

PRAISE & PRAYER DIARY

March to May 2023



Penny Curley leading the 'Noah's Ark' carers and toddlers group



March 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



Pray for **Phil Davies** (Swansea) hosting **GSUS Live** in Bishop Gore, a local school, today. Pray Phil and the team share the Good News through this resource.

David & Lindsey Brown (West Midlands) are leading an assembly at Cotwall End Primary School, Sedgley today.

02 THURSDAY

Andrew & Rachel Mugford (Essex) write: "Praise God for the ongoing hunger our Alpha guests have after the course. They are now engaging in midweek homegroups."

03 FRIDAY



Please pray for **Beverley Bedford, Dave Thomas, Dave Symons, Steve Ellacott, Tim & Jacquie Bodmin** as they lead and teach at **One2Lead** South West at Menadue Farm, Tintagel, Devon. (3-5 March)

04 SATURDAY

Stephen Gillham writes: "We plan to visit Lancashire to see family, friends and some churches to preach and to update on BES ministry. We would value prayer for travelling and using every opportunity during this time." (4 -13 March)

05 SUNDAY

Every Sunday afternoon and evening in March **Gordon Curley** (Hampshire) will be at Speaker's Corner, Hyde Park in London. Also, pray for his Counties report evening tomorrow at Duncan Road Church, Southampton. Everyone is welcome. Contact Gordon if you wish to join them, or for the YouTube live stream link.

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Steve Loader** preaching at Emmaus Church, near Bristol; **Stephen Gillham** at Horwich Evangelical Church, Bolton; **Victor Jack** at New life Church,

Sudbury; **Julian Gutteridge** at St Andrews Evangelical Anglican Church in Kirk Ella, near Hull. Julian adds: "Pray for this opportunity, it will be the first time I have spoken at this particular church."

Also, **Stephen Treseder** writes: "We are putting on a St David's Day lunch and talk today at Castleton Chapel, Swansea. Please pray that locals will attend and the session will provide further ways of building relationships."

Tim Cracknell is teaching a special course for new members of Forest Community Church, Cinderford today.

06 MONDAY

Please pray for the launch of First Priority Strategy in London which is being coordinated by Counties evangelist, **Charles Addoco**. This includes an overnight training. Pray for all the participants and the trainers who will be facilitating this opportunity.

Today and tomorrow **Paul Willmott** (West Midlands) is speaking online about specific areas of children's ministry to those on the Counties' **Evangelist Training Programme**.



07 TUESDAY

John Hardwick is leading an RE Day at Commonswood Primary, Hertford today.

On Tuesdays **David Brown** is leading Walk Through the Bible OT Mini lessons at St Michael's C of E Primary School, Wolverhampton; on Wednesdays at The Ridge Primary School, Stourbridge; on Thursdays at The Straits Primary School, Dudley; Fridays at St Benedict's C of E Primary School, Wombourne, including New Testament lessons.

Victor Jack is leading Bible studies at Woolpit Christian Fellowship, Suffolk this evening and on 21 March.



08 WEDNESDAY

Billericay Baptist Church is hosting **the Life exhibition** for Schools Ministry Billericay, Essex. (8-17 March)

Janet Hawking is teaching from the New Testament today in Llanelli, Carmarthen-shire. Pray that the children will have fun and know the love of God, and that they will be inspired to read the Bible.

Victor Jack is speaking at Riverside Church for Keswick, in Suffolk this evening.

09 THURSDAY



Praise God for the opportunities **Penny Curley** has as she leads 'Noah's Ark' carers & toddler group at Duncan Road Church, Hampshire on Thursdays (photo above and on front page). Please pray for open conversations for Penny and the volunteers to talk about Jesus, and for hearts and minds to be open to invite Jesus into their own lives. Pray for strength and stamina for Penny as she also leads various other activities, including a Bible study for women, and works alongside her husband, Gordon.



10 FRIDAY

Andy Hodson (West Midlands) asks: "Please pray for the Church team joining the **M4** learning community today and tomorrow in Preston. Pray we may hear God clearly and be of one mind."

11 SATURDAY

Jonathan & Heather Brain (Wiltshire) write: "We are planning a new online course about marriage called 'The Last Resort', especially for unbelievers. Prayers would be appreciated that this would be useful in reaching the lost for Christ and rebuilding relationships with strength from above. Also, we've been challenged to dedicate much more time in prayer and value prayer as God is leading us into new unexpected avenues of service for our Lord Jesus."

12 SUNDAY

Julian Gutteridge (Hull) is speaking at Bridlington Baptist Church today and on 23 March.

Others preaching today include: **Stephen Gillham** at Devonshire Road Evangelical Church, Altrincham, Cheshire and **David Brown** at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry.

13 MONDAY

Please pray for **Steve Ellacott** who is teaching in Devon on Mondays at The Forum at West Buckland School; at Bible Club at Kingsley Prep-school and at the CU at Kingsley Senior School on Tuesdays; and at Petroc College CU at St. Pauls, Sticklepath with **Dave Symons** on Wednesdays, and at the older teens Bible Study Group on Fridays.

Lee Marsland (Greater Manchester) asks: "Please pray as I preach online every morning throughout March. I am also preaching on a Christian TV channel every Monday evening."

14 TUESDAY

Ian Carr is leading primary age school assemblies at Spetisbury, Alderholt and Marnhull in Dorset today. He is also working with students at Sturminster Newton High School as Chaplain.

15 WEDNESDAY

Steve Loader is speaking at Roath Road Ladies group, near Bristol today.

Pray for rest and recuperation for **Tim & Joy Ayrton** (Suffolk) who are taking a Sabbatical.

16 THURSDAY

Please pray for **Jordan Armstrong** (West Midlands) as he organises a science & faith conference for local churches in the Dudley area and others interested in the relationship between science & faith, which is due to take place tomorrow. Pray for opportunities to break down walls and have fruitful conversations, sharing the Gospel within the discussion around science.

17 FRIDAY

Counties' **TEAM** student and the ETP trainees are attending the Emerging Evangelists' Institute training in Northampton. (17-19 March)

Please pray for **Phil Davies** as he helps lead **One2Lead** with a group of young potential leaders in Chepstow, Monmouthshire, Wales (17-19 March). Pray as they look together at the church and discipleship. **Andrew Mugford** (Essex) is attending today and tomorrow, to see how the course is led, as the evangelists in the East are looking to establish a One2Lead in their area. Andrew asks: "Please pray for discernment as planning moves forward."



18 SATURDAY

Lionel Clargo (Surrey) asks: "Please pray for opportunities to witness locally at Oakhall Church café, Caterham. Also for the continued support I give to a deaf man who only lip reads and does not understand the Gospel yet."

Please prayer for Sue Ashmole as she settles into her new role as **Neighbourhood Chaplains** Coordinator.



'On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

Luke 10:25-28

19 SUNDAY

Steve Ellacott is leading and preaching at Bishop Tawton Gospel Hall, Devon today.

Others preaching today include: **Julian Gutteridge** at Boulevard Baptist, Hull; **Andy Jelfs** at Capel St Mary Methodist Church, Ipswich; **Stephen Gillham** at Dorchester Community Church, Dorset; **Ian & Sally Carr** at Ebenezer Evangelical Church, Weymouth. Pray for receptive hearts and minds, and for the Gospel message to take root in any unbelievers.

20 MONDAY

Pray for **the Life exhibition's** visit to St Albans Holy Trinity, Frogmore. (20-24 March)



Paul Willmott (West Midlands) is leading assemblies at Westfield and Blakeley Heath Primary schools on behalf of Kingsway Church, Wombourne today. Also at Springdale Primary School on behalf of Penn Christian Centre.

21 TUESDAY

Praise God for the opportunity **Counties ETP student**, Steve Cowles, has had to speak to 140 new police officers, with 80 New Testaments taken. Steve writes: "One young police officer said 'I have never had one before, or ever read one!' So he has one now! Please pray that he reads it."

22 WEDNESDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) write: "Please pray for the prisons across the country that are struggling to recruit prison officers. Staff shortages mean that rehabilitation programmes are restricted in their impact or stopped entirely. Prisoners have very limited 'unlock' times which is stressful and can affect their mental health."

23 THURSDAY

Mark Bingham (Kent) asks: "Please pray for our Boom Group that we run in Maidstone Family Church on Thursday afternoons (every two weeks). Pray that God will lead new people to the group."

24 FRIDAY

Please pray for the work **Matt Rich** (Cumbria) is doing through Chatnow.org. Chatnow provides people with the opportunity to chat live, anonymously and privately at any time of day or night with a Christian volunteer. Please pray for fruitful conversations that lead people to have a relationship with Jesus.

25 SATURDAY

John Hardwick (Cambridgeshire) shares: "Praise God that six GenR8 teams toured more than thirty schools each, using my songs and sketches. My team went into 34 primary schools, reaching around 6,000 children and teachers with the true meaning of Christmas. My YouTube channel report says that there were over 50,000 views of my channel videos (which are Christian songs, bible verses, and stories and talks), with 130 new subscribers to the channel. It is encouraging that I'm able to resource so many people in their journey of faith online."

26 SUNDAY

Steve Ellacott is teaching at Central Bideford Youth Fellowship in Devon today.

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **David Brown** at Offmore Evangelical Church, Kidderminster; **Victor Jack** at Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury; **Julian Gutteridge** at Redbourne Free Evangelical Methodist Church, Hull; **Andy Jelfs** at Fullbridge Evangelical Church, Maldon; **Mike Strange** at Henley Community Church, Somerset; and **Steve Loader** at Meare Community Church, Somerset.

27 MONDAY

Stephen & Gwyneth Treseder (Swansea) write: "Please pray as we, along with **Phil Davies** in Dunvant, invite local schools to bring their Year 2 children to the church to hear the Easter story through story, puppets, song and craft. This is a follow on to the Christmas Wrapped sessions they attended in December." (27-30 March)

28 TUESDAY

Kim Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) reports: "My wife, Jo, is leaving her full-time job to join me in the work we do with prisoners and ex-offenders. We are excited!" Kim adds: "I recently led a school session for the first time, on the subject of 'How do Christians make earth more like Heaven?' Also, we have some great new contacts with local churches and more are reaching out to us this year." Give thanks for these open doors and opportunities.

29 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for the Counties trustees as they spend time together today and tomorrow to seek the Lord's wisdom and direction for the future of Counties.

Pray for **Phil Davies** and Zac Whitehouse as they take three assemblies in three local schools in Swansea every Wednesday. This term the themes are about the parables of Jesus, but today will be the Easter story.

Today **Ian Carr** is speaking at the Easter Service for Puddletown Middle School, Dorset in the parish church this morning. Pray for the significance and reality of the Easter story to impact students and teachers alike.

30 THURSDAY

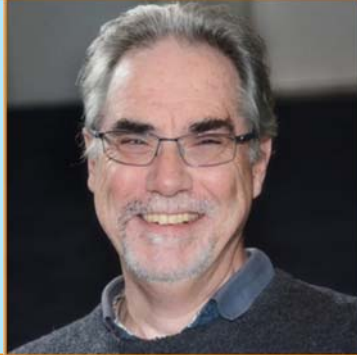
Please pray for **Tony & Ruth Hood** (Suffolk) as they continue to work in schools including additional after-school SPLAT clubs, assemblies and opportunities to help run 'Prayer Space' in the local primary schools. They have supported a school to create their own permanent 'Prayer Space' within the school grounds.

31 FRIDAY

Please pray for **Will & Lynne Andrews** (Hertfordshire) as they are given opportunities to get alongside fellow cancer patients, and their spouses or partners. They write: "We have spoken to the dying, those who mourn, those who have had an awful diagnosis and some who have amazing results from treatment. We treasure the relationships and opportunities we have with the people in the Cancer support group, and other patients online."



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Coordinator South Wales



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Coordinator East Anglia



Andy Dykes, Regional Coordinator
North West England & North Wales

***‘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

Prayer focus:

PRAY FOR COUNTIES’ REGIONAL COORDINATORS

We would appreciate your prayers for the work of Counties new **Regional Coordinators**, as they continue the activities they had undertaken linked to Partnership. Please pray as we take steps towards a deeper collaboration between local churches and key organisations which will enable us to help equip churches to grow and thrive. Pray for the Regional Coordinators as they :

- speak at local churches;
- help church leaders to review how to become more effective;
- help local churches to review their activities and consider revitalisation;
- network in their area so that together we seek to fulfil the Great Commission.



April 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 SATURDAY

Please pray for **Steve Ellacott** who is speaking at Fremington Parish Men's Prayer Breakfast in North Devon today.

Miriam Jelfs (Essex) is leading a 'Reaching Women for Christ' Easter special at Oakwood Chapel, Harlow today.

David Brown (West Midlands) is leading Walk Through the Bible NT Live (Part 2) at St. Peter's Church, Wellesbourne today.

02 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Mark Bingham** at Maidstone Baptist Church, Kent; **David Symons** at Rosemary Lane Chapel, Devon; **Stephen**

Treseder at Bridgend Gospel Hall; **Steve Ellacott** at Bickington Christian Fellowship, Devon; **Steve Loader** at Southfield Church, near Bristol; **Phil Davies** at Crindau Christian Fellowship, Newport.

Jordan Armstrong (West Midlands) writes: "Please pray as Church in the Community Wollaston, our church plant, is hosting a number of Easter 'moments' within our regular activities and running special events this week." (2-9 April)

03 MONDAY

Please pray for **Gordon & Penny Curley** as they lead a holiday club at Duncan Road Church, Southampton. (3-7 April)

04 TUESDAY

Lee Marsland is involved in Easter outreach street evangelism in Oldham, Rochdale and Manchester throughout April, with a Gospel crusade at the end of the month.

Steve Ellacott (Devon) is a team leader at an Easter Club at Grosvenor Church, Barnstaple from 4-6 April.

Janet Hawking (Pembrokeshire) is sharing the Easter message during an assembly at Cilgerran Primary School today. Janet asks:

"Pray not only the Cross, but the power and joy of His Resurrection will be etched on their hearts, releasing hope and faith."

Victor Jack is leading Bible Studies at Woolpit Christian Fellowship, Bury St Edmunds this evening.

05 WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday morning **Jonathan & Heather Brain** are running town centre outreach in Chippenham, Wiltshire. They walk, talk and pray, speaking with anyone the Lord leads them to.

Please pray for **Steve Loader** who is giving a seafarers talk to Stoke Gifford Women's Institute, Bristol today.

06 THURSDAY

Stephen Gillham (Dorset) asks: "Please pray for six of our local schools which were visited in March to explain the meaning and relevance of Easter."

07 FRIDAY

Phil Davies is working with Llandaff North Church today as together they work with a team from Hungary to share God's Word with local children in Cardiff.

08 SATURDAY

Andy Hodson asks: "Please pray for the opening of the new church building for the church plant, Windmill Community Church, Wolverhampton. Pray that the Lord will bless this place and use it as a place of worship and mission."

09 EASTER SUNDAY

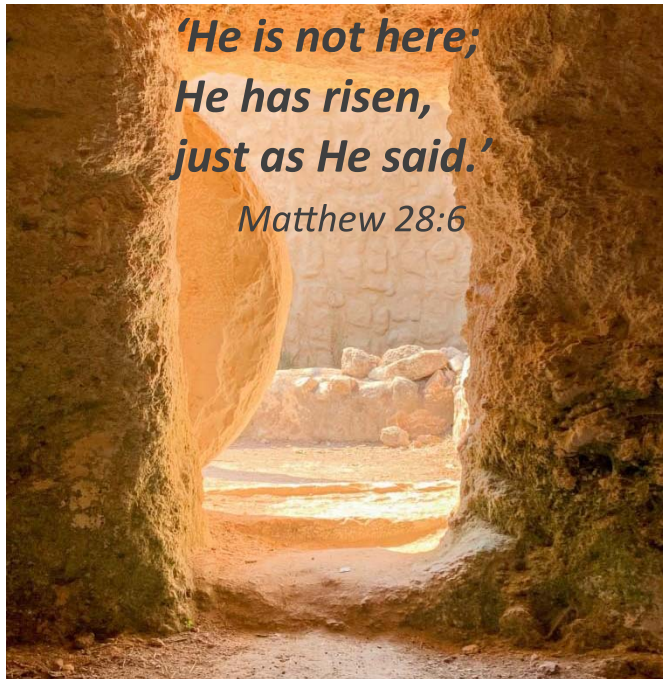


Photo by Pisit Heng

Andrew & Rachel Mugford are leading and speaking at Fullbridge Church's Easter Sunday Service. Please pray the family contacts from the toddlers group respond positively to the invite to join us.

Please pray for others preaching today, including: **Stephen Gillham** at Charminster Chapel, Bournemouth; **David Brown** at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry; **David Symons** at Central Church Bideford, Devon; **Ian Carr** at Bulbarrow Christian Fellowship, Dorset.

10 EASTER MONDAY

Please pray for **John Hardwick** who is leading a children's holiday club at Eden Baptist, Cambridge. (10-14 April)

Paul Willmott (West Midlands) is joining the team at Amblecote Community Church today for a HAF ('Holiday, Activities and Food' programme) lunch for families. They will be sharing lunch, games and activities, before Paul presents the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.

11 TUESDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) ask: "Pray for families that we work with suffering from abuse, threats or even violence from family members. Pray for safety and for strength for the women who must make difficult decisions to move out with their children. Pray that they accept our help and want to hear the Gospel."

12 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for **Andy Jelfs** who is preaching at Crossways Fellowship Halstead, Essex today.

13 THURSDAY

David Brown (West Midlands) reports: "A young lady said she had been challenged about repentance in a message, as she had been seeking to come back to the Lord. Also, a Year 6 pupil said, in a Walk Through the Bible lesson, 'Is Jesus really coming back to rule over the earth?'" Praise God for the impact of sharing the Gospel has had on these individuals.

14 FRIDAY

Victor Jack (Suffolk) is attending a discipleship training course today and tomorrow at Bridge Community Church, Bury St Edmunds.

15 SATURDAY

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

16 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Steve Ellacott** at Chagford Christian Church, Devon; **Steve Loader** at Nant Coch Church, Newport; and **David Brown** at the evening service at Bridge Church Gornal, Dudley.

17 MONDAY

Charles Addoco (Essex) writes: "The Jasper City Christian School is due to open today. Please pray for the staff of the school and that I will be able to play the leadership role effectively."

18 TUESDAY

Lionel Clargo (Surrey) asks: "Please pray for the preparations for my wedding in May. I hope to share the Gospel with family and friends at the same time. Also, pray for Mark, a deaf man I am helping."

19 WEDNESDAY

Ian Carr is leading primary school assemblies today in Child Okeford, Wimborne St. Giles and at Archbishop Wake in Blandford. Pray for the Holy Spirit to imprint the truth of God's Word in young hearts.

20 THURSDAY

Paul Willmott is visiting Straits Primary School on behalf of St Andrews Church; Offmore Primary School on behalf of Offmore Church and Brook Primary School on behalf of Amblecote Community Church today.

David Brown is leading Bible teaching at Hebron Gospel Hall, Tipton today.

21 FRIDAY

Ian Carr (Dorset) shares: "Praise God for a conversation I had as Chaplain at the local high school with a young man who comes from a Messianic Jewish background. He was struggling with the differing views within his wider family. It was good to remind him of the core of the Gospel: faith in Christ alone and the amazing grace of God as the basis of our salvation, not a Gospel plus works version. It was great to see the burden drop from him, as he was reassured that Christ was truly enough!"

22 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.

23 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Mike Strange** at Sladebrook Evangelical Church, Bath; **Julian Gutteridge** at Boulevard Baptist Church, Hull; **Andy Jelfs** at Woolpit Christian Fellowship, Bury St Edmunds; **Stephen Gillham** at Duncan Road Church, Southampton; **David Brown** at Canley Evangelical Church, Coventry; and **David Symons** at One Way Community Church, South Molton, Devon.

24 MONDAY

Please pray for the **ETP trainees** and **TEAM student** this week as they train with Amanda Mitchell from Crown Jesus Ministries about communicating the Gospel effectively.

25 TUESDAY

Please pray for **the Life exhibition**, hosted by Bridgend Gospel Hall from 25 April - 3 May.





26 WEDNESDAY

Charles Addoco (Essex) writes: “Praise God for the spiritual growth of the youth at Emmanuel Christian Fellowship, which is evident in their commitment to prayer in church services.”

27 THURSDAY

Gwyneth Treseder is speaking in the Ladies Group at Mount Calvary Baptist, Manselton, Swansea today.

28 FRIDAY

Please pray as **Gordon & Penny Curley** lead 'BodyBuilders' Youth Houseparty in Bournemouth (28 April—1 May).

Saltmine Productions are hosting a performance of 'The Liberator' today in the Dudley borough, funded by Churches of Dudley. **Jordan Armstrong** is involved in enabling and advertising this event. Please pray this will be a great opening for the churches of the Dudley Borough to work together to launch Gospel Conversations, starting from this performance.

29 SATURDAY

Praise God for the opportunities He gives **Lee Marsland** (see photo) to reach the lost through 'Encounter Ministries', a homeless outreach. Lee explains: “Every week we hit the streets in Oldham with the love of God, sharing hot food, drinks and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

30 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Andy Jelfs** at Frinton on Sea Gospel Chapel, Essex; **Ian Carr** at Southfield Church, Nailsea; **Stephen Gillham** at Marchwood Gospel Chapel, Southampton; **Steve Loader** at Bristol Road Baptist, Weston-super-Mare; **Phil Davies** at Mumbles Baptist, Swansea. morning. Phil adds: “Pray the Lord gives me the message He wants the fellowship to hear, especially as they seek someone to work with them in the future.”

Tim & Katrina Cracknell are teaching a course on the habits of a disciple at Forest Community Church, Cinderford today.

May 2023

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GSUS Live and Key to Life as they
plan future school visits.

01 MONDAY

Praise God for the opportunities **Will & Lynne Andrews** (Hertfordshire) have to get alongside fellow cancer patients, and their spouses or partners. They share: "One lady, who we are having a lot to do with, said: "Thank you for all your kind words, you can't begin to know what they mean to me ... the pain is indescribable." Pray for these conversations to continue to give comfort, and that they will lead people to give their lives to Jesus.

02 TUESDAY

Please pray for **Charles Addoco** and his leadership team as they put together the annual children and youth camp meeting in London. Pray for the parents to be willing and able to support and encourage their children to attend.

Please pray for **Phil Davies** and the team at Duvant Christian Fellowship, Swansea as they share with a group of older people in 'Friends & Neighbours'. The numbers have been growing and the messages spoken with increasing boldness. Please pray for salvation of souls.

**'He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of
the weak.'** **Isaiah 40:29**

03 WEDNESDAY

Andy Hodson asks: "Please pray for the new café at Windmill Community Church, Compton, West Midlands. Pray that we would be able to serve our community with good coffee, love and the truth of Jesus Christ."

04 THURSDAY



Please pray for **the Life exhibition**, hosted by Malpas Road Evangelical Church, Newport from 4-11 May.

Pray for the homeless outreach **Lee Marsland** (Greater Manchester) is involved with every Thursday evening.

05 FRIDAY

Caleb Mathewos asks: "Please pray that our multicultural church meeting at Elephant & Castle, London will grow this year."

06 SATURDAY

Please pray for the various events the evangelists are involved in, as we celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles today. **Stephen Treseder** (Swansea) adds: "Please pray as we make the most of the Coronation to reach out to those in the village."

07 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Andy Jelfs** at Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury; **Stephen Gillham** at Marchwood Gospel Chapel, Southampton; **David & Lindsey Brown** at Penn Christian Centre, Wolverhampton; **Andrew Mugford** at City Church Chelmsford. Andrew adds: "This new church is seeing new folk attending regularly. May His message touch hearts and minds under the Holy Spirit's direction." Also, **Ian Carr** (Dorset) is preaching at Ottery St. Mary United Reformed Church. Ian writes: "Pray for wisdom and clarity as I highlight the uniqueness and importance of the Gospel on this historic Coronation weekend."

08 MONDAY

Martin Korchinsky (Greater Manchester) shares: "Give thanks for the success of our Warm Spaces initiative which is seeing dozens of new people coming into the building at Brinnington Community Church, Stockport and a few of them attending church."

09 TUESDAY



Please pray as **GSUS Live** is back in Swansea, and in a local school near to **Phil Davies'** church. Pray for open doors and open hearts among the children and staff.

Gordon Curley (Hampshire) is leading 'The Net' final men's outreach, including a barbeque in the woods.

10 WEDNESDAY

Andy Hodson (West Midlands) writes: "Give thanks for the new young adults group that has started at Windmill Community Church, Wolverhampton, to care and disciple and to reach out to their friends."

11 THURSDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) write: "We hope in 2023 to open a weekly drop-in event for ex-offenders we work with. This will be a place they can find support and positive friendships in a setting specifically geared to them and run by Christians. Pray for wisdom and provision to make this a reality over the coming months."

12 FRIDAY



Please pray for **One2Lead South West** at Menadue Farm, Tintagel (12-14 May). Pray for those leading and teaching: **Beverley Bedford; Dave Thomas; Dave Symons; Steve Ellacott** and **Jacquie & Tim Bodman**. Dave Symons adds: Pray that we would build upon the previous weekends, and that numbers of young people coming along would gradually increase."

Tim Cracknell (Gloucestershire) asks: "Please pray for our May church weekend in Cinderford and Ross-on-Wye. I will be leading with special guest speaker, Andrew Birt from Ireland."

Victor Jack (Suffolk) is attending a men's weekend at Sizewell Hall Conference Centre, Suffolk.

Stephen Gillham (Dorset) is attending the annual trustees meeting of the Dorset Postal Bible School today. Stephen writes: "We thank the Lord for the continued interest of around 270 students who receive Bibletime lessons each month." Stephen would also value prayer as he is speaking at Florence Street Mission, Swindon tomorrow and Sunday.

13 SATURDAY

Lionel Clargo (Surrey) writes: "I am marrying Katy, my best friend's widow, at Oakhall Church, Caterham this afternoon. We both have lots of relatives and friends, not all are Christians yet. We would value prayer that the service will be honouring to the Lord and our life together will bring blessing to others."

Mark Bingham (Kent) asks: "Please pray for our street evangelism in Maidstone today, that we will see people come to know Jesus."

14 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Andy Jelfs** at Bradfield St George Gospel Hall, Suffolk; **David Brown** at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry; **Steve Loader** at Shirehampton Baptist, Bristol.

15 MONDAY

Please pray for **the Life exhibition** hosted by Inverurie Gospel Hall in Aberdeenshire (15-20 May).



16 TUESDAY

Ian Carr is leading primary school assemblies in Cranborne and Shillingstone in Dorset, as well as supporting students in his Chaplaincy work at Sturminster Newton High School today. Pray for the messages given to lodge deep within young hearts and minds, and for clarity and insight as Ian supports teenagers.

17 WEDNESDAY

Victor Jack is leading a prayer meeting for the Garden Tomb, Jerusalem in Bury St Edmunds today.

Stephen & Jean Gillham (Dorset) are on an annual visit to the Isle of Wight where they will be visiting and reporting in four churches and hope to visit the three schools they have had long-standing contact with. (17-24 May)


18 THURSDAY

Give thanks for the increased activity that **Phil & Sheila Davies** have with the school that Dunvant Christian Fellowship, Swansea, meets in.

19 FRIDAY

Please pray for **Jonathan & Heather Brain** (Wiltshire) as they hope for good weather so that they are able to spend more time outside sharing the Gospel with more people, and to use the Gospel trailer, which lends itself to better weather too.

Today **Paul Willmott** (West Midlands) is visiting Hurst Green Primary School, Halesowen and then St Margaret's Church of England Primary School on behalf of Hasbury Christian Fellowship.

Janet Hawking writes: "GSUS  **Live** is booked for six secondary school visits in West Wales from next month. Please pray there will be enough volunteers to come forward to serve, and that they will be stretched and grow in their faith in the process."

20 SATURDAY

Steve Ellacott is leading a missional prayer meeting at Grosvenor Church Barnstaple, Devon today.

"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

21 SUNDAY

Julian Gutteridge is preaching today at Boulevard Baptist Church in Hull.

Also, please pray for **Phil Davies** as he shares in a family service in Bethesda, Rhiwbina, Cardiff today. Phil adds: "It has been a while since I have been with them, pray that the Lord would anoint His Word as it is shared this morning."

22 MONDAY

Please pray for **Paul Davies** as he prepares for 'Little Ducks', a toddler group at Waterfront Community Church, Swansea on Tuesdays.

23 TUESDAY

Jordan Armstrong (West Midlands) writes: "Today is the 2nd year celebration for Church in the Community Wollaston. I will be leading the service and preaching. Lacy will be leading the worship. Pray for a joyous celebration and opportunity to cast vision for the coming year."

24 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for Counties widows, **Grace Anderson, Madelene Bathgate, Jean Campbell, Wendy Iliffe** and **Phyllis Jenkins**. May God protect them and provide for all their needs.

25 THURSDAY

Caleb Mathewos shares: "Praise God that after a time of joint evangelism with like-minded churches in the Elephant & Castle area in London, four people now believe in Christ."

26 FRIDAY

Please pray for **Colin Johnson** (Bedfordshire) as he shares the Gospel through community visiting and market outreach.

27 SATURDAY

John Hardwick is leading the children's programme and the all-age worship at the Christian Camping and Caravan Conference at Stratford upon Avon. (27 May - 2 June)

28 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Steve Loader** at Ashton Vale Church, Bristol; **David Brown** at Offmore Evangelical Church, Kidderminster; **Andy Jelfs** at New Life Church, Great Cornard; **Ian Carr** at Brewham Baptist Chapel and later at Fovant Free Church. Pray for believers to be encouraged and for the open confession of Christ as Saviour from those as yet unsaved.

29 MONDAY

Please pray for the **Counties staff team** as they seek to support and implement the work of Counties.

30 TUESDAY

Julian Gutteridge (Hull) shares: "Praise God for the continued opportunities to share the Gospel with my Muslim friends. I have spent time doing Bible studies with a Turkish professor, going through the book of Romans. Please pray the professor will come to faith in Jesus. Secondly, I started doing a Bible study with a young Arab Muslim from the Middle East. We have begun to study about all the Messianic prophecies concerning Christ. Pray that the Lord will reveal to him the true nature of Christ and his salvation."

31 WEDNESDAY

Clive Cornish writes: "Reflect Community Church opened its doors for the first time two years ago today, on 31 May 2021. It began around ten people with a heart to reach those living in Ely, a deprived area in the heart of Cardiff." Please pray as the work via the café, social activities and church services continues to reach those in the community.

“Praise God that I was able to give out nearly 700 Christmas presents to the seafarers visiting Portbury and Avonmouth docks. These gifts were given out with the Good News of the Gospel.” Steve Loader, Bristol

“Give thanks we are able to visit residential care homes again now that many of the Covid restrictions have been lifted.”

Gordon Curley, Hampshire

“Praise God for the opportunities I had to spend some quality social time with old members of CU, sharing, encouraging and praying with them.”

Stephen Ellacott, Devon

“Praise God that we had a packed church at Westley Community Church for our Christmas outreach, with several men attending who are not yet Christians.”

Victor Jack, Suffolk

“Give thanks for the opportunity to have the software for the Life exhibition to be rewritten.”

Kevin Baldwin (the Life exhibition Coordinator)

‘In his name the nations will put their hope.’

Matthew 12:21

All scripture quotes from NIV (2011).

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