

prayer newsletter

may 2017

The Antioch Plan

Please pray for...

- The ongoing recruitment for future Antioch planters. Pray for those who have applied, and for those who will be interviewed over the next couple of months. Please pray for wise and godly decisions to be made.

Alex Lyell (Streatham Central Church)

Give thanks for...

- A number of new members who have joined the church.
- The opportunity to spread the gospel on the street in the build up to Good Friday.
- 7 non-Christians at our Easter Day gathering, including 4 Muslims.

Please pray for...

- The safe arrival of the Lyell's third child and the ability to navigate the extra busyness of three kids. Please pray for the whole church celebrating and coping with 7 newborns in 2017. Lots of pressure on families and creche.
- Discussions with the charity who owns our venue who may be willing to sell it to us so it can be redeveloped into a more effective community centre.
- Baptisms on 11th June.
- Preparations for a big summer outreach event with Love Streatham.

Mike Reith (Becontree Church)

Give thanks for...

- A refreshing week at Word Alive for the Core Team.
- Persistent high numbers in the 40s, as new arrivals seem to stick.
- Visible growth in individuals responding to stressful situations.

Please pray for...

- Newcomers to become like core members in terms of discipleship and ministry - so pray for a growth in 1-2-1 studies as many start from a long way back.
- The application process to become an established Co-Mission Church
- Continuing fruitfulness through our existing door-knocking strategy.
- Schools to give Hannah regular opportunities rather than just at Easter and Christmas.

Malcolm Riley (London Underground Church)

Give thanks for...

- 3 engaged couples at the church. Please pray for them to grow closer to the Lord and each other as they prepare for their marriages.
- A good rest recently for Karis and Malcolm.
- Give thanks for good fellowship at a recent weekend away.

Please pray for...

- The non Christians in the congregation to come to Christ.
- The upcoming mission week in June. Please pray for preparations to go smoothly, and for people to come to know Christ as their Saviour as a result.
- The follow up with individuals on a one to one basis.

Neil Richardson (Longheath Church)

Give thanks for...

- One teen (IO) praying aloud for the first time in our morning service - he has recently completed Mark's gospel in a 1-1
- A good start to our Discipleship Explored Universal course (we love the books and videos!)
- The opening of doors through our engagement with the FareShare food distribution programme
- The slow and steady recovery of our pastor after his heart attack
- The pregnancy of our pastor's wife
- The great generosity of Co-Mission towards us in our hour of need
- Healthy turnouts on Sunday mornings and the re-emergence of a few AWOLs!
- A totally unanimous vote recently by all the membership to support the pastor in a specific way

Please pray for...

- A full recovery for both Arny's heart and Neil's spine (sciatica) which are ongoingly draining issues
- The safe growth and delivery of Arny and Michaela's baby
- Wisdom, discipline and unity in organising our finances as a church and as individuals
- Members to take their commitments seriously, especially in terms of timely attendance to church functions and dedication to prayer and giving
- Our series on holiness throughout 2017 - may the Lord enable us to worship him with pure hearts in the beauty of holiness!
- Teething problems with FareShare (food distribution) to be resolved and for good relationships with Tesco's that lead to evangelistic opportunities. Pray that we will give out the Bread of Life, not just pastries.
- Our links with the local councillors - we love them and they support us a lot, but it would be lovely to see them come to Jesus.

- Our youth work, which has fallen into disrepair of late because of 'estate dramas' that rumble on and often threaten to sabotage this delicate work. The kids club, however, is going strong. Pray that the kids attend on Sundays - of the 8 I led yesterday, none regularly attends on Sunday

Sam Stephenson (Roehampton Student Church)

Give thanks for...

- A new venue to meet in, Mosaic Jewish Primary School. Pray that we would build a good relationship with the school over the coming weeks and months.
- The 15 students, largely new to church, who have a hunger for God's word, and have been growing in their understanding of the gospel as we've taught through Romans 1-6.
- The opportunity for Sam and Katherine to purchase a house to provide a longer term base for the ministry.
- The opportunity for Sam to read John's gospel with two non-Christian guys this term.

Please pray for...

- Students to not disappear as exams mount up or finish, but continue coming along to church.
- A venue to move our Tuesday evening bible studies to, ideally on campus.
- Students at RSC who serve on the Christian Union committee to be bold in proposing evangelistic events where the gospel is proclaimed.
- Long term financial support for Sam and Katherine and the church plant.

Jonathan Worsley (Kew Baptist Church)

Give thanks for...

- The visitors who came on Easter Sunday and heard the Gospel preached.
- A really encouraging men's social last week. We got to know each other better, and as we shared our testimonies, got to hear about the wonderful work of God in each others lives.

Please pray for...

- Our congregation to grow - through conversions and through other Christians coming to join the work in Kew.
- Relationships to be growing deeper - people to be meeting up in the week to disciple one another, as well as just to hang out and share life together.
- Our church evangelism - that people would be forming relationships with non-Christians, and stepping out regularly in trying to point them to Jesus.

Alex Brito (Mosaic Multicultural Church)

Give thanks for...

- The 21 people from five different nations who came to our Easter Celebration, some heard the gospel for the first time.
- The end of one more Christianity Explored and for the six guests who want to be part of core team as a result of it.
- The spiritual growth of C., an International student from Colombia, who lives near us and came to us through the International Cafe in Wimbledon and the English classes at Dundonald.
- The start of the International Mums & Tolddlers run by A. B. and G., a Polish lady who attended our CE course last year.
- J. and L. who have just completed our marriage course and are getting married in May.
- The beginning of one more term of the English classes with 20 new students from seven different nations.
- Streatham Central Church who sends us J.L. every Monday to run an International cafe with us in West Norwood and for the opportunity to meet 12 new people since we started it.
- The great number of people interested in going to Revive this year and those who have already booked for it.

Please pray for...

- J.B. as he prepares to lead the next Christianity Explored course starting on 19th May in Central Croydon. Ask God to give him the wisdom and boldness he will need to teach God's word and also send the people he wants to save through this course.
- M. from our church and T. from Christ Church Balham who will be running a Bulgarian party this month in order to share the gospel with the guests. Ask God to send people and equip the team.
- L.B. and L. M. who will be running a Brazilian party this month in order to share the gospel with the guests. Ask God to send people and equip the team.
- Pray for our pre-launch church meetings on 7th May so that we prepare ourselves for our official public launch in September in Central Croydon. Ask God to lead our way.
- L.M. who has been running football matches with young guys from Croydon in order to engage and share the gospel with them. Ask God to send the players he wants to save and give L the wisdom and boldness he will need to give the Bible talks.
- A.B.'s health condition. Her rheumatoid arthritis has got worse since she began to work again. Ask God to heal her or give the strength she will need to handle the pain.
- A.B. asking God to give him wisdom to teach and more compassion for the lost.
- All our financial sponsors here and in Brazil who have been faithful to us for two years. Ask God to bless them

WHO'S WHO?

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

