

prayer newsletter

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Alex Lyell (Streatham Central Church)

Give thanks for...

- The 3 or 4 mums attending a 'Wonderfully Made' course. Please pray the course would impact them and realise the truth of their Creator, leading them to salvation.
- The encouragement of seeing recent baptisms at SCC.

Please pray for...

- Good seeds to have been sown at ' Church on the Common' at Streatham Fun Day.

Malcolm Riley (London Underground Church)

Please pray for...

- A really good break for the Rileys after a very long year with much upheaval.
- September, and a good start to the year. Particularly pray for people who are moving into the area to consider making LUC their church family.
- A greater evangelistic edge at the church.

Mike Reith (Becontree Church)

Give thanks for...

- The door to door visits and the opportunities this presents. Give thanks for a recent 40 minute conversation at the door with a man, and for a woman who joined a midweek meeting straight from door knocking, going with Mike there and then!
- The Iranians, some of whom are of good soils and contending for the truth.
- The provision of a wonderful house in Burton for Mike and Debbie in retirement.

Please pray for...

- That those who come would stay and grow- the church is a wonderful mixed bag! But pray that they would mature.
- A couple with a 16 year old son, whom Mike is reading the Bible with. Pray for them to come to clarity about their faith.
- Hannah to have more opportunities to get into the local schools. Give thanks for the opportunities that are already there. Please pray local children would see the beauty of Jesus.
- Becontree to use opportunities to help other churches develop their door to door work and see similar fruits grow in other neighbourhoods.

Alex Brito (Mosaic Multicultural Church)

Give thanks for...

- Aluanna's pregnancy. Please pray for the family to trust the Lord and that the baby would grow healthily. Pray this child would come to follow Christ one day.
- J and L, who have really matured during their time at Mosaic. J now leads CE and L teaches the children. Praise God for their recent baptism during Revive.
- M, a Bulgarian lady who came to a Christianity Explored course and has been assisting with the kids' ministry since then.

Please pray for...

- The more than 40 people who have attended CE but have not (yet) come to faith.
- The 5 people on the current CE course who thought they were Christians but are beginning to realise that they have no idea what the gospel is really about. Please pray the Lord would give them soft hearts to respond to the offer of salvation.
- Mosaic Multicultural Church to become established.

Peter Taylor (Vaux)

Give thanks for...

- The people at Vaux and for those who have provided support and encouragement along the way.
- A first year Brazilian student, M, who has been a great encouragement in serving together with the team at Vaux.
- The provision of a flat that comes with Peter's new position at Radley, in which he can have space to relax and offer hospitality.
- The opportunities Peter will have in his new role, teaching the whole school up to the age of 16, and for his freedom to teach John's Gospel, Doctrine and Ethics.
- LCM and Co-Mission- their gospel ambition and servant heartedness.

Please pray for...

- P is a non-Christian, and his wife is a legalistic Christian. Please pray he would understand the real gospel and be converted.
- Peter to settle into St Ebbe's as he moves to Oxford, and begin to serve there as he has opportunity.
- Peter to work out how to relate to the staff at Radley and that he would be able to encourage the Christian staff who have been there for years.
- Peter attending Iwerne camp this summer.

Sam Stephenson (Roehampton Student Church)

Give thanks for...

- The huge encouragement of looking back over the past year and seeing 5 people come to faith in that time.

- The 3 people that Sam has recently asked to become Bible study leaders next term. Give thanks for their spiritual maturity, and pray this new leadership role would help them to grow even more.
- Good relationships with the CU and good partnerships with local churches.
- The teachability of the students and an absence of negative feelings to evangelical faith.
- The provision of a house in Roehampton. Please pray it would be a great base for ministry. Give thanks for the generosity of parents and grandparents in making this possible.

Please pray for...

- Sam and Katherine's involvement on Contagious Pilot camp and a camp in Belgium over the summer.
- The many opportunities that come to a student church in September! Sam wants the students to take responsibility for growth and translate their enthusiasm into action. Please pray for the vision day so that growth becomes located in every member ministry.
- An American group of exchange students that are coming over for a term soon, that they would get integrated into church life and be effective in reaching out to the other students who may stay around for longer.
- Sam and Katherine as a couple; pray for them to encourage each other and to have clarity with plans going forward. Help them to cope with feelings of discouragement, and to face uncertainties with strengthened trust in God.
- The necessary finances to materialise in order to sustain the ministry.

Jonathan Worsley (Kew Baptist Church)

Give thanks for...

- The excitement of looking towards September and the opportunities that brings.
- The 17 members now at Kew, with 7 under 5's, which is greatly encouraging! Give particular thanks that it is now becoming possible to run a proper Sunday school class.
- The parenting evening planned for the Autumn Term, which John and Ann Benton will come to run. Please pray it would open more doors with local families, who are proving hard to reach.
- The church teaching and evangelistic programme, which is already in place for the year ahead. Pray the Lord would use this to grow the church to maturity, and bring new people to faith.
- The new women's worker who is in the process of procuring a VISA to come over to start part time work with the church. She will also be taking part in Cornhill and CCEF.

Please pray for...

- The Worsley's time in Nashville for a holiday with Sarah's parents. Pray it would be relaxing, despite Jonathan's various speaking engagements and that Sarah's health would improve through the time to rest.

- The Lord to help the family cope with the burdens of reaching non-Christians and maturing Christians.
- Wisdom on how to reach those who might be warm to the gospel, and to discover these people.
- A recent opportunity with a neighbour to discuss secularism and faith. Please pray this would not be the last opportunity but the start of an ongoing relationship, leading him to Christ.
- Jonathan to do a good job with helping people in the church to reach out to their neighbours.
- The fair amount of illness that the church family is currently facing, particularly with some older people in hospital. Please pray for Jonathan to be a good pastor to people in those situations.

Tom Sweatman (Cornerstone)

Give thanks for...

- A really good year of student work, with a good core joining Cornerstone.
- The 3 years of learning from and alongside a cohort of friends in Antioch.

Please pray for...

- The upcoming camp season. Pray for people to be converted, particularly through the recent camp in Belarus. Pray too for the many people involved with Contagious camps across the country throughout the summer.
- The Sweatman's upcoming house move to Tolworth. Pray that this would be a really useful place for ministry. Please also pray for the thousands of new homes being built in the area, and that the planners would allow a church plant to run a community centre there.
- The students to take responsibility for their spiritual lives, particularly through the long summer when most have returned home. Pray for Tom's 'springboard' meeting in September to enthuse the student team and start the year on the right track.
- The sermon series throughout August in Haggai and 'People Jesus Met' to challenge people and encourage them to deepen their trust in Christ.

Neil Richardson (Longheath Church)

Give thanks for...

- N and N who have been together for 10 years and have recently got married. Give thanks that they wanted a religious component to the service and pray that they will make God central to their marriage.
- The Seekers Bible Study, which gets 8-12 people along each Wednesday night, looking at Discipleship Explored.
- Arny and Michaela; that they have been kept by the Lord, that they're alive, that they've grown closer together and that they're not bitter despite the incredibly hard time they are experiencing.

- Great gospel partnerships, in particular for Rob Pickering and the marriage day he ran, and the seminars that came out of it which have helped some Longheath people.

Please pray for...

- Jesus to remain Neil's first love. That he'd pursue intimacy with Christ out of which all ministry at Longheath would flow.
- Sensitivity and maturity in dealing with older Christians at the church.
- A family who have benefited enormously from input at Longheath, but are now thinking of leaving to join another church. Please pray for wisdom to know how to deal with that and how to love them best.

WHO'S WHO?

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

