

prayer newsletter

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Mike Reith (Becontree Church)

Give thanks for...

- Consistently higher numbers of late as new people have come in and stuck. Last year we were in our 20s, this year in our 30s, last week 49!

Please pray for...

- Us to get to know the new people and 'where they are at' spiritually, so we may know how best to help them become disciples.
- Us to be wise in dealing with the influx of children... either providing a creche using people from our small core team, or getting help from outside.
- Consistency (that the gospel will be the fragrance of life to the new folk and not the stench of death)... and particularly that when we shut church for 'Word Alive' Sunday (on 9/4) that we don't lose new people who may be unsettled.

Alex Lyell (Streatham Central Church)

Give thanks for...

- Some numerical growth.
- An exciting "Meeting for Better Understanding" at the big Mosque in Streatham with 70+ Muslims and 30+ Christians with the chance to give everyone a copy of Mark's Gospel and show them who the Son of Man is and what he came to do.
- A couple of Muslim men (U and B) who have kept in touch with Christians from the Meeting for Better Understanding and are meeting up to read and discuss.

Please pray for...

- Newcomers to settle in well and grow.
- More Meetings for Better Understanding with different Muslim groups that are coming up. Pray for follow up with individuals and for them to come to Christ.
- Baptisms on 11th June.
- The need for a new venue because we're outgrowing our current space. Please pray that something would become available soon to rent and/or buy and for the necessary funds.

Neil Richardson (Longheath Church)

Give thanks for...

- The Lord's slow but sure healing work of our pastor after his heart attack.
- The Lord sustaining Neil through his extensive bout of sciatica.

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- A warm-hearted and cohesive Seekers group, finishing off 'Gospel in Life' by Tim Keller.
- A unified leadership team.
- Co-Mission's tremendous support for us in our time of weakness (i.e. all the time!).
- The completion of the gospel of Mark in our Mentors' training group.
- Resumption of relationships with young adults and 1:1 mentoring with them.
- New attendees stepping forward to use their gifts.

Please pray for...

- Comfort after five Longheath-related bereavements so far this year.
- The end of foolish dramas, gossip, backbiting and opting-out of attendance when inter-personal conflict arises.
- Financial provision through members' giving, patrons and other funds.
- Wisdom for Amy and Neil as to God's vision for the church and the structuring of leadership and membership.
- The glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ to be clearly seen and loved by all God's family at Longheath.
- The winning of the lost on the Longheath estate, and surrounding estates too.
- The expansion of God's Kingdom into Tollgate, Stroud Green, Kingfisher and New Addington.
- The deliverance of those afflicted by addictions and afflictions of various kinds.

Alex Brito (Mosaic Multicultural Church)

Give thanks for...

- The amazing start of our new Christianity Explored course. We had eight people from seven different nations on our first session. Five of them keep coming back every week.
- The great start of our new Epic Explorer course. We had three kids on our first session. Two of them keep coming back every week.
- The opportunity to start an International Cafe on 27th April with the support of JL and Streatham Central Church.
- L, M and A: for their initiative to start our kids ministry.
- The opportunity to start an International Parents and Tots with the support of the Council.

Please pray for...

- A Bulgarian lady, M, who became our friend through English for Everybody, attended our last Christianity Explored course and now assists L during our Sunday Bible School. Ask God to guide and sustain her.
- A British guy, J, who has joined our church and will be leading two sessions of the Christianity explored course soon. Ask God to empower him and give him the boldness to share the gospel.
- A Brazilian lady, L, who is in charge of our kids' ministry. Ask God to help her to lead her team in a godly manner.
- The possibility to have I in our core team, a Bulgarian pastor who has moved to London recently. Ask God for discernment.

- Our marriage course and for the couple from our church who will be getting married in May. Ask God to help them to understand what marriage really is about.
- The guests taking part of our Christianity Explored course and for the kids taking part of the Epic Explorer course on Sunday. Ask God to open their hearts so they may be saved.
- L, as he helps as an interpreter for a Brazilian guy with a low level of English on Sundays. Ask God to help him to interpret the sessions in a proper manner.
- Our Easter Party on 16th April. We have invited more than 70 people. Ask God to send those He wants to be saved on that day.

Peter Taylor (Vaux)

Give thanks for...

- Tamsin Booth and Angelica Mata setting up a Spanish bible study on a Friday afternoon.
- Keaton Engel being offered a job at London Christian School, and for his ministry coaching with the London Hornets and UCL.

Please pray for...

- The second Vauxball multi-sports activity week in May/June. Give thanks for Cole, Alex, Sydney and Jack, who will be joining us from The Master's College in California. Pray that Mission events in the run-up to the camp will be fruitful. Pray that we can deepen friendships with parents and that more extended daily time in God's word will make a difference in the lives of the young people.
- The Easter evangelistic meal on 9th April. Lots of people come, but we'd love to see them integrated into courses or reading the bible with people - rather than just see them again at the next Easter meal!!

Jonathan Worsley (Kew Baptist Church)

Give thanks for...

- A new Christian couple who have recently started to attend, particularly their desire to get stuck in to the life of the church.
- The recovery of two church members who have been ill over the last few months. Since the last prayer update they are both doing much better and feeling stronger.

Please pray for...

- The non-Christian visitors who continue to attend each week, that we would see them respond to the Gospel over the coming months.
- Wisdom as we begin to do our budget for next year. Particularly that as we think about the things we'd like to do as a church, that we'd make wise choices. And also that the Lord would provide for all that we want to do in Kew.

WHO'S WHO?

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