

THURSDAY 30th December - Church Office closed

Tony Waghorn (Communications and Media Facilitator, OMF Int)

Please pray for our IT specialists working on services that support the whole organisation in working together well. Pray for wisdom and creativity as they solve complex communication and process challenges.

Thank God for good progress on the OMF Communications Manual - pray that it would help our communications.

Praise God for two successful workshops listening to people around the organisation share about OMF values and character. Please pray for the logistics and translation as we do further research. Pray for wisdom as we bring all the research together into language that will help OMF express its vision more clearly.

FRIDAY 31st December - Church Office closed

Nick & Dorothy Jones & Family (Drung Church, Ireland)

Give thanks for Tom and Alison arriving and pray that they will settle in well and be a great help!

Please pray for our Christmas outreach – especially for a drive-in carol service and for the invitations and “so this is Christmas” booklets that we will have delivered door to door.

Please pray that people sign up for Christianity Explored in the new year

SATURDAY 1st January 2022 - New Year's Day

Tearfund (Martin Laing - St Nicholas Tearfund Rep)

Pray that following COP26 governments will put words into action to avert disaster.

Pray that [as Christians we keep praying](#), speaking out and taking action. Pray for people around the world whose lives today are being upturned by the climate crisis. Pray that the world hears their cries, and does something about it.

Pray for [Afghanistan](#) which is at a breaking point and where the currency crisis has hit the poorest and most vulnerable the hardest. Pray for Tearfund as it delivers food to desperate people.

SUNDAY 2nd January

Paul and Helen S (Africa Inland Mission)

Pray for us all as we strive to learn French, praise the Lord for how far we've all come but pray we would not grow tired and continue to push on.

Pray for Uganda, where we used to work, there have been several suicide bombs in the capital over the last few months. Pray for peace, for those bereaved or injured, for justice, for security, for the souls of those tied up in the terrorism, for the churches' response.

8am Holy Communion
- Angus MacLeay

9:15am: Family service in church
(streamed): Psalm 1 - Nic Ross

10am service at Lady Boswell's
(streamed):
Psalm 85 - Angus MacLeay

11am: Family service in church
(streamed): Eph 2:11-18 - Matt Taylor

6.30pm service in church (streamed):
Psalm 85 - Angus MacLeay

Ian Dobbie preaching at the Church
of the Holy Sepulchre, Streatham

PRAYER DIARY

December 2021

*“Light shines on the righteous
and joy on the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous,
and praise his holy name.”*

(Psalm 97:11-12 NIV)



Note: Details of services and events are correct at time of publishing but please check our website for more up-to-date information.



All the details in our monthly Prayer Diary can be found on PrayerMate:
www.prayermate.net

Our Vision: To know Jesus and make him known locally and globally...and so we prayerfully and lovingly proclaim Him ... in order to Reach, Nurture, Equip and Send ... for His Glory.

MONDAY 6th December

Phil & Kathy James - Dunton Green Outreach (The Gathering)

- Give thanks for Christmas opportunities to share the Good News with those walking in darkness.
- Pray for our Christmas services on 5 (Christingle), 12, 19 Dec, that local people will come along.
- Pray for invitations going out to the whole village, that they will be well received. Please pray especially as we go carol singing and give out mince pies to invite people to come along.
- Pray for those in poverty for whom Christmas is hard and lonely, that we can comfort them with the love of Jesus and demonstrate to them the joy of knowing him and being part of his family, the Church.

Women's Study Group
Lady Boswell's Assembly -
Hannah Blake
Retired Men's Think-It-
Through
Campaigners
Bellringers

TUESDAY 7th December

Arabella Paul (The Faith Mission)

Arabella Paul has the final lesson (of a 5-week series) at Longmead School, Tonbridge, on Tuesday 7 December, on Acts. On Thursday 8 December she teaches The Old Testament to Year 3 and 4 in Northiam. On Sunday 12 December she speaks at Meopham Green Baptist Church. Thank you so much for your prayers.

Walking Group
Tuesday Fellowship
Whole Church Prayer
Gathering

WEDNESDAY 8th December

Mark Ellis (Christian Union Ireland)

- The Belfast Christian Unions have booked the Kingspan Stadium (home of Ulster rugby) for a city-wide carol service on Wed 8 Dec! Please pray for a powerful witness to Christ and for lives to be transformed.
- We long to be able to appoint a Staff Worker for Limerick. The Church across the West of Ireland is incredibly sparse. Please pray for the funding and the right person to make this possible.
- Please pray as I prepare this month to speak at the Irish Preachers' Conference (early Jan).

StNics@Lady Boswell's Men's
Study Group
Women's Study Group
Rockdale Service
Centrepont
Contact Christmas Banquet
Leadership Team Meeting

THURSDAY 9th December

Mark & Jane Oden (Naples)

Please give thanks for our monthly online evangelistic interviews, series title: *Vivere il vangelo* (living the gospel). In November we interviewed Emanuela, a mother of 3 adult children, on how Christian faith has been at the heart of her parenting. On 1 December we interviewed Giosuè (a filmmaker) on Faith and Film. Please pray for these interviews to be widely accessed and to be used for God's glory.

Women's Study Groups
Eagles
Choir

SUNDAY 26th December - Boxing Day Dan & Pippa Halpin (Oak Hill College, London)

Praise God for the blessing of this Semester, for a bit more space to reflect and spend time with people in person, and for his many provisions in these last few months: the funding for this final year of study, the healthy growth of a baby boy due in February, and the fun of weekends visiting friends and family. Please pray for our church as it seeks to reach the community this Christmas, and for us as we push a couple of doors and go through the application process for jobs next year.

8am Holy Communion - *Jamie Read*
10am: Joint all-age service in church for
9:15, Lady Boswell's, and 11 (streamed):
Luke 2:41-52 - *Jamie Read*

MONDAY 27th December - Bank Holiday Church Office closed: 27 Dec - 4 Jan inclusive

Selvan Anketell (Japan Christian Link)

Thank God for ongoing recovery from Covid (originally undiagnosed) and long-Covid for Dave. With his family of 5 he's presently recuperating (9 months post-Covid) in the UK, with energy and strength returning. Give thanks Selvan was finally able to spend time with them in November. Please pray for Dave's full recovery by the time they return to Japan next spring, where Dave faces new responsibilities – leading the "Innovative Ministries Team" of "World Venture" (formerly the "Japan Baptist Fellowship" mission).

TUESDAY 28th December - Bank Holiday Church Office closed

Beverlea Parkhill (Director of Care, OMF)

Please pray that our Candidates Course at the beginning of December (5-10) was fruitful. We have 3 UK candidates attending along with 11 others from Germany and the Netherlands. Please pray that it will be a time of hearing from the Lord and confirmation of their next steps. I will be taking one of the sessions. The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year. Please pray for a good rest and for refreshment for the whole team over that period.

WEDNESDAY 29th December Church Office closed

For all those who are homeless at this time of year and for all who are lonely, pray that they would know God's presence and comfort and that they would find the support they need. Pray especially for the work of London City Mission and other Christian agencies reaching out to bring hope and help to those in need in our Capital and other towns and cities across the UK. Pray for the church family as we begin a new year, that we would be seeking to know Jesus and to make him known locally and globally.

WEDNESDAY 22nd December

Arthur Parke (*SIM Benin*)

Thank the Lord for the opportunities I have to be involved in life in Benin and share something of my faith. I am still wanted in our C.U. movement!

Pray:

- I may regain more steadiness in my legs
- I may have the energy to follow up contacts made during the visit of our General Secretary
- I may know how to help the three boys with me who have finished secondary school
- I may be reminded of Christmas before the 25th!

StNics@Lady Boswell's
Men's Study Group
Rockdale Service

THURSDAY 23rd December

Sam Allberry

I'm really hoping to get work done on a couple of writing projects during December - a children's book about the meaning of marriage, and something on the environment. Please pray for a clear mind and for the words to flow. Pray too, during a quieter than usual Christmas, that I'd be refreshed in the coming of Christ into the world.

FRIDAY 24th December - Christmas Eve Persecuted Christians

Christmas is a time of joy for many, but also a time of great danger for some of our Christian brothers and sisters. As we prepare to celebrate, let's remember all those around the world who are prevented from doing so in freedom and safety, asking God to protect and bless all those facing injustice for believing in him.

Pray that those who suffer for his name will find renewed hope in the good news that Jesus is Saviour and Lord now and for all eternity, and that they will find consolation in knowing that they never suffer alone as God is always with them.

2:30pm & 4pm Family Carols by
Candlelight:
Luke 2:8-14 - *Matt Taylor*
11:15pm Christmas Eve Midnight
Holy Communion :
Luke 2:1-14 - *Nic Ross*

SATURDAY 25th December - Christmas Day Anna Poor (*Acorn Camps Hungary*)

Praise God for someone to buy our flat (happened within a week). Please pray it would go through this month. His timing has been very specific and to our benefit with appointments, putting the flat on the market and both getting covid/self-isolation - none of which overlapped!

Please pray word would spread about our Acorn Bible course 'Open Days' early next year. We'd love to welcome people to take a look and be excited to join themselves. Pray for promotion materials to come together well.

8am Christmas Day Communion
10am Christmas Day Family
Service:
Luke 1:52,53 - *Angus MacLeay*
10am St Nics @ Lady Boswell's
Christmas Day Family Service
Phil 2:5-11 - *John Khnana*

FRIDAY 10th December

Mark & Jane Oden (*continued*)

- Please pray that open air preaching alongside a Christian graffiti artist (planned for 4 Dec) was able to happen and that the Lord was able to use it to reach out to the people of Naples.
- Please pray for our Christmas evangelistic events - Youth Group (10 Dec), Church meal (16 Dec).

Women's Study Groups
Contact Coffee
Service of Thanksgiving
for Alan Carter

SATURDAY 11th December

Thanksgiving

Give thanks:

- for God's word preached in November;
- for the Zoom webinar with Bishop Keith Sinclair;
- for the Christmas Lights switch-on in Sevenoaks;
- for the autumn Christianity Explored course.

SUNDAY 12th December

Rector's slot

Please pray:

- for our outreach through events and services this month, as well as through our friendships and conversations;
- for our students returning from college or university and for the upcoming Rooted evenings on 16 Dec and 6 Jan;
- for the staff and pupils of all our local schools and for the school carol services taking place at St Nicholas in December.

8am Holy Communion - *Matt Taylor*
9:15am: in church (streamed):
Isaiah 66 - *Angus MacLeay*
10am service at Lady Boswell's
(streamed): Phil 2:8 - *John Khnana*
11am: in church (streamed):
Isaiah 66 - *Angus MacLeay*
Contact
6.30pm communion service in church
(streamed): Isaiah 9:1-7 - *Nic Ross*

MONDAY 13th December

Trinity School (Helen Read - *Assistant Chaplain*)

- Give thanks for the partnership with St Nicholas expressed in many different ways.
- Pray for the Year 9 CU, meeting on Friday lunchtimes. Give thanks for the number of friends joining us regularly and pray for Nic Ross visiting our Christmas party on 10th December to answer tricky questions. Pray for boldness in CU members inviting friends, for Nic as he prepares and for open hearts and minds in our students.
- The Trinity Carol Service is on 14th December. Pray that the Lord would use this opportunity to open hearts as people hear of the good news of Jesus.

Women's Study Groups
Lady Boswell's Assembly
- *Nic Ross*
Campaigners
Sevenoaks School Carol
Service - *Nic Ross*

TUESDAY 14th December
Trinity School (continued)

- We are recruiting for a full time Assistant Chaplain with a focus on pastoral work with our male students. Pray that God would lead the right person to apply for this post.
- Give thanks for ongoing partnership for our foodbank, God's faithful provision and for churches getting on board to provide for our Christmas Hampers. We long that these hampers would be a tangible expression of the generous love of Christ.

Women's Study Group
Tuesday Fellowship
Nurture Groups

WEDNESDAY 15th December
Philip & Sunny Glass (Futako Tamagawa, South Tokyo - network partners with JCL)

Please give thanks for the safe arrival of Peter Eiji Glass, who was born on 30th October. We are very grateful for all the care we have received in the last month. Please pray for a smooth start to parenting two children, for Anna (our eldest) to adjust to the change well, and for time and energy to prepare well for our upcoming Christmas evangelistic events.

Bible & Bagels
StNics@Lady Boswell's
Men's Study Group
Women's Study Group
Centrepoint
Contact Bible Study
Yr 10 Bible Study
Lady Boswell's School
Carol Service - *Jamie Read*

THURSDAY 16th December
StJohn Perry (OMF Diaspora team based in Sussex - focus on Malay speakers)

- Praise God the OMF Diaspora team is growing - sufficient numbers now for London area team meetings to start, probably every 2 months. Pray for networking with other missions and student organisations too, to make connections with Malaysian and Indonesian scholars.
- Pray for invitations to join Christmas and New Year celebrations - shared food is often the inside track to fellowship.
- Pray for wisdom on joining the many social media groups which link up Malaysians and Indonesians in London.

Women's Study Group
Pre-school Carol Service
Choir
Rooted
Men's mince pie event

FRIDAY 17th December
Kathryn Bowen (OMF, Thailand)

1 - 5 Dec: thankful for the opportunity to spend time in Wales for an early birthday celebration with family
8 Dec: looking forward to sharing at the OMF U.K. candidate's course with candidates from the U.K. and Europe. Please pray for good conversations.
20 - 27 Dec: Christmas in Wales
28 Dec - 1 Jan: Harrogate for Birthday

SATURDAY 18th December
Sophie-Ann Rebbettes (Crosstech)

- Praise God for the Christmas Experiences and Assemblies we have booked in for December and for the staff, volunteers, and churches that make them possible.
- Pray that things don't get cancelled because of Covid and many pupils are struck by the gospel over Christmas.

Carol singing at Blighs
Wedding of Michael Liddbetter and Ali Perry

SUNDAY 19th December
Sophie-Ann Rebbettes (continued)

- Pray for the non-Christians in a few different schools who have been coming along to our clubs and asking a lot of questions.
- Pray for good rest over the Christmas holidays.

8am Holy Communion - *Matt Taylor*
9:15am: in church (streamed):
Luke 1:76-79 - *Jamie Read*
10am service at Lady Boswell's (streamed):
Phil 2:9-11 - *John Khnana*
11am: in church (streamed):
John 1:1-18 - *Matt Taylor*
Contact
6.30pm Service of 9 Lessons and Carols in church (streamed):
2 Corinthians 8:9 - *Angus MacLeay*

MONDAY 20th December
Hannah Jackson (AIM, Tanzania)

Praise God for answering our prayers for safe travel, for the team coming together well and a really good orientation week. We learned lots, enjoyed good food, had some fun and started adjusting to the climate. One of the 12 TIMO (the programme I'm doing) core values is commitment to the local language and culture and in December I start working with my language helper. Please pray that I work well with her, that I am disciplined with practice, and that I start to build relationships in Likawage as I use the language I am learning.

Bellringers

TUESDAY 21st December
Janet Phythian (Growing Hope, Farming God's Way, Mozambique)

Loving Father God,
We thank you so much for the generous hearts of our friends in Mozambique and their humbling declaration of thankfulness for GH support, for FGW training, support after cyclones, audio and children's bibles, encouragement for pastors, prayers and more, with a big thank you to the U.K. church family. We put our trust in you, Lord, for fruit to come from Janet's visit to Caia. Continue to encourage each of the pastors we met there and ignite a renewed passion to reach many with the gospel message out in the community. In Jesus name we pray.

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Beryl Marcello