

PRAISE & PRAYER DIARY

September to November 2023



Clive Cornish - Reflect Community Church, Ely



September 2023

PRAY FOR COUNTIES' SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

Please pray for Counties' schools resources, as they start school visits after the summer break.

01 FRIDAY

Jordan Armstrong (West Midlands) asks: "Please pray for our church plant, Church in the Community, Wollaston, as we say goodbye to our short-term worker who has been with us for a year. This will be a big adjustment; particularly with the youth ministry."

Pray for **Colin Johnson** (Bedfordshire) who plans to run a Bereavement Journey course (new video version) this month, at Dunstable library. Pray this will be a good opportunity to build relationships with non-believers.

02 SATURDAY

Tony Hood (Suffolk) is involved with the band 'World Without End' today at the Life Fest event hosted by Diss Baptist Church. This is a free music and arts festival, celebrating the hope that we have in Jesus. The band are also leading the worship evening at High Street Chapel, Hopton, Diss on 9 September. Also, pray for **Tony & Ruth Hood** as they run after-school SPLAT clubs in local primary schools this month. Tony will also be leading some school assemblies.

03 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Andy Jelfs** at New Life Church, Great Cornard, Sudbury; **David Brown** at an all-age service at Charlton Road Christian Church, Birmingham; **David Symons** at Kings Street Chapel, Tiverton, Devon. Pray that the messages will bring encouragement to believers and that non-believers are drawn towards Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

Stevie & Natalie Walker are leading Messy Church at Gerston Chapel, Devon today.

04 MONDAY

Lee Marsland (Greater Manchester) asks: "Please pray as I minister and host a Christian TV show, 'Torchlighters TV', every Monday throughout September. This show goes out to over 142 countries worldwide in September. We will be having other guests on the show."

Ruth Hood (Suffolk) is starting a new 'Taste life course' via Zoom. The aim is to support those who are dealing with various eating disorders, either as sufferers or those who care for them.

Please pray for the restart of most of the weekly activities at **Tim Cracknell's** church in Gloucestershire today.

'Do everything in love.'
1 Corinthians 16:14

05 TUESDAY

Please pray for the new **trainees** on the **Evangelists Training Programme** and the **TEAM student** as they have their induction at the Westbury office today and tomorrow.

Pray as **Stevie Walker** goes door knocking every Tuesday in Paignton, Devon. Also, he shares a short Gospel message at a

coffee morning at Gerston Chapel every Wednesday before doing outreach in Totnes town centre in the afternoon.

David Brown (West Midlands) is giving a report on the work in schools at Offmore Evangelical Church, Kidderminster today.

06 WEDNESDAY

Each Wednesday **Jonathan & Heather Brain** continue outreach in Chippenham town centre, Wiltshire. They walk, talk, pray and sometimes sing praises with a group of about ten people.

07 THURSDAY

Tim Ayrton (Suffolk) shares: "With a new school term beginning, our drop-in reopens after the summer break. Please pray for the people we see who are in great need, and for those showing an interest in the Christian faith. Also, pray for our staff who are dealing with a wide range of issues, that they may be effective witnesses for the Lord as He gives them understanding and sensitivity for every situation."

Pray for **John Hardwick** (Cambridgeshire) as he plans for future school visits. Pray he will have plenty of opportunities to share the Gospel message.

08 FRIDAY



Praise God for the work He is doing at Reflect Community Church in Ely, Cardiff through **Clive Cornish** and the team. They are committed to reaching out to the community and hold various activities at the church, including a café.

We particularly give thanks for those coming to faith, including Rob, who now attends Reflect Community Church with his wife Michelle and son Asher (see photo above). He first met Clive at the café, and their conversations were part of Rob's journey to know Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. Please pray for the work at Reflect Community Church, and for more to be saved by faith in Jesus.



09 SATURDAY

Charles Addoco asks: "Please pray for all those who have signed up for the Baptism at Christ's Forgiveness Ministries, Barking this month.

Please pray for the **GSUS Live** training led by **Dave Thomas (GSUS Live Coordinator)** today, for **Janet Hawking** and the team in Pembrokeshire.



10 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Stevie Walker** at Gerston Chapel, Devon; **Julian Gutteridge** at Bridlington Baptist, East Riding of Yorkshire; **David Brown** at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry; **Steve Ellacott** at Bratton Fleming Baptist Church, Devon; **Stephen Gillham** at Dorchester Community Church, Dorset.

Jonathan & Heather Brain (Wiltshire) shares: "We will be preaching each Sunday at our online and in-person house church, Maranatha at 9am. This is sometimes earlier when we are preaching away at other fellowships.

11 MONDAY



Janet Hawking (Pembrokeshire) asks: "Please pray for **GSUS Live** in my local Welsh school, Bro Preseli. Pray for unity in the team, made up of people from different churches, and for the presence of Jesus to touch hearts. Pray the technology runs smoothly; for staff and pupils to feel the love of God, and for follow up opportunities with the Christian Union and youth group. (11-15 Sept.)

Steve Ellacott is leading and teaching at the CU Forum at West Buckland School, Devon today. This is the first session after the summer break. Tomorrow, the Bible Club resumes at Kingsley Prep-school, Bideford where Steve will be teaching. He will also leading the CU at Kingsley Senior School every Tuesday lunch time.

‘Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.’

Colossians 3:12

12 TUESDAY

Paul Willmott (West Midlands) is leading assemblies on behalf of the Southcrest Church in Tenacres, Oak Hill and St Luke’s First schools today.

Connect Conference planning team are meeting on Zoom today. Please see the Prayer Focus page for more details.

The Net, an outreach to men, led by **Gordon Curley** restarts today with a barbeque in Fareham, Hampshire. The Net is usually held in the evening of the second Tuesday of the month. It is an inter-church event for men and runs from September to May.

13 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for **James Hyde** as he coaches Counties’ church planters. Today, he is meeting **Jordan Armstrong** from Wollaston Community Church, West Midlands.

David Brown is leading Walk Through the Bible lesson in West Midlands this month: on Tuesdays, at Church of the Ascension Primary School, Kingswinford and at St. Bartholomew's Primary School, Wolverhampton on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

14 THURSDAY

Mark Bingham asks: "Please pray for the families that attend our Boom group today at Maidstone Family Church, Kent. Please pray for **Stephen Treseder** who is taking a Bible teaching session in Treboeth Gospel Hall, Swansea today.

15 FRIDAY



Paul Willmott (West Midlands) shares: "It was wonderful to be part of 'Hope in the Park' in Bilston. I gave a talk, and over two thousand people of all ages enjoyed worship, along with great weather, at this event."

16 SATURDAY

Please pray for those attending the Day Conference for Evangelists in the South West and South Wales at Speedwell Gospel Hall, Bristol, including **Stephen Gillham** (Dorset) and **Steve Ellacott** (Devon), who is sharing a ministry update.

Paul Willmott is speaking at a celebration event for Girls Brigade groups from across Birmingham today.

17 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Stevie Walker** at Great Parks Chapel, Devon; **Julian Gutteridge** at East Hull Presbyterian Church; **Stephen Gillham** at Manvers Hall, Bath; and **Steve Ellacott** at Bishop Tawton Gospel Hall, Devon.

Tim Cracknell (Gloucestershire) asks: "Please pray for the start of 'The Jesus Experience' in churches at Cinderford and Ross today. This will run for six weeks and is a way of connecting everything we do in the church over this period, giving people a taste of Jesus and inviting them to draw near to Him in every area of their lives."

18 MONDAY

Pray for the **Neighbourhood Chaplains** training course today and next Monday. Through training and scheme membership, churches are equipped to make contact with new people in their communities; deepen community links and grow opportunities to share the Gospel as well as offering practical support and help to those in need.

Kevin Baldwin (the Life exhibition Coordinator) would value prayer for the Life exhibition's first visit to Florence Street Mission Hall, Swindon. (18-22 September).



19 TUESDAY

Andrew & Rachel Mugford (Essex) gives thanks that when they attended Oakwood Chapel's summer barbeque, the church was full of many who were guests of church members. They write: "Colleagues, friends and family members had a great evening and were left with the invitation to consider the Lord Jesus as the One who is faithful and reliable in every circumstance."

20 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for the **staff** day at Westbury office today. Pray the team will have an encouraging and inspiring day together.

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) report: "The community work with ex-offenders is expanding under a new partnership with the police, probation and the prison services. Pray as we seek to establish good working relationships and as we work with vulnerable and isolated individuals newly released from prison."

21 THURSDAY

Please pray for the North Devon together event today, led by **Dave Symons** and Graham Poland and supported by our **Regional Connector, Andrew Conlan**. This will be a time of sharing together, including lunch, for church leaders.

Martin Erwin is speaking on the topic of 'Standing Strong Together'. Graham Poland explains: "We are increasingly aware that as independent church leaders we can feel quite isolated and we want to help to support one another to face the challenges of a changing culture, remaining faithful to Scripture and effective in evangelism."

22 FRIDAY

Stephen Gillham (Dorset) asks: "Please pray for a Bible Educational Services Trustees meeting in Bath today. Pray for wisdom and guidance for strategy for the future."



Pray for the **One2Lead**

South West weekend away at Menadue Farm, Tintagel (22-24 September). Pray for the young people who attend, that they grow in their faith and, in turn, bring a blessing to their churches, youth groups and Christian Unions. Pray for those leading the weekend, including: **Dave Symons, Dave Thomas, Peter Allen, Steve Ellacott** and **Tim & Jaquie Bodman**.

23 SATURDAY

Tim Ayrton (Suffolk) shares: "Praise God that we had lots of outreach opportunities, especially at Torbay Air Show, where we gave out hundreds of New Testaments and tracts."

24 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Andy Jelfs** at Crossways Church Halstead, Essex; **Steve Loader** at Wrington Church, North Somerset; **Stephen Gillham** at West Camel Church, Yeovil, Somerset.

25 MONDAY

Matt Rich (Cumbria) writes: "Praise the Lord for his ongoing mercy and grace for us and those we chat with." Please continue to pray for the work through ChatNow.org.

26 TUESDAY

Please pray for **Andy Jelfs** (Essex) who is Bible teaching at Bradfield St George, Bury St Edmunds today; and **Steve Loader** at Portishead Women's Institute, Bristol today, and at Ebenezer Church, Bristol tomorrow.

Andrew Hodson would value prayer for the Compton Community Café at Windmill Community Church, West Midlands on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Pray that conversations lead to Gospel opportunities.

27 WEDNESDAY

Paul Davies (Swansea) writes: "Please pray for my new role as part-time Pastor of Hope Church (connected to Waterfront Community Church and covering Skewen & Ystradgynlais). An amazing fellowship, pray that God would continue to bless us as we gather together on Sundays and Wednesdays."

28 THURSDAY

Stephen Treseder is giving a talk to a Ladies Group at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Swansea today. Pray he might be an encouragement to the small group who meet faithfully each week.

29 FRIDAY

Andy Jelfs is speaking at 'Food on Friday' at Tile Kiln Chapel, Chelmsford, Essex today.



Please pray for the **M4** learning community as they meet today and tomorrow in Preston, Lancashire. Please pray for **Tim Cracknell, Aderyn Taylor-Roberts** and Jonathan Jones, leaders of Forest Community Church plant in Ross, as they make plans to raise new leaders.

30 SATURDAY



Please pray for **Dave Thomas** who is exhibiting **GSUS Live** at ACT conference in London today.

Jordan Armstrong asks: "Please pray for the Alpha Weekend taking place at Church in the Community, Wollaston, West Midlands today. I am hosting the video series."

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Prayer focus:

PRAY FOR COUNTIES' CONNECT CONFERENCE

We would love you to join us at our Counties Connect Conference which is taking place on **27-29 October** at Staverton Park Hotel & Golf Club, Daventry, Northamptonshire. The theme is 'Seizing opportunities and overcoming obstacles to make Jesus known.'

The programme will include:

- Bible teaching led by Chris Sinkinson (from Moorlands) and Martin Erwin, with times of worship.
- Workshops on issues such as gender, culture and trusting the Bible.
- Introducing One2Lead – a stream for young people aged 15+.
- Children's and young teens programme.

We would value prayer for the overall planning for the conference; for those preparing to speak and lead; and that those who attend will go home inspired and equipped to share the Gospel in their communities.



'Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.' Hebrews 13:20,21

October

2023

PRAY FOR COUNTIES' SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

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

01 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Stephen Gillham** at Twynham Church, Christchurch, Dorset and Bethany Church Holbury, Hampshire; **Steve Ellacott** at Bickington Christian Fellowship, Devon; **Andy Jelfs** at Woolpit Christian Fellowship, Suffolk; **David & Lindsey Brown** at an all-age service at Penn Christian Centre, Wolverhampton and David at Smethwick Gospel Hall, West Midlands; **Jonathan & Heather Brain** at Maranatha, the online and in-person house church; and **Stevie & Natalie Walker** run messy church at Gerston Chapel, Devon.

02 MONDAY

Kevin Baldwin (the Life exhibition Coordinator) would value prayer for **the Life exhibition's** return visit to Challenge Community Church, Hereford (2-6 October).

Lindsey Brown is leading an assembly at Bromley Hills Primary School, Kingswinford, West Midlands today, and at Straits Primary School, Dudley on Wednesday with **David Brown**.

03 TUESDAY

Mark Bingham asks: "Please pray for our street outreach in Maidstone town centre today; that God will continue to bless us with people who want to know Jesus personally."

Andrew & Rachel Mugford are away at Sizewell Hall, Suffolk with just over 50 guests. Doug Barnett is speaking. They ask: "Please pray the Lord will speak through both Doug and the conversations in this beautiful part of Suffolk." (3-6 October)

Stephen & Gwyneth Treseder are involved in a monthly visit to a residential home in Mumbles, Swansea today. They explain: "This has recently



started and is organised by Mumbles Churches Together. Even though only a small group attend, they thoroughly enjoy singing along with the old hymns. Please pray that the short talk will be a challenge but also a comfort to them in their later stage of life."

'Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.'

Proverbs 16:24

04 WEDNESDAY

Steve Ellacott and **Dave Symons** are leading a session at the Christian Union at Petroc College, Devon today.

05 THURSDAY

Colin Johnson (Bedfordshire) shares: "I had an encouraging time doing door to door work when I met Fernanda from Portugal, who then came to our church the following Sunday. I had further good conversations and plan to do return visits. I also met Faith, who has a young child and has only been in the country two months, and a young man, Ryan, who took our church testimony book and Good News paper."

06 FRIDAY

Please pray for the **trainees** on the **Evangelist Training Programme** and **TEAM student** who are having training on 'The Evangelist and the Church' at Emerging Evangelists' Institute in Northampton (6 - 8 October).

Please pray for Counties' evangelists and church plants as they make plans for Christmas community outreach. Pray that God will open the door to the Gospel in people's lives.

David Brown is leading Walk Through the Bible 'Live' Event at St. Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, West Midlands today and tomorrow.

07 SATURDAY

Dave Thomas (GSUS Live Coordinator) is exhibiting **GSUS Live** at the Christian Coalition for Education conference in York today.

Tony & Ruth Hood are running the children's sessions for the Fulbridge Church weekend in Maldon today and tomorrow.



08 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Stevie Walker** at Gerston Chapel, Devon; **Stephen Gillham** at Duncan Road Church, Southampton; **Andy Jelfs** at Oakwood Chapel Harlow, Essex; **Steve Loader** at Bristol Road Baptist, Weston-Super-Mare; **Steve Ellacott** at Grosvenor Church, Barnstaple, Devon; **Tim Cracknell** at Glebe Chapel, Newent; **David Brown** at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry and later at Offmore Evangelical Church, Kidderminster.

09 MONDAY

Pray as **the Life exhibition** visits a new venue, Jersey Deanery. **Kevin Baldwin (the Life exhibition Coordinator)** adds: "Although this is the first visit, they have booked a lot of schools!" (9 - 21 October)



10 TUESDAY

Charles Addoco is sharing the First Priority Strategy with churches in London and around the country. Please pray for unity between the senior leadership of the various fellowships he is in contact with from 10 - 24 October.

Andy Jelfs is speaking at Manor Lodge Care Home, Chelmsford, Essex today.

11 WEDNESDAY



Jonathan Brain (Wiltshire) writes: "I'm taking the Gospel billboard trailer out at peak traffic times during the week." Pray the people who see the trailer will consider the message and turn to Jesus.

12 THURSDAY

Pray as the Counties' trustees meet today at Ladyfield Evangelical Church, Chippenham. Pray for wisdom as they continue to steer Counties.

Janet Hawking teaches both the Old and New Testament every Thursday in a new school near Morryston, Swansea. Please pray that each class will have a deep, lasting impact and inspire the pupils to read the Bibles they will be presented with. Pray the local church sponsoring them will rejoice in their seed-sowing.

13 FRIDAY

Steve Loader (Bristol) shares: "I have seen an increase in conversations which are centred around Jesus. Praise the Lord for divine appointments!"

14 SATURDAY

Andy Jelfs is speaking at West Mersea men's breakfast in Essex today.

Paul & Vanessa Willmott are leading the children's sessions and teaching at a weekend away with Hope City Church, Kettering today and tomorrow.

Gordon & Penny Curley (Hampshire) start a new series of 'BodyBuilders' events today. These are monthly inter-church youth events for anyone aged 8 to 15 years old. The evening consists of ice-breakers, games and activities, World Vision, DVDs, tuck shop and a short talk. 'BodyBuilders' runs from October to May.

15 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Stephen Gillham** at Charminster Chapel, Bournemouth; **Julian Gutteridge** at East Hull Presbyterian Church; **Andy Jelfs** at Capel St Mary Methodist, Suffolk; **Steve Ellacott** at One

Way Community Church, South Molton, Devon; **David Symons** at Muddiford Chapel, Devon; and **David Brown** at St. John's Church, Walmley, West Midlands this evening.

16 MONDAY

Dave Thomas is leading a **GSUS Live** training event for schools in Gosport, Hampshire today.

Julian Gutteridge (Hull) is teaching French trainee evangelists about Islam and how to engage Muslims with the Gospel. Julian adds: "This is an exciting opportunity to work with the Emerging Evangelist Institute and a real privilege to help equip fellow French speaking evangelists."

17 TUESDAY

Praise God that **Janet Hawking** (Pembrokeshire) has a new opportunity to teach the New Testament and to give out Bibles at a local school.

18 WEDNESDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) write: "The prison-based Debate Club has paused since April but is planned to re-start this Autumn. Pray for a successful re-launch and for our new volunteers as

they work in prison for the first time. Pray that prisoners will return and bring others to join in the conversation."

19 THURSDAY

Colin Johnson (Bedfordshire) asks: "Please pray for community visiting; distributing the new church testimony book and Good News papers to streets near the church."

Pray for the **Neighbourhood Chaplains** 'Inform and Inspire'

Zoom event this evening. This is for churches who are interested in finding out new ways to reach their local community.



20 FRIDAY

Paul Willmott (West Midlands) is leading whole school assemblies at Hurst Green Primary School and Brierly Hill Primary School in connection with Albion Street Church, West Midlands today.

21 SATURDAY

Please pray as **Steve Ellacott** (Devon) leads 'Who let the dads out', a father and preschool kids outreach, today.

22 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Stephen Gillham** at Velmore Chapel, Hampshire; **Steve Loader** at Sladebrook, Bath and Emmaus Church in Severn Beach, South Gloucestershire.

23 MONDAY

Andy Hodson is leading a holiday Bible club during half term at Windmill Community Church, West Midlands. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus to primary school aged children and for great connections with parents.

John Hardwick is leading a holiday club at Royston Methodist Church, Hertfordshire (23-27 October).

24 TUESDAY

Stephen Gillham writes: “We are encouraged in being able to maintain 270 students each month with Postal Bible School lessons. We value prayer for the future of the Dorset Postal Bible School as Grace Goulding, who has been mainly responsible for this for the last 25 years, will retire at the end of this year.”

Please pray for the very first **Neighbourhood Chaplains** ‘RUN’ session,

today and on 28 November. This session will go through the seven basic principles of Neighbourhood Chaplains.



25 WEDNESDAY

David Brown is preaching at a midweek service at New Life Church, Wall Heath, West Midlands today.

26 THURSDAY

Please pray for **Ruth Hood** (Suffolk) as she prepares to do the catering for the East Anglian Women's conference weekend on 27-29 October.

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

Matthew 12:21

27 FRIDAY

Please pray for the **Counties Connect Conference** (27-29 October). Pray that those attending will be inspired and equipped to share the Gospel.

Pray for **Gordon Curley** (Hampshire) who is on a ten day preaching mission to Moldova (27 October - 7 November). This has been organised by the Moldovan Mission, and Gordon will be working alongside local churches.

28 SATURDAY

Tim Ayrton (Suffolk) asks: “Please pray for two of our staff who are working in a local senior school one day a week. Pray that they have wisdom and strength to know God's leading and also His provision as they seek to help many students in difficult times. Also, pray for the family and friends of a young girl we used to see at school, who very sadly took her own life recently.”

29 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Stephen Gillham** at Bethany Chapel, Lyme Regis, Dorset.

30 MONDAY

Please pray for **the Life exhibition** visit to Upton Baptist Church, Chester (30 October - 3 November).



31 TUESDAY

Lee Marsland asks: “Pray as we partner with local churches as we hit the streets of Greater Manchester with the Gospel.”

Jordan Armstrong writes: “Please pray for our Alpha course participants at Church in the Community Wollaston, West Midlands as the course ends tonight.”

November 2023

PRAY FOR COUNTIES' SCHOOLS RESOURCES:

Please pray for Counties' schools resources as they plan future school visits.

01 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for **Jonathan & Heather Brain** as they continue outreach each Wednesday in Chippenham town centre.

02 THURSDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) shares: "As part of our new initiative working with the police and probation services, we are opening a weekly drop-in service for ex-offenders seeking various kinds of support. It will be hosted at a local café where Cornergate volunteers offer welcome, friendship and support. Please pray for people to come along and connect with our team."

03 FRIDAY

GSUS LIVE

Praise God that sixty students signed up to a follow-up Alpha course during a **GSUS Live** visit to a school in Swansea.

04 SATURDAY

Paul Willmott is leading talks during a community bonfire at Penn Christian Centre, Wolverhampton today, and then speaking at the family service tomorrow.

Lee Marsland (Greater Manchester) asks: "Please pray as we host a bonfire and fireworks display at our church. Many unchurched and Muslims will be attending; pray their hearts will soften to the Gospel."

05 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Stephen Gillham** at Verwood Road Evangelical Chapel, Three Legged Cross, Dorset; **Steve Loader** at Meare Community Church, Somerset; **Andy Jelfs** at Fullbridge Evangelical Church, Essex. Also, **Stevie & Natalie Walker** are running Messy Church at Gerston Chapel, Devon today.

06 MONDAY



Please pray for **the Life exhibition's** visit to Trinity Church, Shrewsbury (6-8 November).

Pray for the **Neighbourhood Chaplains** training course for team members, today and on 13 November.



07 TUESDAY

David Brown is leading Walk Through the Bible lessons at Straits Primary School, Dudley on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and at All Saints Primary School, Trysull, Staffordshire on Thursdays.

Dave Thomas (Counties Schools Coordinator), & his wife Rachel, would value prayers as they speak at Adoption Preparation Training in Worcester today. Pray this is an opportunity to share the impact of Jesus on parenting.

08 WEDNESDAY

Mark Bingham (Kent) asks: "Pray for our Evangelism Support Group that meets once a month to support, pray, encourage and to help train people in evangelism. Pray for God's guidance and leading."

09 THURSDAY

John Hardwick (Cambridgeshire) shares: "Praise God for a great schools tour - my team went into 26 primary schools with another three teams going into similar numbers of schools using my songs and sketches. The theme was 'Feeding of the Five Thousand - the small boy whose small act of kindness when he gave his gift to Jesus, made a big difference!' Praise God that the children and staff loved the theme!"

10 FRIDAY

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

'Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'

Matthew 5:15-16

11 SATURDAY

Andy Hodson writes: "Please pray for the new monthly Café Church at Windmill Community Church, West Midlands. Pray for Gospel conversations and openings to share our faith."

David Brown is leading Walk Through the Bible 'Live' Event at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry today.

12 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Stephen Gillham** at New Farm Chapel Alresford, Hampshire; **Steve Loader** at Backwell Baptist Church, Bristol; **David Brown** at Allesley Park Evangelical Church, Coventry; **Tim Cracknell** at Chelsea Christian Centre, Bristol; **Charles Addoco** at the youth church at Emmanuel Christian Fellowship.

13 MONDAY

Please pray for the **Counties evangelists** as they make preparations in the coming weeks for the busy Christmas season.

14 TUESDAY

Today **Paul Willmott** is leading whole school assemblies at Blanford Mere Primary School on behalf of Arise Church, Kingswinford, and at Brook Primary School on behalf of Amblecote Community Church.

15 WEDNESDAY



Phil Davies (Swansea) asks: "Please pray as the team and I bring the final details together for leading **One2Lead** in Chepstow on 24-26 November."



16 THURSDAY

Please pray for the very first **Neighbourhood Chaplains** RELATE session today. This includes talks from **Martin Erwin** and a guest speaker; worship; prayer and fellowship.

17 FRIDAY

Stephen Gillham writes: "We are thankful for the continued opportunities in Dorset Schools, not only for the schools that I visit but for several other people who regularly visits schools around the county. Pray that these open doors will continue to give opportunities to speak to thousands of Dorset children each term."

18 SATURDAY

Steve Ellacott is leading a missional prayer meeting at Grosvenor Church, Barnstaple, Devon today, and 'Who let the dads out' a father and preschool kids outreach.

19 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Stephen Gillham** at Marchwood Gospel Chapel and Drummond Hall, Boscombe; **Andy Jelfs** at Frinton Gospel Church, Essex; **Tony Hood**

at Suffolk Road, Sudbury; **Steve Loader** at Mill Lane, in Warmley; **Julian Gutteridge** at East Hull Presbyterian Church.

David Symons (Devon) writes: "Please continue to pray for Messy Church, every third Sunday of the month, that both children and parents would have open hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to show them their need of Jesus."

20 MONDAY
Julian Gutteridge (Hull) writes: "We were invited to a Muslim festival called Eid Al Adar, commemorating Abraham sacrificing his son on the altar and God providing a Lamb as a substitute for his son. There were around 100 Turkish Sufi Muslim men and women in attendance. I was able to share the same story with some of the men, explaining from Genesis 22 how Abraham spoke about another substitutionary sacrifice which God would provide not only for Abraham's son Isaac, but for every sinful human being. Jesus the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Praise God for such an opportunity."

21 TUESDAY

Colin Johnson (Bedfordshire) asks: "Pray for the Leighton Buzzard market outreach this month. We will be distributing Good News papers and Gospels."

22 WEDNESDAY

Tim Ayrton (Suffolk) shares: "Please pray that we continue to know God's abundant provision, particularly as we consider how the ongoing work of Number72 will be structured in the future."

23 THURSDAY

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

24 FRIDAY

Please pray for **One2Lead** South Wales and Borders (24-26 November). Pray for the discipleship and training of the young leaders programme, and for those leading the weekend: **Phil Davies**, Matt Lewis, Andy Goode, **Rachel Erwin**, Tom Binding and Zac Whitehouse.



Dave Thomas and **Kevin Baldwin** are exhibiting **GSUS Live** at the National Youth Conference in Birmingham today until 26 November.



25 SATURDAY

Tony Hood and his band are at a worship event at High Street Chapel, Hopton today.

26 SUNDAY

Please pray for those preaching today, including: **Andrew Mugford** at City Church Chelmsford; **Stephen Gillham** at Marchwood Gospel Chapel; **Julian Gutteridge** at East Hull Presbyterian Church; **Stevie Walker** at Gerston Chapel, Devon; **Steve Loader** at Chelsea Christian Centre, Bristol; **Andy Jelfs** at Oakwood Chapel Harlow; **Tim Cracknell** at Queensway Chapel, Melksham.

27 MONDAY

David Brown (West Midlands) shares: "A pupil at a Dudley primary school commented about the Walk through the Bible lessons I have led: 'I didn't like the Bible before but I like it since you've been coming in.' Also, I was amazed at the detailed knowledge of Gideon by Year 5 pupils at Bromley Hills Primary School until I remembered that Lindsey had focused on Gideon in a sketch board assembly in the same school the previous week!"

28 TUESDAY



Please pray for **Martin Erwin** as he represents Counties' church plants at the National Church Planting Forum in London today. Pray that those attending can explore together strategic church planting issues and concerns and share best practice ideas that enhance effective church planting.

29 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for the planning and preparation **Phil Davies** and **Steve & Gwyneth Treseder** are doing this week for the Christmas Wrapped up events they will be running in December in Mumbles and Dunvant.

30 THURSDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs (Hemel Hempstead) report: "Praise God that Cornergate won a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner to support what they refer to as the 'hardest to reach' offenders. We are delighted, despite the obvious challenges. God is with us! Also, we have worked with a number of new churches, mainly with the church leaders, and have recruited volunteers and spoken about our work in different places. We are encouraged that two unchurched ex-offenders are keen to attend our Christian Addiction Recovery group." Please pray for continued opportunities to share the Gospel.

'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

"Praise God for plenty of opportunities to evangelise when there were lots of events happening in Paignton which attracted many visitors."

Stevie Walker, Devon

"Praise God for how He has cared for us as a family and the grace and mercies we receive from His hands through brothers and sisters He has put around us."

Charles Addoco, Essex

"God has wonderfully provided, and emotionally kept us, in ongoing trying times. Also, the Avebury Solstice outreach was great this year. Lots of prayer and praise the day before made such a difference."

Jonathan Brain, Wiltshire

"Give thanks that we have gained access into a new school to offer chaplaincy work."

Tony & Ruth Hood, Suffolk

"Praise God for the open day, where we welcomed the community to our new building at Windmill Community Church, Compton. Several hundred people came and many commented on the peaceful and welcoming atmosphere."

Andy Hodson, West Midlands

"A post Alpha guest shared that her faith has been growing and she 'would call herself a Christian' now!" Andrew & Rachel Mugford, Essex

'The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.'

Psalm 85:12

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