

## THURSDAY 27th January

### Persecuted Christians

Pray for strength, wisdom and courage for believers in Somaliland who have been shaken by a number of high-profile trials involving Christians from a Muslim background. Pray that the trials will not be used to further embed *Sharia* in Somaliland, but that they will instead serve to highlight the need for greater religious freedom. Many believers have reportedly fled abroad in the past year, concerned by recent persecution of converts from Islam. Pray for wisdom for them as they consider whether to return.

Women's Study Group

Eagles

Jeremy Marshall speaking at evangelistic dinner City of London club

Restored Lives

## FRIDAY 28th January

### Persecuted Christians (*continued*)

Pray for Christians in India as they endure increasing persecution, and pray that their faithful witness will draw many others to Christ. Several states in India have recently passed new, stricter 'anti-conversion' legislation. Ask God to strengthen his people in India, as the legislation has emboldened Hindu radicals to abuse the laws and persecute Christians with impunity.

Sevenoaks School assembly

– *Angus MacLeay*

Women's Study Groups

Contact Coffee

## SATURDAY 29th January

Pray for businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing in this time of great challenge. Remember before God those who face real uncertainty in their work. Pray for those who have lost their jobs and face an uncertain and difficult future. Pray for a national concern for the most vulnerable in our society.

## SUNDAY 30th January

Give thanks for those who serve this country in the National Health Service and for medics, nurses and carers everywhere. Pray that God would prosper the work of their hands – that they would all be sustained and encouraged in their continued work of sacrifice and care amongst us.

8am Holy Communion - *Angus MacLeay*

9.15am: service in church (streamed):  
2 Corinthians 4:1-6 - *Angus MacLeay*

10am service at Lady Boswell's (streamed): Mark 8:1-12 - *John Khnana*

11am: service in church (streamed): 2  
Corinthians 4:1-6 - *Angus MacLeay*

Contact All Together

6.30pm service in church (streamed):  
1 Corinthians 5 - *Nic Ross*

Ian Dobbie preaching at Otford Free  
Evangelical Church

# PRAYER DIARY

## January 2022

### Verse for the year:

*"For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations."*

(Psalm 100:5)

*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](http://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 3rd January - Bank Holiday

(Church Office closed)

### Thanksgiving

Give thanks:

- for God's word preached in December and at all our Christmas events;
- for our Advent book "*The Christmas We Didn't Expect*" and for the great joy of God with us and for us;
- for Peter Cheesman, our bookshop manager, and for the freedom we have to read and to distribute Christian literature in the UK;
- for all our volunteers who support the work of St Nicholas in so many ways.

## TUESDAY 4th January

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

- Please pray that lots of people will come to our Hope Explored course in the New Year.
- Please pray for a job for our ministry trainee's wife.
- Please also pray for wisdom and ideas for the mission at Easter.

Lady Boswell's  
Assembly - *Angus  
MacLeay*

Walking Group  
Congregational Prayer  
Gatherings

## WEDNESDAY 5th January

### Sam Allberry

On the 5th and 6th January I'll be speaking at an apologetics conference in New Orleans, covering topics such as sexuality and culture. Please pray this would help equip churches to engage in a way that honours Jesus. This month I will also be working on a book about Christians and the environment, so please pray for clarity and for biblical wisdom.

StNics@Lady Boswell's  
Men's Study Group

Centrepoint

Contact Bible Study

Yr 10 Bible Study

Jeremy Marshall speaking  
at St Helen's student  
conference

## THURSDAY 6th January

### Emma Brewster (*SIM South Africa*)

- Pray for a new team I am bringing on board to help manage the Global ministry leaders I have been managing for 2 years. It will make my role more manageable; pray we form a good team.
- Pray for a gender identity paper I am writing to help us engage in a Jesus-centred way as we reach out – it's a sensitive but important paper to write. We hope to finalise it in January.
- Pray for new projects this year as I consider outreach to vulnerable children and outreach re the environment.
- Pray for a review of what we are doing amongst people of other faiths.
- Pray for ongoing healing of my ankle that I fractured in November.

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## SUNDAY 23rd January

### StJohn (*OMF - Diaspora ministry*) & Ellie Perry

(*based in Sussex - focus on Malay speakers*)

Give thanks for the online Orientation Course run last month - providing biblical underpinning to the work, access to great resources, and building a sense that this UK student ministry actually starts in and will continue in Asia.

8am Holy Communion - *Jamie Read*

9.15am: service in church (streamed):  
Romans 12:9-13 - *Jamie Read*

10am service at Lady Boswell's  
(streamed): Psalm 89 - *Angus MacLeay*

11am: service in church (streamed):  
Ephesians 2:6-7 & 3:10-11 - *Matt Taylor*

Contact All Together

6.30pm service in church (streamed):  
Psalm 89 - *Angus MacLeay*

Ian Dobbie preaching at Pilgrim Home,  
Tunbridge Wells

## MONDAY 24th January

### StJohn & Ellie Perry (*continued*)

- Pray for contacts with student networks - and for helpful connections on social media. Give thanks for links growing with Friends International.
- Covid challenges can add to anxiety and loneliness amongst students, especially internationals. Pray for OMF colleagues in the London area to be able to discern when and where they need to be.

Women's Study Group

Lady Boswell's assembly - *John  
Khanna*

Campaigners

Hope Explored

Bellringers

## TUESDAY 25th January

### Mark Ellis (*Christian Union Ireland*)

Give thanks for one of the most encouraging first semesters I can remember as students and Christian Unions have flourished. Give thanks for the tireless investment my Staff put into equipping student leaders over the past few years and even during lockdown which I think has led to prayerful, missional CUs.

Tuesday  
Fellowship

Nurture Groups

## WEDNESDAY 26th January

### Mark Ellis (*continued*)

Please pray for the first Belfast city-wide Mission Week at the end of January, seeking to unite four CUs and with Glen Scrivener speaking. Pray in January that students would boldly invite friends and talk with them about Jesus so that we would see real fruit during the mission week.

StNics@Lady Boswell's Men's Study  
Group

Women's Study Group

Lady Boswell's Worship Council –  
*Cara Smith, Sophie-Ann Rebbettes*

Rockdale Service

Centrepoint

Contact Bible Study

Yr 10 Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY 19th January

### Mark & Jane Oden (*Naples*)

- Give thanks for a chance to rest together as a family after Christmas.
- Pray for Neapolis Kids (primary school age) and Neapolis Minis (pre-school) as they start up again during the Sunday service. For seeds sown into young hearts to fall on good soil. For F and F, two young men serving for the first time in these ministries and for Jane as she coordinates them.

Bible & Bagels  
StNics@Lady Boswell's  
Men's Study Group  
Women's Study Group  
Lady Boswell's Worship  
Council – *Cara Smith, Sophie  
-Ann Rebbettes*  
Centrepont  
Contact Bible Study  
Yr 10 Bible Study  
PCC Meeting

## THURSDAY 20th January

### Mark & Jane Oden (*continued*)

Pray for Mark speaking at *Reflection* (a national conference 27-28 January seeking to edify and evangelise).

Women's Study Group  
Eagles  
Christian Institute  
Meeting at St Nicholas  
Restored Lives

## FRIDAY 21st January

### Arthur Parke (*SIM Benin*)

- There is a candidate offering to work alongside me. Praise the Lord, and pray for the next steps.
- Pray for renewed vision for our university C.U.s. Each faculty has its own group, with few participants. Pray for contact with freshers.

Women's Study Groups  
Contact Coffee

## SATURDAY 22nd January

### Arthur Parke (*continued*)

- From this month I am endeavouring to cut regular help for my 'boys' who have finished their studies. Pray they may find their security in the Lord.
- Two young neighbours - one Christian, one not - have had motorcycle accidents. May God show me how to help!

Leaders' Day

## FRIDAY 7th January

### Tearfund (Martin Laing - *St Nicholas Tearfund Rep*)

At Christmas we remember how Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus were refugees, fleeing to Egypt. This is a reality for millions today - one million Rohingya people have fled extreme violence in Myanmar, half of them children. Pray for their protection and for provision for all those who have been [forced from their homes](#).

Contact Coffee  
Jeremy Marshall  
speaking at New Year  
livery company annual  
service, St Michael's  
Cornhill

## SATURDAY 8th January

### Tearfund (*continued*)

Pray for God's intervention in Ethiopia as violence escalates. Pray for those facing famine and homelessness, pray for broken families. Read [here](#) for more on how to pray powerfully into this desperate situation.

## SUNDAY 9th January

### A Church Of England prayer for the Covid situation:

Loving Father God, be with us in our distress: with our families, friends and neighbours, our country and our world. Give health to the sick, hope to the fearful, and comfort to the mourners. Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers, insight to our government and patience to us all. Overcome disease with the power of your new life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

8am Holy Communion - *Jamie Read*  
9.15am: service in church (streamed):  
John 13:31-35 - *Jamie Read*  
10am service at Lady Boswell's (streamed):  
Psalm 86 - *Angus MacLeay*  
11am: service in church (streamed):  
Ephesians 2:19-22 - *Matt Taylor*  
Contact  
6.30pm service in church (streamed):  
Psalm 86 - *Angus MacLeay*

## MONDAY 10th January

### Hannah Jackson (*AIM*)

One of our team's core values is 'Living among those to whom we seek to minister.' So praise God that my residence/work permit has been approved and I can continue here without problems! Also pray for my time with language helper Fatuma; praise that it has started well and pray I am a good learner in order to build relationships and, in time, share Jesus in the local Kiswahili language. And pray that while I'm learning language and culture, my lifestyle would in some way demonstrate the truth of the gospel message.

Women's Study Group  
Lady Boswell's Assembly -  
*Nic Ross*  
Campaigners  
Bellringers

## TUESDAY 11th January

### Arabella Paul (*The Faith Mission*)

Thankfully a good number of Bible lessons were completed before Covid hit all the primary schools I was in, in the latter part of the term, prior to Christmas. Please pray that Covid will be kept at bay during this next term of teaching; many thanks. I hope to be teaching 2 separate Year 5 groups the Old Testament, in Istead Rise Primary School, from Tuesday 11 January to Tuesday 8 February. From Wednesday 12 January, I will be teaching the New Testament in Hurst Green, until 9 February. Then from Thursday 13 January I will be teaching the New Testament to the Year 6 class in Istead Rise, until 10 February.

Women's Study Group

Tuesday Fellowship

Nurture Groups

## WEDNESDAY 12th January

### Selvan Anketell (*Japan Christian Link*)

Thank the Lord for his work this past year in the lives of a number of our partners in Japan, and of several Japanese in the London/Sevenoaks area. There were also several diversions from the focus of my current work that seemed appropriate to engage with. For 2022, ask for the Lord's help in discernment and diligence to focus on the principal task we believe he has given us for the present, and his protection from any inappropriate diversions.

StNics@Lady Boswell's Men's Study Group

Women's Study Group

Lady Boswell's Worship Council  
- *Cara Smith, Sophie-Ann Rebbettes*

Rockdale Service

Centrepoint

Contact Bible Study

Yr 10 Bible Study

## THURSDAY 13th January

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

We are very grateful to our heavenly Father for all of your prayers, and for a good paternity leave for Philip. We have been able to get into the new rhythms of being parents of two. Please pray that there will have been good attendance at our Christmas events, and for soft hearts that respond rightly to God's word for those who did attend.

Women's Study Group

Youth training - *Angus MacLeay*

Eagles

## FRIDAY 14th January

### Sophie-Ann Rebbettes (*Crossteach*)

- Praise God for all the Christmas Experiences and assemblies that took place in December.
- Pray for the 100s of children who heard the gospel over Christmas.
- Pray for us as we prepare and deliver assemblies and CUs looking at the Psalms this term.
- Pray for continued gospel opportunities as Covid rates are high in schools.

Women's Study Groups

Contact Coffee

6.30 Congregation Quiz

## SATURDAY 15th January

### Anna Poor (*Acorn Camps Hungary*)

- Praise the Lord for the Acorn team training with Mel Lacy (Growing Young Disciples) in December. Plenty of input for the team and help in shaping our Bible Training course, even though in the end Mel couldn't fly out in person.
- Prayer for the Bible course's Open Day in February (5th) - that current students and feedback teachers would invite other youth leaders and that they'd want to apply for the 2022-3 course. Please pray too for the team taking on Anna's responsibilities as she goes on maternity leave.

## SUNDAY 16th January

### Anna Poor (*continued*)

Praise God for countless ways in which He provided for us through illness and a flat move (so very grateful that all happened within 1 month...) Pray we would hold on to His goodness and faithfulness when times ahead are challenging. Please pray for the safe arrival (mid-Feb) of our daughter, and for her new parents to keep trusting God with her little life.

8am Holy Communion - *Jamie Read*

9.15am: service in church (streamed):  
1 John 1:5-10 - *Jamie Read*

10am service at Lady Boswell's (streamed): Psalm 88 - *Angus MacLeay*

11am: service in church (streamed):  
Ephesians 3:14-4:6 - *Matt Taylor*

Contact

6.30pm service in church (streamed):  
Psalm 88 - *Angus MacLeay*

Ian Dobbie preaching at Hamilton Road Evangelical Church, Whitstable

## MONDAY 17th January

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

Give grateful thanks for the time Janet spent in Mozambique in November, for the Lord's faithfulness and encouragements. Heartfelt thanks for St Nicholas and for individual prayers and kindness throughout: before departing, during the visit, the journey home and in quarantine.

Women's Study Group

Retired Men's Think-It-Through

Lady Boswell's assembly - *Albert Wood*

Campaigners

Hope Explored

Bellringers

## TUESDAY 18th January

### Janet Phythian (*continued*)

Thank the Lord for the faith, endurance and generosity of our Mozambican friends; for Pastor Pires, leading and encouraging other pastors, for 16 pastors and churches linking with Growing Hope. Lord, we ask your favour for the vision of the pastors to grow in their walk with you, in their confidence to teach others the biblical messages of Farming God's Way and to grow the harvest that is yours.

Women's Study Group

Tuesday Fellowship

St Nicholas @ Lady Boswell's and at 11am Nurture Groups