

PRAISE & PRAYER DIARY

March - May 2019



MARCH 2019

WHERE ARE COUNTIES RESOURCES THIS MONTH?

- Life exhibition: Wolverhampton & St Albans
- GSUS Live : Hillingdon & Essex
- Key to Life: Kings Lynn & Bristol

01 FRIDAY

Please pray for the distribution of the Bible Educational Services materials through **Charles Addoco**, that the churches and the families who use them in London will be encouraged as the young people grow deep roots in the Word of God.

02 SATURDAY

Janet Hawking is speaking at a Family and Children event at Llaugharne (West Wales), a new venture to reach out to three local communities. Pray for many families to come and enjoy the afternoon; for a clear theme and message that brings a response.

Tim Cooke is running the monthly 'Men Unite' breakfast. Pray that it will be well attended and a first step for some on their journey to faith.

(our updated design has praise points highlighted in boxes)

03 SUNDAY

Tim & Joy Ayrton write, "We give thanks for God's provision in so many ways through grant funding, gifts from churches and personal donations. His blessings are great! Pray that we may know wisdom from God as possible staff changes are being proposed which could lead to us being left with very few people. We look to the Lord for our future that He will lead and guide us as we consider the future of the ministry."

04 MONDAY

Paul Willmott is visiting three schools: Bramford Primary, Roberts Primary and Springdale Primary; presenting the first of two assemblies about Jesus' death and resurrection.

Stephen Gillham writes, "We'd value prayer for a very busy month. 11 school assemblies, and a number of important Bible teaching meetings. We would especially value prayer as we visit the Lancashire area and have the privilege of visiting six churches to encourage them and report on the BES work that we are involved in." Please pray for safety in travelling, freshness and the touch of the Lord throughout the month, that many will be blessed by our ministry.

INFORMATION EVENTS



- **North West** Monday 4 March 7.30pm
Bare Methodist Church, Morecambe
- **Bristol** Monday 11 March 7.30pm
Chelsea Christian Centre, Bristol
- **London** Saturday 23 March 2pm
Haddon Hall Baptist Church, SE1
- **South** Sunday 24 March 4pm
Kennett Valley Free Church, Reading
- **West** Saturday 30 March 2pm
Creech St Michael Baptist, Taunton
- **East** Saturday 27 April 10.30am
Queen Edith Chapel, Cambridge
- **South West** Saturday 27 April 9.30am
Grosvenor Church, Barnstaple

05 TUESDAY

Andrew Mugford is returning with **GSUS Live** this week, to the school where he taught. James Bell, Youthworker at Tile Kiln Church, is co-leading the sessions. Please pray for the engagement with students and the opportunity also to having meaningful conversations with staff.



06 WEDNESDAY

The Life exhibition this month is visiting:

- St Matthews, Wolverhampton (second visit), where a young team with a heart for their local community.
- St Philips Wolverhampton (fifth visit), the church has employed a new schools' worker so pray that the visit may help in reaching out into local schools and continuing with the links already made.
- Holy Trinity Frogmore, St Albans (second visit) with a full timetable already. Please pray the church is seen as the centre of the community as it strives to forge links with local schools.
- Torfaen Gospel Partnership, Pontymoile. Pray for strength for the setup team as well as those presenting, that the Gospel will be proclaimed.

07 THURSDAY



Thank God for the youth fellowship on Tuesdays in Barking with **Charles Addoco**. It is growing in number and each week they have new people attending the meeting. Pray that this group might see the beginnings of many young people committing their lives to Christ.

08 FRIDAY

(see front page) Please pray for **Tim Cracknell**,

Martin Erwin and the **Counties Planting Network** as they partner with Henry Street Evangelical Church, Ross-on-Wye, working towards replanting the church.



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09 SATURDAY

Pray for **Kim & Jo Hobbs** and the Cornergate Foundation as they began a new project with the local probation team in January. Pray for their success and that they quickly build friendship and trust with new service-users.

10 SUNDAY

Mike Strange is preaching at Southfield Church, Nailsea. Pray that God would speak through him.

Martin Korchinsky will be speaking at Ford's Lane Evangelical Church. In times past this church had very strong ties with a previous ministry in Brinnington. Pray that these can be renewed and be a blessing to both churches.

11 MONDAY

Matt Rich writes about the 'Chatnow' on line ministry, "It's always exciting and amazing to see how many people the Lord directs to find us online - they just keep on coming and all we have to do is chat to them!" Please pray that the Lord would send more volunteers to meet the growing demand to chat about spiritual things online.

12 TUESDAY



Julian Gutteridge writes, "Praise God for the dialogue meeting at a Shi'a Mosque on the subject of the Doctrine of Heaven. I spoke for 1/2 hour on the subject from the Christian perspective. There were about 22 Muslims in attendance. All the Christians who came to support me were in deep spiritual conversations. As a result three Muslims came to our church carol service."

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ) and he brought him to Jesus. John 1:40-42

13 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for **Craig Dowling** at Sladebrook Church, Bath as the church works on the Operation Andrew programme, a relationship model of evangelism.

14 THURSDAY

Praise God for **David & Katie Symons** and the tremendous growth in the Grosvenor Bideford congregation, with people coming to faith, others being baptised and many prodigals returning to the Lord. Please pray that they will know who to spend time with, who to reach out to and who to disciple in order to raise up future leaders.

15 FRIDAY

Paul Willmott will be speaking to the children's club at Kingsway Church, Wombourne. Praise God for this club and the leaders, and pray that God may be tangible to the children and team as Paul speaks.

Victor Jack hosts the annual men's house party at Sizewell Hall with **Tony Hood** this weekend with speaker Ian Coffey. They are expecting 80 men. Pray that will be a time of drawing closer to God and being renewed to go back out and serve.

16 SATURDAY

Please pray for the **Neighbourhood Chaplains** training day in Frome, Somerset led by **Beverley Bedford, Ashley George & Jenny Rossiter**. Pray that the team will be inspired and excited to begin this new ministry to people in their local area.



17 SUNDAY

Please pray for **David & Katie Symons** as they lead Messy Church today in East-the-Water. Praise God for the many non-Christians attending and pray for more helpers to cope with growing numbers.

Steve & Gwyneth Treseder are visiting Swanfield Chapel, Chichester where Steve will be taking services. Please pray that the Word given will be a challenge and an encouragement to all who attend.

18 MONDAY

Pray for Stourbridge Church plant with **Andy Hodson** as they mentor the students at a local college and help with their Christian Union.

19 TUESDAY



In the eight prayer workshops with **Janet Hawking**, children testified to feeling different within minutes. God answered their prayers and many felt the Power of the Holy Spirit from head to toe. Many prayed the "Numbers Blessing" over their friends. Two girls said they were going to ring each other the next morning and pray together on the phone. They had shared a common sadness.

20 WEDNESDAY

Pray for the Counties staff team, as they facilitate and equip others. Pray for their

personal protection, safe travel, and the protection of Counties, as a mission. Staff include, **Martin Erwin, Jonathan Brooks-Martin, Jenny Rossiter, Ash George, Dave Thomas, Kevin Baldwin, Angela Sherwood, Allison Smith, Margaret Jack & Heather Scorah.**

21 THURSDAY



Beverley Bedford writes, "It has been exciting to see a lady come to church from a street where the Good News has been delivered for over two years. God is at work always."

22 FRIDAY

A busy weekend at **One2Lead** with young people receiving personal development and leadership training and preaching at both Swansea and Neath churches. Pray for a freshness and an authority in preaching.

Kim Hobbs writes, "We hope to have completed writing a new course for prisoners, preparing them for life after prison. If so, we will be piloting the course at our local prison. Please pray for its success in leading prisoners to consider how they can change their lives for good."

We hope also to connect with many of these 'students' after they are released."

23 SATURDAY

Pray for **Gordon Curley** leading a youth weekend with Paulsgrove Baptist Church at YMCA Botley, Hants. Pray that the young people will have a hunger for God as well as having a good time.

24 SUNDAY

Neighbourhood Chaplains' information event in Reading this afternoon led by **Tim Cracknell**. Pray that many will grasp the concept and teams will be equipped to connect with 'lost sheep' in their communities.



Jonathan & Heather Brain will lead a Sunday Special outreach at Ladyfield Church, Chippenham.

Andy Jelfs is speaking at Woolpit Christian Fellowship morning service. Pray that

God's Word might take root in people's hearts.

25 MONDAY

Paul Davies will be taking assemblies at a local secondary school this week. This is a recent venture so please pray that God would help Paul to develop relationships with staff and pupils and for a clear message on the true meaning of Easter.

26 TUESDAY



Victor Jack shares, "A mother, her daughter and boy friend all committed their lives to God after a service taken by my son Graham, at our Church. They are doing an Alpha course and growing enthusiastically in their faith." Pray that their relationship will grow deeper in Jesus.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him" Romans 15:13

27 WEDNESDAY



Victor Jack shares, "A young married couple committed their lives to God after a morning service at New Life Church, Sudbury. They were impressed by the change in their daughter so started visiting the Church for 5/6 weeks and reading the Bible. They said to me, "We both want to become Christians but we don't know how to do it." When I took them through God 's plan of salvation they responded willingly and prayed beautifully. They are now being cared for and nurtured in the Christian faith. It is not often that the opportunity comes of helping a husband and wife to take this step of faith together."



28 THURSDAY

Steve Loader shares, "As well as many conversations with individuals, I also sometimes have the chance to share the Gospel with all the crew at the same time. Twice in the past year I was asked by the Captain to share something with his crew. The mess room was quickly organised into rows of chairs with me at the end. The crew of about 18 guys sat and listened to me as I opened the Bible and shared the Gospel with them.

29 FRIDAY

Pray for the Neighbourhood Chaplains' information event in Taunton tomorrow led by **Beverley Bedford & Jenny Rossiter**. May they have fresh enthusiasm and passion to communicate the opportunities to grow God's kingdom through Neighbourhood Chaplains .



30 SATURDAY

Will & Lynne Andrews are hosting an evangelistic quiz night at Hockerill Christian Centre, Bishops Stortford. Pray that it will be well attended and that there will be great opportunities to share Jesus' love. Will also attends his

Neuroendocrine Cancer Support Group in Letchworth today, please pray that he would know God's peace and be able to share the comfort he receives from Jesus with others in the group. Will writes, "Although this experience has not been easy, we have learnt spiritual life lessons which hopefully we can pass on in a positive and helpful way." Please pray for United Generation (youth event) with **David & Katie Symons**. Please pray for young people to find faith in Jesus as the gospel is shared.

31 SUNDAY



Ivor Cooper shares good news from the hospital regarding his health, "Tumors are shrinking and no signs of new ones!" Please also pray for the development of 'Sunday@Westbury' in Leamington Spa. A group of up to 50 are meeting regularly - we need wisdom regarding the next stage in this work.



Prayer focus:

NORTHERN IRELAND



Praise God for the recent successful ten week tour of Key to Life to **Northern Ireland** where over 5000 primary school children heard the Good News about Jesus. Praise God for the willingness of staff, schools and Scripture Union for hosting this tour. Please pray for those who visited Key to Life that there will be follow on opportunities to hear and personally experience Jesus for themselves.

Counties have also begun to partner with Crown Jesus Ministries, a team of Evangelists serving God with the Gospel in Ireland. Counties are hoping to partner with them in a variety of ways. Please pray for them as they seek to impact all of Ireland with the Gospel.

In April, our CEO, Martin will be visiting Belfast to share passion, resources and ideas in evangelism with church leaders from across Ireland at the LEAD event. Pray that this might encourage the churches as they continue to Make Jesus Known across Ireland.

APRIL 2019

WHERE ARE COUNTIES RESOURCES THIS MONTH?

- The Life exhibition: Pontymoile & Glasgow
- GSUS Live : Black Country & Caerphilly
- Key to Life: Bristol & Yorkshire

01 MONDAY

Pray for **the Life exhibition** as it is hosted by Torfaen Gospel Partnership Pontymoile. Please pray for the many children that have already been through the exhibition and for the team presenting as they enter the second week. Also for the visit of the Life exhibition to Woodhill Evangelical Church, Glasgow (first visit here), please pray as this is part of the Church's Easter mission and outreach.



02 TUESDAY

Pray for Grosvenor Mission week with **Beverley Bedford** (1-5 April) as they give out the Gospels of John and share the good news in the local area.

03 WEDNESDAY

Pray for the online ministry 'Chatnow' with **Matt Rich** — that visitors to the website will be encouraged to visit a local Bible believing church and would be able to meet someone from the local church beforehand so that they feel confident to attend on a Sunday.

04 THURSDAY

Please pray two contacts that have started coming to **Julian Gutteridge's** Church Coffee morning. Julian shares, "They are rough diamonds from a working class background. One of them suffers from depression. At present I am doing a Bible study course with them which explains the basics of the Gospel."

05 FRIDAY

Shaun & Livi Almond ask, "Please pray that our family would draw closer together as the pulls of school and

ministry can often lead to a hectic schedule for all."

06 SATURDAY



Kim Hobbs shares, "One man with mental health issues has been held back by depression and recurring addiction binges. He is now attending our men's discussion group & Bible study and loves it! Please pray that he might know the transforming power of God even more tangibly in the coming weeks and months."

07 SUNDAY

Paul Willmott will be speaking at the family service with Penn Christian Centre, Wolverhampton. Please pray especially for visitors to this service that their hearts and ears may be open to receive the Good News.

08 MONDAY

Gordon Curley leads a holiday club this week at Duncan Road Church, Southampton. Pray that this may be a time of huge spiritual growth and blessing for the children attending and the team serving.

09 TUESDAY

Please pray for **Lionel Clargo**, for his preaching preparations and his visitation plans. May he be open to the Lord's leading on where and to whom he visits, being a vessel to pass on God's truth and hope.

10 WEDNESDAY

Please pray that the courses running in schools and at Number72 with **Tim & Joy Ayrton** and team will be successful and speak to those who are in pain following difficulties in their life and family. New website: www.number72.net



11 THURSDAY

Please pray all those in the **Counties family** who have children. Pray for positive friendships for the Counties children that will encourage their faith. Please pray for opportunities for family time and pray for any children and young people who are struggling, that they would know that God's grace is sufficient and His strength perfect.

12 FRIDAY

Victor Jack is speaking at an evangelistic event with 'Filling Station' in Garboldisham in Norfolk. Pray that God would speak.

13 SATURDAY

Andy Jelfs is leading Berrymead Church away day at Long Crendon. Pray that this would be a valuable time for the congregation to be in God's presence and to receive from Him.

14 SUNDAY

Tony Hood is part of the leadership team for the 5-7s at Spring Harvest in Harrogate this week. Please pray that the children would get a real sense of God's presence

with them and that the team 'gel' together.

15 MONDAY

Following the great feedback from the school teachers of the classes who attended 'Christmas Wrapped Up' in December, **Steve & Gwyneth Treseder** are looking forward to running a similar programme based on the Easter story. Pray that the children this week will engage with truth shared and that they may personally connect Jesus' sacrifice as being an act of love towards them.

“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. .”

Matthew 28:6

16 TUESDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs share, “We receive a continuing flow of referrals for support for ex-offenders - all of whom need a high level of commitment, care and encouragement. Please pray that we have the resources to answer these needs with love, patience and kindness. Pray that we can say 'No' when that is the right decision too.”

17 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for the publicity and take up of teacher training in association with the launch of the new Somerset RE syllabus with **Mike Strange**. These are great opportunities to explain the atonement so that teachers can in turn explain it to their pupils. Please also pray for the continued development of the 'Big H' history project and website that Mike and Su are leading. May it become a well used resource for many primary schools.

18 THURSDAY

Pray as **Phil Davies** leads the marriage service for a young couple - Jordan and Catrin. Catrin grew up in the church and Jordan is a young man that Phil has been working with for a number of years. Please pray for this newly married young couple."

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

19 GOOD FRIDAY

Please pray for **Craig Dowling** leading Easter services. Craig writes, "We hope to do a very modern Easter café Church." Pray this will be well attended and initiate more people grasping the love of Jesus.

20 SATURDAY

Please pray for final preparations for the Easter outreach activities across the country - that we will have a great attendance from our fringe groups, that we will be faithful in preaching the Gospel and that many may come to know Jesus as their Saviour.

21 EASTER SUNDAY

Please pray for the Easter outreach to the community in Stourbridge with **Andy Hodson**; the Gospel will presented in various ways, through a drama, live music, an Easter trail, a message and the love of God's people.



Jonathan & Heather Brain write, "We have had requests from locals who are unsaved to put on a celebration for Easter Sunday, please pray that we know from God exactly how to do this."

22 MONDAY

Pray for **Paul Davies** as he leads primary school assemblies this month across Swansea, that God would use Paul to speak clearly to children and staff. Praise God for great links between churches and schools in the area.

Stephen Gillham writes, "We have been planning the Bible Educational Services four-yearly conference for nearly two years. 130 delegates have been invited from around the world and we shall be meeting together for a week at the Fermanagh Christian Fellowship building in Enniskillen. Please pray for the safe arrival of the delegates, the sessions in the Conference, overcoming language difficulties, the challenge and the encouragement of the Word of God, and for all the networking and inspiration that all the delegates will have with each other. I will have a major part to play in the conference and would value prayer for the Lord's help and good health.

23 TUESDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs are working with probation services to support ex-offenders to resettle after prison. Please pray that they are effective in building lasting friendships and in helping them find accommodation, settle debts and restart their lives.

24 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for **Jonathan & Heather Brain** in Chippenham as they lead 'Toddlers' this morning and also an assembly at Kington St. Michael. Pray that God would speak through them in both these opportunities.



25 THURSDAY



Praise God for a year 10 girl who visited the chaplaincy at Ellowes Hall Sports College with **David Brown**. She expressed an interest in becoming a Christian, but the idea of repentance is a stumbling block for her at present. Pray that the seed that has sown will find good, fertile soil.

26 FRIDAY

Lionel Clargo shares, "I visit the old folks homes to lead worship and bring hope and assurance that only the Lord brings. As an old guy I can identify with the residents and hopefully be a blessing as I give a short message of encouragement."

27 SATURDAY

Jacque Bodman takes part in the 'Trevithick Day' event in Camborne, Cornwall. Jacque will deliver a puppet show, games and crafts and writes, "Pray that we make sure the message is clear and relevant to retain the children's and parents' interest and that Jesus is lifted up high at all times. Pray that that even more literature is accepted than the 400 tracts and 100 Bibles given out last year and more souls are saved."

28 SUNDAY

A busy day for **Phil Davies** preaching in Bristol (Chelsea), Tondu and Pencoed. The last two are small churches. Pray that people from the community come in and lives are changed.

29 MONDAY

Will & Lynne Andrews are attending 'Prom Praise' at the Royal Albert Hall. Pray for those that are attending with them that they may be uplifted and encouraged.

*"Praise the Lord.
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty
heavens" Psalm 150:1*

30 TUESDAY

Please pray for Counties widows, **Grace Anderson, Jean Campbell, Hettie Hall, Wendy Iliffe, Phyllis Jenkins, Ruby Powell, Betty Saunders & Gladys Whittern**. May God continue to bless them and to speak through them in their local contexts.

MAY

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WHERE ARE COUNTIES RESOURCES THIS MONTH?

- Life exhibition: Newport
- GSUS Live units: West Midlands & Caerphilly
- Key to Life: promotion plans

01 WEDNESDAY

Mike Strange is leading RE training day with teacher trainees in Somerset at Creech St Michael Baptist Church.

02 THURSDAY

Jonathan & Heather Brain share, “Along with regular preaching on Sundays we are involved in 10 toddler groups this month; at least five schools to visit; four primary aged clubs and four secondary aged clubs. There is huge opportunity to reach children, parents, grandparents, child minders and teens in great numbers.

Praise God!” May He minister through Jonathan & Heather bringing glory to Himself!

03 FRIDAY

Tony Hood is leading the children and youth sessions at Attleborough Church weekend away. Pray that God will speak through Tony and that God would meet with each child and young person this weekend.



04 SATURDAY

Gordon Curley leads the 'BodyBuilders' Houseparty inter-Church youth event (photo) this weekend at Charminster Chapel, Bournemouth. Celebrating 30 years of this event! Praise God for His faithfulness over the years to this ministry and pray that many young people would commit their lives to Christ this weekend.

05 SUNDAY

Pray for the Sunday services in Bideford and Tiverton as **Beverley Bedford** shares the truth of who Jesus is and what He has done. Pray that there will be a willing response and evidence of transformation in the lives of those who hear the Good news.

06 MONDAY

Pray for **the Life exhibition** visiting Rogerstone Baptist Church Newport, particularly with changes in the Welsh school testing format this year. This may mean that the Church struggles to fill all of the lessons. Please pray for planning and logistics here.



07 TUESDAY

Pray for **David Brown** as he hosts **GSUS Live** at North East Wolverhampton Academy this week and next week at Ellowes Hall Sports College, Dudley.



08 WEDNESDAY

Rachel Mugford is running an evangelistic evening for ladies in Maldon. She would value prayer for this new venture and for a good number of guests to both hear and respond to the Gospel.

09 THURSDAY

Please pray for Debora, daughter of **Charles & Elizabeth Addoco**. For the first time she is putting together a prayer and music concert. Pray that those invited will come to know the saving power of Jesus Christ through the power of prayer and praise.

10 FRIDAY

Please pray for continued opportunities for **Julian and Ella Gutteridge** to share the Gospel with Muslims. This includes the possibility of further dialogue opportunities.

11 SATURDAY

Pray as **Martin Korchinsky** prepares for the wedding of new believers Geoff and Gina today. Praise God for their faith and pray that God may be at the centre of their marriage.

12 SUNDAY

Tim & Charissa Cooke are planning 10 UK schools missions this year and 10 overseas missions, please pray for open doors and favour. They are also planning to launch 20 'Faith gang' discipleship groups before the summer.

13 MONDAY

Today is the first day of SATs school tests for year 6 children across the UK. **Paul Willmott** will be starting the day with year 6 at Maidensbridge Primary with a short word of encouragement and prayers as they head into their first exam. Pray for **Phil Davies** preaching in Swansea University CU. The subject given is Genesis 22 - the Ultimate Sacrifice. Pray for fruit that will last.

14 TUESDAY

Please pray for **Craig Dowling** and his team as they begin to prepare for a

special mission this summer. Pray for the right volunteers, for the physical and practical resources required and for the preparation of hearts that will accept the Gospel through this mission.

15 WEDNESDAY

Please pray for the ongoing work of Number 72 and the schools team as **Tim & Joy Ayrton** seek to know the way forward in so many new areas.

16 THURSDAY



Praise God as **Paul & Laura Davies** celebrate their 10th Wedding anniversary. Paul writes, "Thanking God for a true friend and worker in the Gospel." Please pray for them and for all those we know who are married, that God's protection and joy may be especially evident in Christian marriages and that Christ's love would be shown through these marriages to the world.

"Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."

Hebrews 10:23

17 FRIDAY

Pray for the ongoing discipling relationships and coaching that happens across 'Church In The Community' with **Andy Hodson** in Brierley Hill (Dudley). Pray that new believers would grow strong in Christ, that existing believers would keep persevering and those not yet would turn to Christ.

18 SATURDAY

Victor Jack is speaking at a day conference at Davenport Road Church, Derby. Pray that the Church will be encouraged and challenged.

19 SUNDAY

Pray for the ongoing fruit from Easter outreaches across the UK.

Jacquie Bodman asks, "Please pray for our family outreach service, that we will see many attend from our fringe groups and through the connections we have made over Easter and the Trevithick Fun day."

20 MONDAY

Julian Gutteridge asks, "Please pray for our Monday night Bible enquirers course for Chinese students from Hull University.

Currently we are meeting with two Chinese students and one Chinese lecturer and her husband every Monday evening."

21 TUESDAY



Kim Hobbs shares, "I re-connected with the first guy I met from prison and supported (for 18 months or more). I hadn't seen him for a year or more and was so blessed that he is really going on well with God. Now sober, clean from drugs and is really a great witness to many people. He is such an encouragement - and it was nothing to do with me! God always had His hand on him. Praise God!"

22 WEDNESDAY

Andy Jelf is speaking at Gordon Road Hailsham Women's Fellowship. Pray that God would meet tangibly with the women in the fellowship, bringing hope, renewed passion for Jesus and courage to step out and share the Gospel.

23 THURSDAY

Paul Willmott is visiting three schools: Franche Primary, Offmore Primary and Bromley-Pennsnet Primary presenting Biblical keys to life. Pray that the children and staff will be attentive to the message he brings and that God would shine through Paul.



24 FRIDAY

Pray for **Phil & Sheila Davies** at the Hill House Family Camp this week. Pray that Phil's preaching will be anointed by the Spirit and that the times of counselling will be fruitful.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free.

Luke 4:18

25 SATURDAY



Pray for the **Neighbourhood Chaplains'** leadership team and trainee leaders, for wisdom and good communication. Give thanks for all our wonderful volunteers who give their time to do home visits, pray for their blessing and protection.

26 SUNDAY

Messy Church is once more being held jointly by **Steve & Gwyneth Treseder** with Castleton and Mumbles Methodist in Swansea. Please pray that even though this is routinely held every half term holiday they might view it afresh, with continued enthusiasm.

27 MONDAY

Martin Korchinsky from Brinnington, near Stockport, shares great news, "Geoff and Gina, a couple from the estate started coming to the Church in September because they wanted to get married here. They quickly fell in love with the sense of family here and have since come to love Jesus - repenting of sin and committing their lives to follow Him. Hallelujah!"

28 TUESDAY

Kim & Jo Hobbs asks, "Please pray for all struggling with, homelessness and/or addiction in this lonely period. Pray that they find friendship, comfort and resilience against their negative, habitual behaviours." Pray for the work of the Cornergate Foundation that Kim & Jo lead; that they would minister where it matters most.

29 WEDNESDAY

Clive Cornish shares, "Having some great times at HM Prison Usk where I continue to visit each Friday and once a month on a Sunday. Supporting guys upon release isn't always easy as they adjust to being back in the real world." Praise God for the opportunities Clive has to witness and support these people and may lives be changed by the power of Jesus.

30 THURSDAY

Following a men's outreach dinner with **Tim Cooke** several have asked Tim to run an Alpha course exploring the Christian faith! Praise God for this opportunity and may it prove fruitful.

31 FRIDAY



Jacque Bodman shares, "A few of our toddler mums came and helped to make scenery and costumes during December for our Nativity play. They enjoyed being part of the Church so much they asked us to set up a craft group for them to be able to continue doing Church projects or their own crafts. We have now started the craft group, which others have joined. Most attending this group spend four days a week at the Church through attending different groups and are building great relationships with many believers at Church. Its such a blessing as they listen to us whilst we tell them about Jesus and His love for them, it's also so refreshing to see how comfortable they are within the Church setting, totally accepting as we pray and support each other openly. Many happily accept prayer for themselves." Praise God!

JESUS SAID TO HER, "I AM THE
RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. THE ONE
WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE, EVEN
THOUGH THEY DIE; AND WHOEVER LIVES
BY BELIEVING IN ME WILL NEVER DIE. DO
YOU BELIEVE THIS?"
JOHN 11:25

All scripture quotes from NIV (2011).

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