

THURSDAY 25th February

Tony Waghorn (Communications Facilitator, OMF International)

We've just had out Video producer, Chris, move on to work full time for his church. Please pray for our team as we plan how best to produce video and train others going forward.

Please pray for our wider media training programme, we hope to offer more training for anyone in the organisation to improve their writing, photography and design skills. We'll also be training our Communication specialists too.

Women's Bible Study Groups
Centrepoint Bible+chat

FRIDAY 26th February

Tony Waghorn (continued)

Pray for good reception of two videos ready to be released in February. One promotes our mission visit programme, Serve Asia, the other highlights how we seek to bless Muslim people.

Women's Bible Study Groups
Contact Chat
Yr 10 Bible Study

SATURDAY 27th February

Martin Laing (St Nicholas Tearfund Rep)

Pray for ongoing efforts across the community to persuade the UK Government to reverse its plans to cut the overseas aid budget.
Pray for wisdom and resilience for and the well-being of Tearfund's leadership and staff in 2021.

Give thanks to all who gave generously in 2020 to Tearfund's work in sharing Christ's compassion. Pray for renewed generosity in 2021.

Pray urgently for international efforts to ensure that the coronavirus vaccine is prioritised for the world's most vulnerable communities.

Angus MacLeay and Ian
Dobbie at General Synod

SUNDAY 28th February

Arthur Parke (SIM Benin).

Thank the Lord for allowing me to continue in the student work I enjoy BUT the physical and mental energy required is proving inadequate. Pray for a young graduate to work alongside me or replace me.

Thank God for the leadership of our general secretary for the past 12 years. Pray for his successor, a colleague, very involved with students for years.

Also pray for our triennial congress this month to plan the way ahead and for Benin with presidential elections looming.

9:15am: service in church (streamed):
Isaiah 40:6-11 - *Gavin McGrath*
10am at Lady Boswell's (streamed): 2
Kings 3 - *Angus MacLeay*
11am: service in church (streamed):
Galatians 3:1-4:7 - *Matt Taylor*
Contact All Together
Toolbox: How do I share my faith? - John
Khnana with *Rebecca Manley Pippert*



St Nicholas Church
SEVENOAKS

PRAYER DIARY

February 2021

*"Let all who take refuge in you be glad;
let them ever sing for joy.
Spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may rejoice in you."*

(Psalm 5:11 NIV)

Note: Details of services are correct at time of publishing but will be under review during the course of the month and will depend on government restrictions. Please check our website for more up-to-date information. In line with current COVID guidelines, our small groups and home groups etc. will continue to meet online during February.



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 1st February

Thanksgiving

Give thanks:

- for God's word preached in January.
- for Hope Explored and pray for the final session of Hope Explored on 1 February and that guests would be open to taking the next step with a Christianity Explored Course.

Women's Bible Study Group
Retired Men's Think-it-Through
Lady Boswell's assembly - *Hannah Blake*
Campaigners meeting + Zoom catchup science
Hope Explored: Session 3 - Purpose

TUESDAY 2nd February

StJohn & Ellie Perry (OMF Malaysia) on Home Assignment in Kent

Pray for effective communication on Home Assignment where training events and prayer meetings run online. February 1st-4th: Home Assignment Workshop (on Zoom) - this is networking with fellow-workers, coming up-to-date on the fields and OMF UK, and on personal matters such as IT and Finance.

Women's Bible Study Groups
Congregational Prayer Gatherings
Jeremy Marshall speaking at Standard Chartered

WEDNESDAY 3rd February

StJohn & Ellie Perry (continued)

To cope with Covid, Malaysia is now in an extended lockdown. The government has declared a state of emergency. Some worry that political instability is behind this extra provision which suspends parliament. Pray that the churches' voice will remain strong, and that they can continue to serve God in all that they are called to do.

We give thanks for the vaccine programmes here and in Malaysia. Many are "Zoomed out" and yearn for a return to direct fellowship and teaching.

Bible & Bagels
Men's Bible Study Group
Women's Bible Study Group
Contact Bible Study
Church business meetings: Finance Strategy Group

THURSDAY 4th February

Beverlea Parkhill (Director of Care, OMF)

We have our next Home Assignment Workshop 1-5 February. We only have 3 units attending this time but please pray that they will find it helpful and an encouragement. Rog and Jane Senior will be bringing the Bible Readings. Pray that the technology works as we are having to hold it virtually again this time. It would be great if we could hold the July Home Assignment Workshop in person!

Buildings & Maintenance committee meeting
Women's Bible Study Groups
Centrepoint Bible+chat

SUNDAY 21st February

Pray for our Toolbox seminars at 6:30pm on Zoom on Sunday evenings 21 and 28 February and 7 March:

Sunday 21 February: *Living in Love and Faith*
Sunday 28 February: *How do I share my faith?*
Sunday 7 March: *Covid, Climate and the Church*

9:15am: service in church (streamed): Galatians 1:11-21 - *Matt Taylor*
10am at Lady Boswell's (streamed): 2 Kings 2 - *Angus MacLeay*
11am: service in church (streamed): Galatians 1:11-21 - *Matt Taylor*
Contact All Together
Toolbox: Living in Love and faith - *Angus MacLeay*

MONDAY 22nd February

Persecuted Christians

Ask God to bless and protect Christians in Laos. They represent about 2% of the country's 7 million people, most of whom are Buddhists. Pray for a change of heart among the Buddhists in Laos, who often view Christians as traitors practising a 'foreign' religion.

Christians in Egypt are discriminated against and have very limited work opportunities. Pray that God will provide for them, especially through Christian agencies and their partners, and that essentials will reach vulnerable Christians even in the current pandemic. Ask the Lord to protect Christians in Egypt from a Muslim background. Many suffer abuse or violence; some are killed for their faith.

Women's Bible Study Groups
Lady Boswell's assembly - *Albert Wood*
Campaigners meeting + Zoom catchup science
Restored Lives

TUESDAY 23rd February

Selvan Anketell (Japan Christian Link)

Give thanks for the possibility of a leader for a ministry training scheme in Tokyo that is planned for relaunch soon and please ask the Lord for the way to be opened. Visas and suitable affordable accommodation in Tokyo are key practical issues.

Thank the Lord that Keiko Honda (formerly 4OC) is settling well back in Japan. Ask for good relationships at her new church despite pandemic restrictions and also that she can support and encourage our female Japanese JCL partners there.

Women's Bible Study Groups
Home Groups - The Generosity Project

WEDNESDAY 24th February

Emma Brewster (SIM South Africa)

Praise: Time to pray, reflect and prepare for 2021 at the start of the year.

Pray for: the ongoing realities of living off Zoom.... For resilience, creativity and breaks!

the search for a business ministry lead to join my team - Wisdom, discernment and clarity. Growth and development of networks in various ministry areas for greater effectiveness and collaboration: youth, diaspora, worldviews; continuing to work from the UK for now for an unknown period, pray for a deep trust in the Lord through this season.

Men's Bible Study Group
Women's Bible Study Group
Contact Bible Study
10am and 6:30pm Congregational leadership teams meetings

WEDNESDAY 17th February - Ash Wednesday

Anna Poor (*Acorn Camps Hungary*)

Please pray that many would hear about our CORE course - training in Bible teaching for youth leaders. Pray that many would want to grow in this area, for our effective marketing and that some would already be preparing to sign up for this September.

Please pray for wisdom as we adapt the curriculum and format of the course. Pray for humility to take on feedback and insight to make good decisions. Pray for Anna and the team as they prepare and teach.

Bible & Bagels
Men's Bible Study Group
Women's Bible Study Group
Ash Wednesday service
(online)

THURSDAY 18th February

Dan & Pippa Halpin (*Oak Hill College, London*)

Please give thanks to God for:

- good rest over Christmas and encouraging outreach with our church's Christmas Carol Advent Calendar videos;
- the Lord bringing us to the halfway point of our time at Oak Hill.

Please pray for continued perseverance and joy for us both as we work/study from home and look ahead to more months of online/socially distanced life, trusting that God can work powerfully through 'socially-distanced Oak Hill', and that we are here at exactly the right time for us.

Women's Bible Study Groups
Centrepoint Bible+chat
11am Congregational leadership
team meeting

FRIDAY 19th February

Arabella Paul (*The Faith Mission*)

I was so thankful to be able to teach in schools between September and December. Unfortunately, with the current situation, the schools I was booked into for January have had to be postponed. Please pray for wisdom as to when the schools work can recommence. The Faith Mission, as a whole, are looking to appoint a new General Director, and so prayer that the man of God's choosing is appointed, would be appreciated.

Women's Bible Study
Groups
Contact Chat
Yr 10 Bible Study

SATURDAY 20th February

Janet Phythian (*Growing Hope, Farming God's Way, Mozambique*)

We give thanks for eight youth, from four churches, signed up to be equipped with Farming God's Way. We pray for encouragement for them and for their pastors, as land is provided and GH support and teach them.

We ask for strength and endurance as continuous heavy rains and two cyclones this season damage communities we link with, bringing flooding on the farm and in community areas, causing unsafe drinking water and sickness.

We have thankful hearts for the homes rebuilt in 2019 after Cyclone Idai, still standing.

FRIDAY 5th February

Beverlea Parkhill (*continued*)

I will have a Serve Asia (short-term) Worker joining us in the Member Care team for 2 weeks in February as part of her college placement. Please pray that this will be a positive experience for her and that she will learn more about member care during that period.

Women's Bible Study Groups
Contact Chat
Yr 10 Bible Study
Jeremy Marshall speaking at
Grace Church Highlands

SATURDAY 6th February

Sophie-Ann Rebbettes (*Crossteach*)

Pray that even with most pupils not in school, there would be opportunities for pupils to hear the gospel.

Praise God for primary schools still asking for assemblies to be sent home. Pray that these would be watched and that God would use them to reveal something of himself to those watching.

Pray for the supporter quiz night taking place on 6 February, that it would be enjoyable and we would be able to share about our work with supporters.

Crossteach Quiz Night

SUNDAY 7th February

Jamie & Helen Read (*Crosslinks*)

Give thanks for the opportunity for Jamie to 'visit' Christ Church Fulwood in Sheffield (sadly not in person) on 7 February. Please pray for hearts to respond in generosity and enthusiasm for mission locally and globally.

Please pray as we begin filming a new resource in February/March for distribution to partner churches this summer. We want to outline what partnership in world mission looks like from the perspective of the local church. It's a first for us/me!

10am streamed service from St Nicholas:
Judges 5 - *Angus MacLeay*
10am streamed service from Lady
Boswell's: Romans 7:1-12 - *John Khnana*
Contact All Together
6.30pm service on Zoom: 1 Peter 2:11,12
- *Bishop Rod Thomas*
and licensing of Matt Taylor as Associate
Rector

MONDAY 8th February

Jamie & Helen Read (*continued*)

Over the last year or so we've seen a growing need for (new) funding to help support the central operations at Crosslinks of which I am part, in order to effectively support our mission partners and support churches in their mission engagement. Please pray for generosity and clear communication about this as the year unfolds.

Women's Bible Study Groups
Lady Boswell's assembly - *Hannah Jackson*
Campaigners meeting + Zoom
catchup science
Restored Lives
Angus MacLeay and Ian Dobbie at
Meeting of Vacancy in See
Committee

TUESDAY 9th February

Kathryn Bowen (*OMF, Thailand*)

6-10 Feb potential visit to teams in Chiang Rai depending on interprovincial travel restrictions;
2, 16, 23 - relief cover at Mountain View dorm so dorm parents can have a night off;
Language lessons 3 times per week;
Working on next essay for Masters.

Women's Bible Study Groups

Home Groups - The Generosity Project

Jeremy Marshall speaking at Exeter CU

WEDNESDAY 10th February

Philip & Sunny Glass (*Futako Tamagawa, South Tokyo - network partners with Japan Christian Link*)

We're really grateful to our heavenly father for a good start with our new church, and that we have managed to settle into daily life reasonably smoothly. We'd love prayer for our Japanese abilities to improve quickly so we can speak God's word more clearly to people here, and prayer that we'd be thankful and joyful in everything we do.

Men's Bible Study Group

Women's Bible Study Group

Contact Bible Study

Church business meetings:
Employment and Remuneration Committee

Jeremy Marshall speaking at Send Evangelical Church

THURSDAY 11th February

Julia Cameron (*Evangelical Fellowship in the Anglican Communion*)

Please pray for national coverage through UK mainstream media for the John Stott Centenary (25-27 April). We're working with radio stations and several global movements to get news out about online events.

Give thanks with us that CLC will distribute our EFAC/Dictum books. This means they will soon appear on Amazon and other sites. It's a wonderful answer to prayer, as it's a small list.

Women's Bible Study Groups

Centrepoint Bible+chat

FRIDAY 12th February

Penny Boshoff (*Scripture Union*)

Give thanks for the launch of the Children's Bible App 'Guardians of Ancora' in Spanish. Pray for the SU teams in Spain, the US and Latin America as they use the app to introduce children to Jesus.

Give thanks for local mission partners using video, livestream and zoom assemblies during lockdown. Pray for continued energy, inspiration for team and volunteers and for relationships with schools to deepen.

Pray for the team planning the All together Now holiday in June for families who foster or adopt children.

Women's Bible Study Groups

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SATURDAY 13th February

Paul and Helen S (*Africa Inland Mission*)

Pray for us as we begin working back in A+E in Manchester for the next 6 months as we are delayed from going to language school in France till September.

Pray for the girls to settle back into life in Manchester after the uncertainty of the past few months.

Pray for peace in the Sahel region in Africa – in 2020 there were so many terrorist incidents, a coup and millions of refugees/IDPs, pray for 2021 to be a year of peace.

SUNDAY 14th February

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

Give thanks for good opportunities through our Christmas outreach.

Give thanks for 6 people starting our Christianity Explored course on Zoom. Please pray for these people to stick with the course and to come to faith.

Please pray for perseverance and wisdom in preaching throughout lockdown.

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Isaiah 40:1-5 - *Gavin McGrath*

10am at Lady Boswell's (streamed):
Romans 7:13-25 - *John Khnana*

11am: service in church (streamed):
Galatians 1:1-10 - *Matt Taylor*

Contact All Together

6.30pm service on Zoom: 1 John 4:7-12 - *Robin Lochhead*

MONDAY 15th February

Mark Ellis (*Christian Union Ireland*)

With another new term and uncertainties for students, please pray for many struggling with mental health issues and dreading returning to more online classes. Pray the Christian Unions would be a beacon of hope on campus and that Christian students would actively seek out and befriend lonely students. Pray for more and more CU students across Ireland to begin reading a gospel one-to-one with a non-Christian friend, and for CUI Staff as we seek to enable and envision them to do so.

Retired Men's Think-it-Through

Restored Lives

TUESDAY 16th February

Mark & Jane Oden (*Naples*)

Please pray for the Chiesa Evangelica Neapolis as we study Revelation 1-3 on a Sunday (physically) and Amos on a Tuesday (virtually) that the Lord would feed and strengthen us from his word.

Since last March, the average pupil in our region (Campania) has had 20 days of physical schooling, the rest has been online. This continues to be the case as schools have opened up in the rest of Italy. Please pray for Inez (14), Luisa (12) and Archie (10) who have done an amazing job to get this far but are now flagging.

Women's Bible Study Groups