

PRAISE & PRAYER DIARY

March to May 2021



Neighbourhood Chaplains at
their local hospital



March

2021

PRAY FOR COUNTIES SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

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

01 MONDAY

Ivor Cooper (Warwickshire) asks: 'Please pray for continued improvement in my health. A further MRI is planned in March to assess the efficacy of pre-Christmas treatment.'

Today **Stephen Gillham** (Dorset) hopes to be leading an online school assembly to 14 classrooms in one school, and also to the homes of any children self-isolating. He comments: 'It worked very well in the Autumn term. Pray also that after half term schools will be open for some live contact, even with restrictions.' He hopes to visit some churches in Lancashire later in the month too.

02 TUESDAY

Will & Lynne Andrews (Hertfordshire) report: 'It has been good over lockdown to gain a couple of new attendees at 'First Tuesday'. Currently it is serving a friendship and pastoral function, rather than an evangelistic one. We look forward to getting back to meeting in person.'

03 WEDNESDAY

Jackson Turner (Leeds) hopes to launch **Neighbourhood Chaplains** in the Spring. Please pray for the planning meetings this month.



Colin Johnson (Bedfordshire) is planning another Alpha online this month. Also, please pray for the Facebook Live events he is doing each week, a time of prayer and reflection as well as well-being tips from a Christian perspective.

04 THURSDAY

Ruth Hood (Suffolk) is leading a course called 'Tastelife' to help those with eating disorders and their carers each Thursday evening as well as leading a women's discipleship group each Monday evening. **Tony Hood** adds: 'We are also planning to run another Alpha course either online or in person as restrictions allow from March to May.'

05 FRIDAY

Please pray for **Phil Davies** as he shares at the Glebe Chapel, Newent weekend 'away' today. Pray that God's word will bear real fruit.

06 SATURDAY

Praise God for the opportunities to share about Jesus' birth at Christmas. **Paul Willmott** (West Midlands) had live video calls with a number of schools. **John Hardwick** (Cambridgeshire) reports: 'My YouTube channel had over 20,000 views, and my Facebook Advent Calendar 18,000 views in December. People viewed my Christmas talks, Christmas Songs, and my daily Advent 'Countdown to Christmas' Calendar.' **Stephen Gillham** (Dorset) had prepared two Christmas assemblies for 30 schools. He writes: 'The response was very positive. Pray that such online talks might have helped many children understand the message of Christmas. Pray also for messages given on online Carol Services, one of which was broadcast on a local radio.'

07 SUNDAY

Please pray for **Jonny Gios** (Kendal) as he preaches on the Gospel of Mark today, and on 14 and 21 March.

Paul Willmott is be speaking at an online family service with Penn Christian Centre, Wolverhampton. Also, each week this month Paul will be filming and editing videos for schools that include a fun puppet routine and Bible talk. Check out Paul's videos on YouTube, 'Paul at Home'.

Will Andrews would value prayer for his online preaching engagements this month: for Cannon Court Evangelical Church, Fetcham today and on 14 March, and for Granville Street Church, Aylesbury on 28 March.

Ian Carr is preaching for Verwood Road Chapel, Dorset today. Pray that believers will be strengthened in their faith, and that any unbelievers who hear the Word will respond and be saved.

08 MONDAY

Today **Janet Hawking** is teaching the New Testament and presenting Bibles to pupils near Cardigan, Wales. Janet asks: 'Please pray that lasting foundations are laid for staff and pupils. Pray for Head Teachers as they face and carry huge responsibilities.'

09 TUESDAY



Praise God for the opportunities **Jacquie Bodman** (Cornwall) and the team of **Neighbourhood Chaplains** have had to give out Christian literature to patients, and later chocolate and cards to the staff in their local hospital (see front page and above).

Jacquie adds: 'Please pray for us as we get more involved with the different government agencies and volunteer groups. Pray that we are good witnesses for the Lord in all we do and say. Also, pray for me as I get more involved in training **Neighbourhood Chaplains** teams and work as part of Counties' **Neighbourhood Chaplains** steering group.'



10 WEDNESDAY

Tim Ayrton (Suffolk) asks: 'Please pray for each member of the Number72 Team, that they will be kept healthy as we seek to do the good works God has given us to do. Also, we now have a number of key appointments to fill. These include: Family Worker; Number72 Cafe Manager and Neighbourhood Chaplains Team Leader. Pray God will lead us as we seek to fill these salaried/voluntary positions.'

'If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.' James 1:5

11 THURSDAY

Aaron Shah (North Shields) asks: 'Please pray for the weekly online 'One Thing' worship devotionals that I put on Facebook every Monday and Thursday.'

Julian Gutteridge (Hull) asks for prayer for more Gospel opportunities linked to preaching engagements, and online Bible studies with Chinese friends that he leads every Monday and Thursday.

12 FRIDAY

Please pray for **Charles Addoco** as he prepares the youth of Emmanuel Christian Fellowship, Ilford to share the Gospel with their friends in their schools.

David Brown is speaking on Zoom at Friday Night Fellowship for Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry today.

13 SATURDAY

Praise God that **Will & Lynne Andrews** (Hertfordshire) were encouraged to hear of a young girl of eight and a man aged eighty-two who came to faith through their ministry.

Clive Cornish praises God for His faithfulness and provision. Clive is encouraged: 'Seeing the team at Reflect Community Church, Cardiff committed to the work and their enthusiasm to reach the community.'

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) gives thanks for new connections. They write: 'A local church has approached us to become involved in our ministry to ex-offenders.'

14 SUNDAY

Please pray for **Craig Dowling** as each Sunday this month he is teaching on the 'I am' sayings of Jesus at Wye Community Church, Herefordshire.

David Symons is preaching at Muddiford URU service today, using Zoom. Dave comments: 'It was very encouraging last year to see so many joining the Chapel's online services. Please pray for continued growth numerically and spiritually and for God to bring a blessing to all those who hear the message.'

15 MONDAY

Gordon Curley is hoping to lead a school assembly, via Youtube, for Park Gate Primary School, Southampton today, and for Sarisbury Green Junior School, Southampton tomorrow.

John Hardwick (Cambridgeshire) writes: 'Bookings remain vague due to Covid. In March 2020 one or two churches asked me to postpone events to this year, please pray that these will go ahead. I am also developing more online school assemblies; RE days; Messy Church celebrations, etc.'

16 TUESDAY

Andy Hodson asks: 'Please pray as we meet every Tuesday to plan Engage West Midlands, a project aiming to plant 1,000 new churches across the region. We are designing a training system for workers in the city, incorporating existing training, mentoring and coaching.'

Beverley Bedford, Counties Training Officer, writes: 'Please pray for our Training Academy today, with the ETP trainees and TEAM students online. Pray also for the next **Neighbourhood Chaplains** 'Inform and Inspire' event tomorrow. Churches will be able to find out more about the schemes, and sign up to train as Neighbourhood Chaplains.'



17 WEDNESDAY

Clive Cornish hopes to preach at Crindau Church, Newport and Mackintosh Church, Cardiff today. Clive adds: 'My study for Theology College has been on the back burner, I have been so engrossed in the work at Reflect Community Church. I need to put aside time to study as papers will be due soon.'

18 THURSDAY

Lee Marsland (Greater Manchester) asks for prayer for 'The Live Hour Daily' at 3-4pm. Lee explains: 'I'm leading and preaching, plus bringing guest speakers, online. This is based at Impact Community Church. Please pray for people to encounter Jesus.' Also, pray for the church plant Lee hopes would be running by now. Lee adds: 'Pray God blesses it and we see the local community engaged with God, as myself and Elijah lead this.'



19 FRIDAY

Pray for **Phil Davies** (Swansea) and the One2Lead Team as they discuss, plan and deliver One2Lead to young potential leaders either online or at Woodcroft.

20 SATURDAY

Andy Hodson (West Midlands) shares: 'Praise God that on 1 January 2021 Church in the Community (CitC) managed to secure a lease on a building for its latest venture, CitC Wollaston. We are excited about the opportunities this opens up to us to present the Gospel and make disciples in a post-Covid world.'

21 SUNDAY

Steve Treseder is preaching on Zoom for Evangelistic Hall, Llanelli, Wales today. Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading and anointing, and for freshness in opening God's Word and proclaiming the Gospel.

'He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.'

Ephesians 2:17

22 MONDAY

Paul Willmott is leading an online school assembly today for St Lukes First School in Redditch on behalf of Southcrest Church. Paul will be talking about 'Why Jesus Died'.

Pray for **Phil Davies, Steve & Gwyneth Treseder** and team as they seek to run an 'Easter Cracked' in either Duvant and Mumbles (S. Wales) or online. Pray that children will hear the real Easter story.

Pray for **Steve Ellacott** and **David Symons** as they lead a new believers Bible Study, using John's Gospel, in East-the-Water, Devon today.

23 TUESDAY

Andrew & Rachel Mugford's Job Club members have appreciated the chance to continue to meet through this period of time. They ask: 'Please pray that spiritual conversations and opportunities will open up as we come alongside them, with a 2m gap, each Tuesday morning.'

Also, **Andrew Mugford** will be joining **Tony Hood** and **Shaun Almond** as they plan this summer's Family Camp. They would value prayer as they plan alongside the leaders of the other camps in these still uncertain times.

24 WEDNESDAY

The **Counties trustees** are meeting today via Zoom. Please pray for God to lead and guide them as they make decisions for the year ahead.

Steve Loader (Bristol) shares: 'With more of my energy put into ship visiting and the challenges of reaching seafarers from all around the world, please pray for my continued safety whilst engaging with these merchant seafarers. The port is always a dangerous place to work and the threat of Covid-19 just adds to the risk.'

25 THURSDAY

Please pray that **Kim & Jo Hobbs** (Hemel Hempstead) will be able to re-establish their ministry and programmes in the local prison, when restrictions are lifted. They share: 'It will be like starting again, so please pray for great working relationships with prison staff and that security and logistics challenges can be overcome quickly.'

Pray for **David Brown** (West Midlands) as he helps with the last few sessions of online Alpha on Thursday evenings. Pray that those who haven't yet been saved will commit to following Christ and be successfully integrated into a local church.

26 FRIDAY

Lionel Clargo (Surrey) writes: 'Please pray for wisdom in how best to serve the Lord and that my witness may be honouring and help others to seek our Saviour.'

Mark Bingham asks for prayer as he, and his family, prepare to move to Maidstone in Kent at Easter. They give thanks for God opening a door at Maidstone Family Church.

27 SATURDAY

Julian & Ella Gutteridge (Hull) share: 'Praise God for the two Christmas Zoom meetings we organised with ethnic minorities. The first was an online meeting with Sufi Turkish Muslims. We presented the Christmas story; sang carols, and also gave a Gospel presentation. There were all together around 35 people online, 17 of whom were Turkish Muslims with their families. We had given them presents made by a Pastor, Jonathan Jolly and his wife, who work in partnership with us. It was lovely to see everyone online opening presents together. Praise God for such an opportunity. The second similar online meeting was with Chinese students who had returned to China, some of whom are not yet believers.'

28 SUNDAY

Jonny Gios (Kendal) asks for prayer for the online 'Stories of Hope' with Will Godson, today.

Tony Hood hopes to preach at Botesdale Parkview Chapel, Norfolk today.

29 MONDAY

Liz David (Cardiff) asks: 'Please pray for the weekly Bible study that I have with a refugee from Mongolia, and for her to come to understand God's love for herself. Pray for the online meetings for adults with learning disabilities and for the team who help plan and lead them and the carers and families that join in.'

30 TUESDAY

Martin Korchinsky (Greater Manchester) asks: 'Pray for strength for those in the church and our community who are struggling to find support for their addictions and mental health issues in this lockdown landscape. Pray they turn to the Lord in their desperation and not to more of what has harmed them.'

31 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for the preparations **Jacquie Bodman** (Cornwall) is making for Easter outreach. Jacquie adds: 'Pray we find a way to reach our community with the Gospel in an effective way within the government restrictions. Also, pray for my work with the Camborne Town Deal and that I have opportunities to share the Good News with my fellow volunteers.'

Prayer focus:



PRAY FOR COUNTIES PLANTING NETWORK

Please pray for the ten new church plants across the UK who are on our M4 Team Training, as they struggle to connect with their communities during the pandemic. **Tim Cracknell**, Counties Church Planting Officer, adds: *'Thirty per cent of our lead planters have been seriously ill with the pandemic related illnesses.'*

- Please pray the church planters and their teams will find ways **to build connections with people outside of church, and relationships within the church.**
- Pray for Tim Cracknell and James Hyde to have wisdom how to best give pastoral care to the lead planters through **the CPN coaching programme.**
- Pray for **provision for the church planters.** Tim explains: *'Church planters ultimately live by faith and the lack of congregational financial support which comes from a weekly collection, adds an extra burden.'*
- Pray for **churches that are re-planting**, for example, a church on the outskirts of Birmingham is going to be a new Counties church plant called 'Church in the Community' led by Jordan & Lacy Armstrong, mentored by experienced planter Andy Hodson.
- Pray for **inspiration and the Lord's leading for the church leaders** to think creatively about how they 'do' church at this time. eg. Social media for live broadcasts, etc.

● **Kendal, Cumbria**

● **Oldham, Manchester**

● **Wollaston, Birmingham**

● **Ross, Herefordshire**

● **Ely, Cardiff**

● **Emerson Park, London**

● **Meare, Somerset**

● **Elephant & Castle, London**

● **Martock, Somerset**

● **Dawlish, Devon**

“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.’” Luke 14:23

April 2021

PRAY FOR COUNTIES SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

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

01 THURSDAY

Lee Marsland (Greater Manchester) asks: 'Please pray that our Easter outreach has maximum effect with the local community and helps lead people to Jesus. Also, pray for a new discipleship course for new believers that my pastor, Elijah, and I hope to lead.'

Liz David (Cardiff) writes: 'Please pray for the team as we organise the Easter event that will be held online for children with special needs. Pray that many children and their families will join us and that the message of God's love would be communicated effectively.'

02 GOOD FRIDAY

Paul Willmott is often involved in the Good Friday walk of witness around Wombourne, then presenting the great message of hope to the village. Please pray as the message of Jesus' sacrifice is shared this Easter.

Phil Davies also asks for prayer for effective Easter outreaches in the villages of Dunvant, Killay and Gowerton in South Wales over this coming weekend.

03 SATURDAY

Martin Korchinsky asks: 'Pray for our Easter outreaches, including the Easter Services. Also for our outreach to care homes through engaging children to make and deliver Easter cards. Pray also for the finances at Brinnington Community Church, Stockport as we have had twelve months when we have been unable to hire rooms out for community activities, which has impacted our income.'

04 EASTER SUNDAY

Clive Cornish hopes to open the doors at Reflect Community Church, Cardiff today. Please pray for wisdom how to do this in the current Covid situation.



Photo by Pisit Heng

Please for those preaching today: **Craig Dowling** at Wye Community Church, Ross-on-Wye; **Jonny Gios** preaching online at Gateway Church, Kendal; **Will Andrews** hopes to be preaching at Cornerstone Church, St. Albans; **Charles Addoco** is speaking online to the youth at Emmanuel Christian Fellowship, Ilford.

Andy Hodson shares: 'As we seek to open the doors for Church in the Community, Wollaston today, pray that the young team would be faithful to present Christ and make disciples. My main role in this church plant is coaching the team as well as supporting them in leadership.'

05 MONDAY

Martin Korchinsky (Greater Manchester) shares: 'We had great connection with the community throughout Christmas. Kids making cards for the elderly in care homes and a Gospel centred Carol Service recorded and circulated to local care homes in place of our usual visits. We had a record fifty at our church Carol Service, as well half of whom were guests including several first time visitors.'

06 TUESDAY

Please pray for a holiday club planned at Duncan Road Church, Southampton led by **Gordon & Penny Curley** from 6-9 April.

07 WEDNESDAY

Pray for **Janet Hawking** (Pembrokeshire) to have divine appointments whilst walking or on her bike. She carries a Gideon's New Testament in her pocket and is intentional about giving it away. Please pray for lasting fruit from seed sown in a very rural area.

08 THURSDAY

Please pray for **Victor Jack** (Suffolk) who has no bookings because of Covid-19, although has quite a lot of Zoom meetings with small groups.

'He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."' Luke 24: 46,47

09 FRIDAY

Beverley Bedford, Counties Training Officer, gives thanks: 'The **ETP** and **TEAM** training programmes have been operating well, with good teaching from our Counties Evangelists. Also, the **Neighbourhood Chaplains** 'Inform and Inspire' events have had three churches sign up for training.'

10 SATURDAY

Will & Lynne Andrews attend a Hertfordshire cancer support group today. They write: 'This is a very special time and an open door to share faith with people who are in real need of the Gospel.'

11 SUNDAY

Please pray for **Jonny Gios** preaching online at Gateway Church, Kendal today and on 18 April.

Please pray as **Craig Dowling** (Herefordshire) hopes to be starting **Neighbourhood Chaplains** and an Alpha course this month.



12 MONDAY

Andrew & Rachel Mugford continue to go into Plume Academy in Essex as Chaplains. They are seeing students one-to-one and in small groups across Years 7, 8 and 9. Please pray for wisdom and discernment as they seek to support students with anxieties.

Please pray for **Ruth Hood** (Suffolk) who is leading a women's discipleship group each Monday evening.

13 TUESDAY

Charles Addoco shares: 'Praise God for the growth and development of the youth we serve in the North East London area, for their boldness and the confidence in the Gospel. Also, thank God for the opportunities that we had in sharing the Gospel both online and in person in Barking and Ilford area.'

14 WEDNESDAY

With the uncertainty of Covid, **John Hardwick** (Cambridgeshire) has no firm bookings at the time of writing this. Pray he will have many opportunities to communicate the Good News.

15 THURSDAY

Stephen Gillham asks: 'Please pray for opportunities for Bible teaching and also for ways of giving encouragement to churches during these difficult times.' He hopes to be teaching in person, or online, in Lyme Regis today and on 22, 29 April; for New Farm Chapel, Alresford on 18 April; and in churches in Bath/Bristol area on 25 April.

16 FRIDAY

Colin Johnson (Bedfordshire) would value prayers for the completion of the Alpha online course he is leading, and for the follow up. Also pray for the ongoing contacts with the Good News paper and the prayer walking and encounters he has in his local area.

'Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.'

John 6:27

17 SATURDAY

Andrew & Rachel Mugford (Essex) write: 'Despite our Drive-In Carol Service being cancelled at the last minute, we had over 360 views as we moved the service onto YouTube; the local Council and two local radio stations interviewed and broadcast the service and the feedback has been very positive across the community.'

18 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today: **David Brown** is leading the Family Service at Offmore Evangelical Church, Kidderminster; **Mark Bingham** is preaching by video for Rutland Road Christian Fellowship, Bedfordshire and **Ian Carr** is preaching at Duncan Road Church, Fareham. Please pray for a response to the message from unbelievers and believers alike.

19 MONDAY

Paul Willmott is leading a whole school assembly via video for pupils and staff of Blakeley Heath Primary School, Wolverhampton today, on behalf of Kingsway Church.

Please pray for **Phil & Sheila Davies** as they help Duvant Christian Fellowship find an Assistant Pastor today. Pray for the right person to be quickly engaged.

20 TUESDAY

David Symons asks: 'Please pray for the ongoing online Bible studies with 'The Twelve', a young adults group every Tuesday breakfast time and with the Petroc CU group every Wednesday lunchtime.'

21 WEDNESDAY

Praise God for the encouragement **Steve Ellacott** (Devon) received from a young man he has been mentoring. The man writes: 'Thank you for your friendship, for being there for me when I needed it and for challenging me; but most of all, for pointing me towards Jesus. Thank you for investing in me, and believing in me, when I didn't believe in myself.'

22 THURSDAY

Please pray for the **Training Development Group** as they meet today to review training applications for September 2021.

Tim & Joy Ayrton (Suffolk) asks: 'Please pray for the ongoing support we offer to children and young people during the pandemic, currently online. Also, for the high number of people being affected by bereavement and loss, some with more than one death occurring in the same family. Please pray for the Number 72 Team as we offer to support these very broken people. Also pray as we negotiate better arrangements for those living in financial hardship and debt.'

23 FRIDAY

Kim Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) asks: 'Please continue to pray for people who have experienced isolation during the pandemic, especially those with mental health issues and/or addictions. Pray for God's peace and that they would receive friendship and support from local churches.'

24 SATURDAY

Please pray as people come together on Zoom for the **Counties AGM** today. Pray for an encouraging and inspiring time, with fresh ideas for the future.

25 SUNDAY

Jonny Gios asks for prayer for 'Stories of Hope' with Gareth Saunders from UCB for Gateway Church, Kendal.

Pray for **Steve Ellacott** teaching at Grosvenor Bideford Youth meeting in Devon today.

26 MONDAY

David Brown hopes to present GSUS Live at Wombourne High School, Staffordshire from 26-30 April.

27 TUESDAY

Julian Gutteridge (Hull) asks: 'Please pray for opportunities to organise various dialogue events with Muslims.'

28 WEDNESDAY

Steve Loader shares: 'My work with seafarers opens up doors to work with the Sailors Society; other port chaplains; Port Police; Port Health; the Bristol Port Company; Ship Agents; Stevedores; Seafarer Centre Staff and so many other people and groups. Pray that my witness for Jesus Christ will be received favourably amongst those I work alongside.'

29 THURSDAY

Victor Jack (Suffolk) gives thanks for the spiritual growth of young Christians in spite of Covid-19.

30 FRIDAY

Gordon & Penny Curley hope to lead 'BodyBuilders' Youth Event Houseparty in Bournemouth, Dorset today until 3 May.

Every month **Aaron Shah** (North Shields) will be releasing a 'Hope Is Here' online evangelistic campaign on Facebook. Please pray for God to draw people to this and lives will be transformed by hearing the Gospel.

May

2021

PRAY FOR COUNTIES SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

Please pray that schools will be open to have visits from the Life exhibition; GSUS Live and Key to Life.

01 SATURDAY

Jacquie Bodman asks: 'Please pray that I will be able to return back to Pool Academy, Cornwall as a chaplain as the Covid restrictions lift. Pray that we will be able to get a drop-in lunchtime group up and running for both Christians and non Christians.'

02 SUNDAY

Jonny Gios is preaching online for Gateway Church, Kendal today and on 9, 16 and 23 May.

David Brown is preaching at the morning service at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry today and on 30 May.

03 MONDAY

Paul Willmott (West Midlands) is filming and editing school assembly videos, that include a fun puppet routine and Bible talk, each week this month. Paul also creates question pages that classes can use in discussions following the assembly. Also, pray for whole school assemblies that Paul will be leading online this month. Paul usually has twelve of these each month, along with assembly video on YouTube for schools to use.

04 TUESDAY

Please pray as **Will & Lynne Andrews** (Hertfordshire) lead 'First Tuesday' today via Zoom.

Please pray the **GSUS Live** visits that **David Brown** has planned will go ahead: 4-7 May at St. Michael's CE High School, Rowley Regis; 10-14 May at Redhill School, Stourbridge and 24-28 May at Grace Academy Darlaston.



'May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.'

Psalm 20:4

05 WEDNESDAY

Pray for **Phil Davies** (Swansea) and his team as they hope to go into primary schools this week. Pray for a freshness in delivery and enquiring hearts.

Please pray for **Aaron Shah** (North Shields) leading worship intercessions for 'The National Heart Of Worship' live on YouTube and Facebook on the first Wednesday of each month.

06 THURSDAY

Matt Rich (Cumbria) writes: 'I am so grateful to the Lord for a busy and effective ministry that He had ready for such a time as this!' Please continue to pray for Chatnow.org.

07 FRIDAY

Lee Marsland (Greater Manchester) asks: 'Please pray for our homeless project as we look to secure a ten bedroom accommodation that will work as a half-way house. The church has been approached to run this and to share the Gospel with residents, and I will possibly lead an Alpha course with volunteers.'

08 SATURDAY

Julian Gutteridge (Hull) has no preaching engagements this month (at the time of writing). Please pray for opportunities to arise at the right time.

Mark Bingham asks: 'Please pray for us as a family as we settle into Maidstone. Pray for our children as they have to start new schools.'

09 SUNDAY

Please pray for **Will Andrews** who is preaching at Little Wymondley Baptist Church, Hitchin today.

David Symons is preaching at Bickington Chapel, Devon today and Kings Street, Tiverton on 23 May. Please pray for wisdom in preparation and anointing of the Spirit to deliver God's word.

10 MONDAY

Monday to Wednesdays each week this month **Ian Carr** is involved in chaplaincy work at Sturminster High School, Dorset. He supports students and staff practically in lessons and in one-to-one mentoring. Pray for the unplanned opportunities and individual conversations which frequently flow from his presence and involvement in young people's lives.



11 TUESDAY

Please pray for the **TEAM** students, **Zac Whitehouse** and **Ruth Chishlom** as they join Counties Associate **Janet Hawking** to train in children's work. Pray as they plan to accompany Janet into schools this week, that they will enjoy telling stories and grow in confidence that the Word of God gives hope and changes lives.

12 WEDNESDAY

Please pray that **Charles Addoco** (Essex) will be encouraged as he shares the Gospel through the online TV.

Each year **Steve Loader** visits 500 to 600 hundred ships. Please pray that many

seeds will be planted for Christ which will reach across the globe. See above photo.

13 THURSDAY

Give thanks for the opportunities **Tony & Ruth Hood** (Suffolk) have had to help several people within the community and to share the Good News during the pandemic situation.

14 FRIDAY

Tony Hood hopes to be helping to lead the men's weekend at Sizewell Hall, Suffolk from 14-16 May.

15 SATURDAY

Andy Hodson asks: 'Please pray that as Engage West Midlands collaborate with mission agencies, networks, and ministries (include Counties) that we will see more church plants started, that God will draw and lead us to the right people and organisations. Pray that together we may see a real move of God in our region.'

'Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.' Proverbs 15:22

16 SUNDAY

Phil Davies is speaking in Pembroke this morning. Pray that God's word will find good soil and hearts and lives will be changed.

Tim & Joy Ayrton (Suffolk) give thanks as they celebrate 40 years of marriage today. They add: 'We give thanks to God for His wonderful love and faithful provision. We acknowledge how God has led and provided for us through fourteen years in ministry at Number72.' Pray God will continue to lead and guide them as they do the work He has called them to.

17 MONDAY



Janet Hawking (Pembrokeshire) shares: 'Praise God that a church junior school accepted 170 children's bibles, after twelve years of offering them. One happy mum text to say her seven year old son is reading to her and that he loves his Bible I gave him.'

18 TUESDAY

Please pray for Counties widows, **Grace Anderson, Madelene Bathgate, Jean Campbell, Hettie Hall, Wendy Iliffe, Phyllis Jenkins, Betty Saunders & Gladys Whittern**. Pray for good health and the Lord's peace during these challenging times.

19 WEDNESDAY

Stephen Gillham (Dorset) asks: 'Please pray for the ongoing work of Bible Educational Services. In the last six months containers of Bibletime materials have gone to Egypt and the Middle East; Argentina for Spanish speaking children; Burkina Faso (French) and Tanzania where there is a project to reach one million children with Swahili booklets in the next five years.'

20 THURSDAY

Will & Lynne Andrews (Hertfordshire) share: 'It is three years since Will's first cancer operation. We praise God for His care and strength in this time.' Please pray for continued strength and healing.

21 FRIDAY

Rachel Mugford co-leads the Noah's Ark toddler group today at Fullbridge Church, Essex. She hopes to have re-opened by now and to pick up with families that have not been able to attend over lockdowns. Being able to support and offer prayer when appropriate to the parents and carers is her prayer as they re-start.

22 SATURDAY

Jacquie Bodman (Cornwall) asks: 'Please pray for my ongoing work with churches in our local area, that we will be able to get some community activities up and running as the restrictions lift.'

23 SUNDAY

Will Andrews is preaching at Bethany Christian Fellowship, Holbury today. Please pray for God's word to speak powerfully to those who hear.

24 MONDAY

Praise God for the launch of 'Hope Is Here' Facebook page that **Aaron Shah** (North Shields) has started, enabling him to create and send out evangelistic worship videos to people using Facebook Ads. Aaron reports: 'In a two-week campaign, we saw 4030 people read/watch these evangelistic adverts and through them, pointed 159 people to the Chatnow.org website. Also, thank God for a new connection with a large church who have invited me to join them to lead some worship outreaches with their team in our local town.'

25 TUESDAY

Paul Davies (Swansea) asks: 'Please pray for the online Kapow Bible Club for families, featuring craft ideas; bible stories and songs. Please pray that this tool would encourage children in their faith.'

26 WEDNESDAY

Clive & Fiona Cornish's (Cardiff) daughter, Alisha, is due to marry today. Please pray for Alisha and Scott, that their wedding will be able to take place in the challenging time of Covid.

Please pray for **Phil Davies** (Swansea) today as he, along with others, plan and pray towards summer teams both in Eastern Europe and in Swansea and at Builth Wells for the Royal Welsh Show.

27 THURSDAY

Liz David (Cardiff) asks: 'Please pray for the ongoing work at the refugee centre. Pray that the restrictions will be eased so that people can come in as before and have an opportunity to hear God's word and be fed spiritually as well as physically. Pray for the team in charge who need to make important decisions.'

28 FRIDAY

Jackson Turner (Leeds) gives thanks for a successful time out on the street. He explains: 'Twenty people across three Saturdays gave out chocolate and prayed for people. With lots of great stories of encounters, I was thrilled by the number of Christians out on the street for the first time, and seeing God move.'

29 SATURDAY

Colin Johnson (Bedfordshire) asks: 'Please pray for the distribution of the Good News newspaper and conversations at Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable markets.'

30 SUNDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) ask: 'Please pray for our prisons and prisoners who have suffered under severe restrictions since the pandemic began last Spring. Also pray for the prison officers, medical and pastoral staff.'

31 MONDAY

Please pray for **Steve Ellacott** as he leads a new believers Bible Study with **David Symons** at East-the-Water, Devon today.

'Praise God for the opportunity of being asked by our Local NHS to help with the vaccine rollout.'
Jonny Gios, Kendal

'Really good to try some 'one off' Zoom meetings, including a men's 'The Net' Christmas special Quiz Night outreach and a 'BodyBuilders' Youth Event.'
Gordon Curley, Hampshire

'Praise God for a couple of useful preaching opportunities I had in Kidderminster & Warwick.'
Ivor Cooper, Warwickshire

'Give thanks for the news of an ex special forces soldier trusting Christ through the witness of a member of the church.' Phil Davies, Swansea

'We had a follow up after an online Alpha I ran, and the person who had made a commitment was still enthusiastic. Two others said they were much closer to God than they had been, and one said she would attend a ladies group at church.'
Colin Johnson, Bedfordshire

'Praise God that schools appreciated the Walk Through the Bible lessons that I delivered remotely via Microsoft Teams.'

David Brown, West Midlands

'I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.'

Psalm 69:30

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