

THURSDAY 27th May

Sophie-Ann Rebbettes (*Crossteach*)

- Praise God for the opportunity to restart a club in person before Easter and sincere questions certain students were asking. Pray they would keep seeking to know more.
- Praise God for other clubs that have been on Zoom, and pray they could happen in person soon.
- Pray that, as restrictions ease, there are more gospel opportunities in schools.
- Pray for the various prayer events and our fundraising campaign taking place in Pray for Schools fortnight at the end of May.

Women's Bible Study Groups
Centrepoint Bible+chat
Nurture Groups Leaders' Training

FRIDAY 28th May

SAYT (*Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust*)

Give thanks that Holly has maintained links with young people despite being unable to meet physically for so long. Julie is still off sick so please pray for her full recovery. Meanwhile Holly works on her own but with essential help from our faithful volunteers, (more are needed!). As restrictions are gradually lifted, she needs wisdom to know how best to maintain contact with young people, when to meet physically and when to continue meeting online, through WhatsApp etc.

Women's Bible Study Groups
Yr 10 Bible Study

SATURDAY 29th May

Persecuted Christians

Give thanks to God that, despite Covid-19 restrictions in 2020, Bibles continue to be distributed for North Korean Christians. Pray that God will bless his people in that country with the grace and courage they need to stand firm in their faith. In much of Central Asia, evangelism is banned and churches must register with the authorities for permission to meet. In Kyrgyzstan, the authorities require a minimum church membership of 200 so pray particularly for smaller church communities. Pray that recent improvements in religious freedom in Uzbekistan will continue and that churches will grow.

SUNDAY 30th May

Anna Poor (*Acorn Camps Hungary*)

- Praise God for the 26 participants of the 'taster days' for Acorn's Bible Training in April. Pray God would inspire the right people to apply this month for the course.
- Praise God for opportunities to write in Scripture Union's daily Bible reading notes for teens. Pray for Luke 13 to speak to Anna and others writing, and young people in their devotional time.
- Please pray for continued team unity as this month we come back together, some having had months out.

8am Holy Communion - *Matt Taylor*
9.15am: service in church (streamed):
Psalm 34:1-22 - *Gavin McGrath*
9.30+11am service at Lady Boswell's
(streamed): Romans 8:1-11 - *John Khnana*
11am: service in church (streamed):
Exodus 2:11-22 - *Matt Taylor*
Contact All Together
6.30pm service in church (streamed):
Romans 8:1-11 - *John Khnana*



St Nicholas Church
SEVENOAKS

PRAYER DIARY

May 2021

*"The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you."*

(Psalm 9:9-10 NIV)

Note: Details of services are correct at time of publishing but will remain under review 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 May.



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 3rd May - Bank Holiday Monday

Thanksgiving

Give thanks:

- for God's word preached in April.
- for the Hope Explored course currently running and that guests would be open to taking the next step with a Christianity Explored Course.
- for the recommencement of 8am communion services on Sundays.

Campaigner Sensational Science demonstration for all
Campaigner meeting by Zoom
Hope Explored

TUESDAY 4th May

Arabella Paul (*The Faith Mission*)

Arabella will be teaching the 3 final weeks of The Old Testament on Tuesdays, May 4th, 11th and 18th in Woodchurch Primary School, trusting that the children will be attentive and engaged in the lessons.

She also teaches The New Testament in High Halden Primary School on Thursdays 6th (The Crucifixion), 13th and 20th May.

Walking Group
Lady Bowell's Assembly - *Albert Wood*
Women's Study Group
Congregational Prayer Gatherings
Jeremy Marshall speaking at Globe Church, London

WEDNESDAY 5th May

Tony Waghorn (*Communications and Media Facilitator, OMF International*)

- Thank you for praying for the development of the Blessing Muslims video and resources. You can see them here: omf.org/blessingmuslims
- Praise God for all those who are now sharing this in 11 languages.

Men's Bible Study Group
Bible & Bagels
Women's Study Group
Contact Bible Study
Marriage Course
PCC Meeting

THURSDAY 6th May

Tony Waghorn (*continued*)

- Ramadan runs 12 April - 12 May - please ask God to raise up more intercessors (pray.omf.org/east-asias-muslims/) ...
- ... and for those willing to go and share their lives and serve Muslim communities.
- Pray for wisdom and good engagement around OMF as we look at clarifying statements around what OMF offers. Pray that it would provide a useful focus as we communicate about our work.

Simon Heather leading Youth Ministry Training at Cornhill
Women's Bible Study Groups
Centrepoint Bible+chat
Men's Group

SUNDAY 23rd May

StJohn & Ellie Perry (*East Malaysia*) *on Home Assignment with OMF*

StJohn has stepped down as the OMF Malaysia field team leader, and there is a new interim International Director for the East Asia South region of OMF as well. Pray for the new leadership drawn from Malaysia, Singapore and Japan being able to coordinate all the strands of support needed behind the Malaysia field missionaries.

8am Holy Communion - *Gavin McGrath*
9.15am: service in church (streamed): 1 Cor 15:50-58 - *Gavin McGrath*
9.30+11am service at Lady Boswell's (streamed): Hebrews 11:29-40 - *Angus MacLeay*
11am: service in church (streamed): Exodus 3:1-10 - *Matt Taylor*
Contact All Together
6.30pm service in church (streamed): Hebrews 11:29-40 - *Angus MacLeay*
Ian Dobbie preaching am Westerham Hill Baptist Church

MONDAY 24th May

StJohn & Ellie Perry (*continued*)

We have begun the discussions, planning, interviews and medical reviews to transfer later in the year to the OMF Diaspora Returnee Ministry team, to work with Malaysian and Indonesian students based in the London area. Pray for medical review appointments to be available in good time, and to go smoothly.

Women's Bible Study Groups
Lady Boswell's assembly - *John Khnana*
Campaigner Sensational Science demonstration for all
Campaigner meeting by Zoom
9.15 Congregational leadership team meeting

TUESDAY 25th May

Janet Phythian (*Growing Hope, Mozambique*)

Please continue to pray for an end to the violence and suffering in the north, Cabo Delgado, for the Pastor and Christians Janet has been talking to and for any action by Growing Hope that is God's will.

Sussex Gospel Partnership - Angus speaking on 2 Peter and Jude
Women's Bible Study Group
Home Groups

WEDNESDAY 26th May

Janet Phythian (*continued*)

Give thanks and pray for encouragement for each pastor teaching God's word through Farming God's Way and the Growing Hope mission, for joy, faith and hope to be increased for the over 166 plus families participating.
Pray for Janet as she explores when she can next visit Mozambique.

Men's Bible Study Group
Women's Bible Study Group
Contact Bible Study
Marriage Course
10am and 6.30pm Congregational Leadership Team Meetings

WEDNESDAY 19th May

Mark & Jane Oden (*continued*)

Re buildings - we are grateful to the Lord for the use of Christ Church, Naples. Please pray that we would continue to be able to meet there on a Sunday evening and that our request to the town council for the use of another building might be approved, opening up another option for ministry at a different time and location in the city.

Bible & Bagels
Men's Bible Study Group
Women's Bible Study Group
Marriage Course
Jeremy Marshall speaking at
Limes Avenue Baptist, London

THURSDAY 20th May

Arthur Parke (*SIM Benin*)

- Thank the Lord for the rains on their way. The heat this year really got me.
- Pray that our school Bible groups may choose new committees who will continue in September.

Simon Heather leading Youth
Ministry Training at Cornhill
Women's Bible Study Groups
Centrepoint Bible+chat
Nurture Groups Leaders'
Training

FRIDAY 21st May

Arthur Parke (*continued*)

- Pray for our new General Secretary who will take over end June. Pray for renewed energy for visits. One school I have neglected is 200 miles north.
- Thank the Lord that we are over the presidential elections in relative peace. Pray we may be governed by people who fear God.

Women's Bible Study
Groups
Yr 10 Bible Study

SATURDAY 22nd May

Kathryn Bowen (*OMF, Thailand*)

Please pray for the dorm students graduating this year in particular. Currently back at the start of a new term studying online due to an increase in COVID-19 cases in Chiang Mai. Please pray for preparations for an online field conference this year. I am part of a committee planning and implementing ideas decided on. Please pray for physio appointments to be available to my mum who has been falling at home recently, something that her GP said is common with patients who have been at home for a long time.

Sevenoaks School
Leavers' Service

FRIDAY 7th May

Sam Allberry

- I am starting a new visa application to work at Immanuel Church in Nashville. Please pray it would be a swift and smooth process.
- In the meantime, I have found out my available time to be in the US is much shorter than I'd hoped, so will need to be outside the US for much of the coming months. Please pray for wisdom about how best to use that time, and for strength as I'll be away from my church and community.

Women's Bible Study Groups
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SATURDAY 8th May

Emma Brewster (*SIM South Africa*)

- Praise and prayer for JP Gradone joining my team to lead us globally in business ministries. Pray for good follow up after a global business missions virtual congress at the end of April.
- Pray for creativity and innovation as a group of us get together to review our mission activities and in the area of church planting.
- Praise God for the WEA Youth Network and the opportunity we have to engage with it. Pray for their congress from May 10-12th and for good follow-up from our side as we listen and learn.

SUNDAY 9th May

Selvan Anketell (*Japan Christian Link*)

- Praise God technology enabled us to continue so much ministry during the pandemic, here and in Japan, and that his Spirit and his word continue doing their work in Japanese people's hearts.
- We must soon decide whether to organise a mid-July residential weekend conference, use Zoom as last year, or attempt some hybrid of the two. Pray we'd rely on the Lord and make wise decisions amid the many uncertainties and technical challenges.

8am Holy Communion - *Gavin McGrath*
9.15am: service in church (streamed):
1 Cor 15:12-34 - *Gavin McGrath*
9.30+11am service at Lady Boswell's
(streamed): Hebrews 11:8-19 - *Angus MacLeay*
11am: service in church (streamed): Exodus 2:1
-10 - *Matt Taylor*
Contact All Together
6.30pm Confirmation service in church
(streamed): Matthew 11:25-29 - *Bishop Rod*
Thomas
Jeremy Marshall speaking at Silverton
Evangelical Church, Devon

MONDAY 10th May - Staff study day

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

Give thanks for a great evening with Jeremy Marshall, and pray for fruit. Give thanks for new people joining us online over Easter. Very sadly we lost a member of our Bible Study group to suicide, many of us are devastated by this loss. Please pray for God's help in this hard time. Please pray for a ministry trainee for September.

Monday Women's Study Group
Lady Bowell's Assembly - *Albert Wood*
Campaigner Sensational Science
demonstration for all
Campaigner meeting by Zoom
Hope Explored
9.15 Congregational leadership team
meeting

TUESDAY 11th May

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

Let's give thanks for the John Stott Centenary service. While very different, given Covid restrictions, we trust it will reach many through YouTube.

This month sees the launch of *'Authority and Joy: The Bible in your life'* (John Stott and Sinclair Ferguson). In old age, John expressed the hope that his *'The Authority of the Bible'* would get out more widely. Here it is, redesigned, teamed with *'Joy'*. It is gold. Pray it will bring blessing.

Women's Study Group

Home Groups

WEDNESDAY 12th May

Campaigners

- Give thanks for the enthusiasm of many who would like to camp with us in the summer.
- Pray that camp will prove possible after 21st June.
- Pray for provisional camp arrangements and preparation of meetings and activities.
- Pray for more adult Christians to help us once we can resume 'in person' Monday meetings.

Men's Bible Study Group

Women's Study Group

Contact Bible Study

Marriage Course

Bishop of Maidstone's Regional Meeting

Lady Boswell's Trustees Meeting

Leadership Team Meeting

THURSDAY 13th May

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

Our heavenly Father has been very kind in providing us with a few new opportunities to share the gospel in the last month. Please give thanks for S who is now coming regularly to church, and please pray that she would repent and put her trust in Christ soon. Please give thanks also for the opportunity to meet regularly with J, and pray that we would be bold to speak the gospel, and that she too would repent and be saved.

Simon Heather leading Youth Ministry Training at Cornhill

Women's Bible Study Groups

Centrepont Bible+chat

Nurture Groups Leaders' Training

FRIDAY 14th May

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

- Give thanks for all those who came to our Easter service and for 80 children who took part in the Easter Egg hunt on Good Friday.
- Please pray for us to gather momentum as we re-start after the latest Lockdown and for local people to be coming to hear about Jesus.
- Please pray for us to be bold as we proclaim Jesus week by week and for the Lord Jesus to be building his church in Dunton Green.

Women's Bible Study Groups

Sevenoaks Junior School Assembly - Simon Heather

Yr 10 Bible Study

SATURDAY 15th May

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

Give thanks for the joy of meeting again outside in groups of 6, and especially for being able to make the most of self-catering holidays with a lovely week away in Norfolk recently.

Please pray for continued home working and learning and as conversations at college turn to job applications (which will start in September for everyone currently in second year at college); for us to 'trust in the Lord with all [our] heart.' *Proverbs 3:5*

SUNDAY 16th May

Martin Laing (*St Nicholas Tearfund Rep*)

Praise God for how He [mobilises His church](#) for good in Burundi. Pray that Burundian children overcome hunger and malnutrition, pray for their bright futures.

[Persevere in prayer](#) for peace in northern

Mozambique. Pray for Tearfund's work with the Christian Council of Mozambique on long-term peacebuilding plans.

Pray for women and children who are extremely vulnerable.

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9.15am: service in church (streamed):

1 Cor 15:35-49 - Gavin McGrath

9.30+11am service at Lady Boswell's (streamed): Hebrews 11:20-28 -

Angus MacLeay

11am: service in church (streamed):

Exodus 2:11-25 - Matt Taylor

Contact All Together

6.30pm service in church (streamed):

Hebrews 11:20-28 - Angus MacLeay

MONDAY 17th May

Martin Laing (*continued*)

Pray for the people of [South Sudan](#), especially vulnerable young children, new mothers and pregnant women following the closure of feeding centres due to recent extreme flooding. Pray for Tearfund's work there.

Retired Men's think-it Through

Lady Boswell's assembly - John Khnana

Campaigner Sensational Science demonstration for all

Campaigner meeting by Zoom

TUESDAY 18th May

Mark & Jane Oden (*Naples*)

Please pray for the training of new leaders from within the church. Francesco, the assistant pastor is moving on over the summer and Mark is seeking to train up Luca and Matteo to take over from him.

Women's Study Group

Annual Parochial Church Meeting