madelene Bathgate, Jean Campbell, Angela Cooper, Wendy Iliffe, Phyllis Jenkins and Jane Martin**. Pray for good health and the Lord's peace in all situations.

29 THURSDAY

Praise God for the opportunities that **Steve Loader** (Bristol) has to share the Good News with seafarers. Steve writes: "A number of ships had been detained by the Maritime Coastguard Agency, due to a number of issues. This gave me more time to help the crew with free sim cards, toiletries and other provisions. One of the ships crew asked if I could give a Bible study for them. It was a wonderful opportunity to once again share the significance of Jesus Christ. Many Bibles and Gospel booklets were handed out during their stay in Portbury."

"Praise God for new believers and those coming to Reflect Community Church wanting to work and not just fill the pews."

Clive Cornish, Cardiff

"Praise God for the successful restructuring of the leadership team at the Christ's Forgiveness Ministries in London." Charles Addoco, Essex

"Praise God for the great feedback I have received from my primary school's tour theme 'Building a Strong Foundation in our Lives'."

John Hardwick, Cambridgeshire

"Give thanks that we have seen an increase in attendance on a Sunday at our church due to congregation members inviting members of their community.."

Jordan Armstrong, West Midlands

"Praise God for a holiday that was gifted to us - we really needed it! Also, we thank God that He always encourages and lifts us , even whilst the times may feel especially challenging!"

Kim Hobbs, Hemel Hempstead

*'The LORD is my strength
and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and
he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy,
and with my song I praise
him.'*

Psalm 28:7

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