

prayer newsletter

february 2017

Alex Brito (Mosaic Multicultural Church)

Please pray for...

- The spiritual growth of 6 people who have been studying the book of Philippians. One is a new believer who has been criticised by her friends for attending the Bible studies. Please ask God to give her strength to overcome criticism and boldness to share the gospel with those around her.
- A couple who are preparing to be baptised soon, and who will marry in September. Please ask the Lord to give them the wisdom to understand what baptism and marriage really means.
- Alex, who is working as a TESOL teacher at the local college in order to build relationships with the students and share the gospel with them. Please pray for M, who has already been invited to the next Christianity Explored course in March.
- The English for Everybody project. Please ask God to open the hearts of the 46 ESOL students, to receive the invitation to join the Christianity Explored course in March.
- The tour of the British Museum in partnership with the Christian Heritage London. Please ask God to use Ben Virgo to share the gospel with the group of 10 non-Christians who will be doing the tour next month.
- A new venue for the English classes to meet in, as the current café is being sold. Please pray there would be nothing to hinder the continuation of the classes, particularly as so many have been attending.

Jonathan Worsley (Kew Baptist Church)

Give thanks for...

- The wonderful answer to prayer, that 2016 ended with almost 70 people from the local area attending the Christmas carol service, as well as having visitors to the Christmas Sunday services. Please pray that the gospel message these people heard would not have fallen on deaf ears and that many would return on Sunday mornings over the coming months.

Please pray for...

- The new visitors that have been attending over the last few weeks, that they would be saved, and brought into the church family.
- Relationships to continue to grow through the parents and toddlers group, and for some of the mums to start to come on Sunday mornings.
- The congregation to be both passionate and fruitful in their personal evangelism this year.
- The Lord to send some mature Christians to the church to both encourage and help in the work at Kew, particularly with childcare in the short-term.

Mike Reith (Becontree Church)

Give thanks for...

- The good numbers at the midweek group and on Sundays. Please pray that the people who come, would come out of a desire to know and love Jesus more.
- The 3 weeks Mike and Debbie could spend in Sri Lanka in January, teaching pastors there, followed by a holiday with their children and spouses. Please pray they'd be refreshed and eager to get back to the work in Becontree!
- Over 200 children came in to the 'Bethlehem Experience' from a school that was previously closed to the church. And since then, the church has been able to go in and teach the Year 4 children. Praise God for such a wonderful turn around!

Please pray for...

- The Iranian ministry going on at Becontree. Happily, 2 Iranians have been accepted to stay in the country, and now homes and jobs have to be found for them. Sadly, 1 has been rejected. Please pray the church can help him to believe Romans 8v28 and train him to go back as an evangelist.
- The resumption of door to door visitations, after taking a break from this in January. Please pray for fruit, and good weather!
- The Cornhill Mission this week, especially for three events: a tea for the elderly, a ladies evening meeting, and a meal for non-Christian friends put on by a church member. Dagenham is famous for people saying they will come and then backing off, so please pray for open hearted interest.

Neil Richardson (Longheath)

Give thanks for...

- A renewed spirit of prayer in the church, with post-service prayer meetings, a Whatsapp prayer chain, and members supporting one another in prayer.
- The weekly mentors training group that has been going through the gospel of Mark to help people with their 1:1s. This will be drawing to a close in February. Please pray about the if/when/how/who of doing a second cohort.
- Unity in leadership, and pray this continues and grows.

Please pray for...

- The right doors to open: the leadership have pushed on several doors for sources of funding. Please also pray that the church members grow in their personal commitment to Christ and to one another, in the grace of giving.
- The need for mature and maturing believers, which continues to persist, as several key people have moved away.
- Holiness: the church's key word for 2017. Pray that the leaders especially, but also the members, will appreciate the holiness of God and grow to be more like Him this year.

Peter Taylor (Vaux)

Please pray for...

- The parenting course that London City Mission are running with the Mums and Toddlers group at Vaux. Pray especially for mums S and K, who are very open to conversation.
- Those who come along to a 'How to teach the Bible' group on Tuesdays before work. Pray that the training would be useful in their personal discipleship and in service to Christ.

Sam Stephenson (Roehampton Student Church)

Give thanks for...

- A good start to the new sermon series in Romans, and sober reflection on our need for rescue.
- The majority of those who came last term have come back to church this term. Give thanks for the couple of newcomers this term who seem likely to keep coming. The term ahead looks exciting!
- A general willingness to think and contribute in a mature way at the Focus Bible studies, and the desire to look to the Bible for answers.
- Sam's opportunities to meet 1:1 with three guys this term- please pray for gospel growth as they read the Bible together.

Please pray for...

- The upcoming weekend away (10-12 Feb) teaching on the topic of 'Church'. Please pray for the group to grow to love church more and see it as a privilege to be part of one, as well as having a great time together building friendships!
- Unity behind the vision for the church, as Sam shares some of this at the weekend away.
- The few seekers who have been coming along at the start of term, especially for two guys E and S, and one girl N: pray that their eyes would be open to the wonders of the gospel of Jesus.
- The gospel to go out during the upcoming CU events week, and for many people to be saved during the week or at the RSC guest service on Sunday 5th.
- The Lord to be gracious in providing a long term future for this church plant through raising up financial patrons.

WHO'S WHO?

HERE'S A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE ANTIOCH PLANTERS...

ED KENDALL
Ed planted St Michael's Fulwell, which by God's grace has grown wonderfully since its launch. It is now fully recognised as a Co-Mission church.

ALEX BRITO
Alex is planting Mosaic Multicultural Church in Norwood. He also runs hugely popular 'English for Everybody' classes, feeding into a Christianity Explored course.

MALCOLM RILEY
Malcolm is planting London Underground Church, which meets in the Arts Theatre, Covent Garden.

PETER TAYLOR
Peter is the planter at Vaux, meeting in the LCM Vauxhall Christian Centre. They run family fun church, Sunday services and lots of midweek events.

NEIL RICHARDSON
Neil is based at Longheath Church in Croydon, which has recently been recognised as a Co-Mission church. He evangelises on the surrounding estates and supports the many ministries of Longheath.

SAM STEPHENSON
Sam's plant, Roehampton Student Church, recently launched in September. He reaches out to students on campus and gets them involved in 1:1 discipleship and Bible studies.

ALEX LYELL
Alex is the planter of Streatham Central Church, the most recent plant to be recognised as a Co-Mission church. They have a great heart for their local neighbourhood, in particular the local Somali community.

TOM SWEATMAN
Tom has been leading a mission team in Teddington, and now focusses on reaching out to students at Kingston University. He is based at Cornerstone Kingston, a Co-Mission church.

JONATHAN WORSLEY
Jonathan is revitalising Kew Baptist Church, which is over 150 years old. They have a growing number of families joining their Sunday services.

MIKE REITH
Mike is planting Becontree Church in Dagenham, on the Becontree Estate. The church regularly knocks on doors and ministers to local people on their doorsteps. The church is wonderfully made up of many nationalities.

DONG-O KIM
Dong-O is planting The Lord's Church with a Korean congregation. They launched in September and meet in Morden during the week and in Stoneleigh on Sundays.