

Praying for Global Mission Monday Morning

TIAGO & MELISA BUGALHO

Praise: for recent baptisms (11 on 23rd June!), fruitful summer camps, Mauro's recent visit to us and his recognition as Ramada church's new Assistant Pastor.

In July we had 3 weeks of intense but very blessed camp. Thanks to God, 95 campers were in the camp. We had a weekend for Youth +17, a week for children and a week for teenagers. There were campers who received Jesus as Saviour and others are attending our church after the camp.



Prayer: for Mauro to be a wonderful support to Tiago in leading the church as it continues to grow, as well as for Tiago and Melisa as the family prepare to visit Melisa's family in Chile in December (for the first time in 6 years).

Our prayer is that God will continue to work in the hearts of those on the camp and that they will be faithful Christians. Pray especially for Bianca, a girl who came for the first time and really enjoyed being with us, she is not yet saved but has come to our church several times since the camp ended.

As a couple, the Lord has allowed us to counsel 3 couples who will be getting married in the next 2 months, we are studying a pre-nuptial book and it has been a blessing to see the desire of these couples to want to start this union in Christ well.

Our family is doing well, we enjoy serving together. Our children are a blessing and despite the tiredness, they were always willing to participate and serve during the weeks of camp. In August we had a 2 week holiday to rest and spend time as a family, we thank God that in December we will have a family holiday in Chile!

Pray for the ministerial start of the year 2024/2025 at the end of September.

JONATHAN & FELICITY CARSWELL



Praise: for the summer the family have been able to enjoy here in the UK, including precious time with family, friends and at the Keswick Convention.

Praise: (*writing last Wednesday*) we just heard that our passports will be ready tomorrow, and we are aiming to fly on Saturday. Feeling even more thankful because we got an email 10 minutes before this one saying that it could be 10 weeks.

Prayer: for the coming term, including leading 10ofThose (Jonathan), speaking at women's conferences (Felicity) and catching up at the start of the new school year (for their young sons, Rufus and Billy).

LUKE & RISS CROWTER

Praise: for a good first few weeks for Rob Pugh in his role as part-time Children's, Youth & Communities Worker for this growing church.

Prayer: for the church family to increase in maturity and for those on the fringe of the church to integrate well; and for God to raise up more ministry servers and leaders, including new elders.



JAN & ANA FRANKA



Praise: for recent significant steps towards the launch of a new online Christian radio station in Serbia.

Prayer: for the fruitfulness of the new radio station, perseverance for Jan & Ana as they continue to undertake street evangelism in Serbia's towns and cities, and encouragement as they visit us on Sunday 20th October.

TIM & MARIAM McMAHON

Praise: for the time during the summer Mariam was able to enjoy with her family.

Prayer: for SIM's new ministry training programmes in three central Asian languages to proceed successfully, so that many more central Asians can train for gospel ministry in their own languages.



DAVID & DEBBIE WOODARD



Praise: for David & Debbie's wonderful example of faithful gospel service over many years as they continue to preach, enthuse others for global mission and disciple younger couples.

Prayer: for God's blessing on David & Debbie as they lead the planning of ABWE's special centenary celebrations in 2027.

MISHA AND ALFIA TUTIKOV

Prayer: Misha had a car accident last Friday (he hit a moose/elk) and there is some doubt as to whether their car will now sustain their planned forthcoming lengthy road trip to Ankara (Turkey):

- to seek US visas from the US embassy there,
- to enable them to visit the US in December for Alfia's graduation and
- to meet with friends and prayer partners over there.



STEVE AND KATEY KENWORTHY

Praise: A lovely family holiday in Thailand.

A good start to the school year for both kids.

Being able to send some shipments out, with much-needed goods to help hard-working charities around the world. We mentioned this as something to uphold in our last newsletter, and are grateful to have been able to send out three shipments in the last month. Thank you for upholding this situation!



Prayer: Please ask for a blessing on the kids' school year ahead, and especially remember Lucy as she continues to adjust to life in secondary school. There's been more homework, lots of moving round school and greater expectations of the students, but so far she's enjoying this new stage of schooling.

For discussions that continue about the land situation. We don't have any particular news to share, but it seems like we won't be going anywhere immediately, so we have moved some furniture around in our flat and made some changes to settle back into our home again!

Please also pray for:



ISAAC AND GLORIA

Praying for our World

Monday Afternoon

PRAY FOR OUR BROKEN WORLD

- As we remember that we live in a **broken world**, let's **lament** how the world has turned its back on God, and is suffering the consequences of that. Let's call on Him to be **merciful**.
- Let's pray for those caught up in **armed conflicts** around the world:
 - Pray for **specific conflicts**, including those in *Ukraine/Russia and Israel/Gaza*.
 - Pray for **God's comfort** for those who have suffered loss and harm through these conflicts.
 - Pray for **wisdom for international leaders** as they try to lead well through difficult circumstances.
 - Pray for **peace**.
 - Pray that **the church** would be protected, would be a great witness, and would find gospel opportunity through adversity.
- Let's pray for those experiencing the hard effects of so-called '**natural phenomena**' around the world, including drought, famine and earthquakes. Why not bring specific situations before the Lord in prayer?
- Pray for those particularly affected by **poverty**.

PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS

- Pray for God's help to **all world leaders**, that they would lead well and serve their people effectively.
- Pray for those in positions of **significant power** from a global perspective, including the **President of the United States**. Pray for the upcoming American presidential election.
- Praise God that all human leaders are under the **Sovereign Hand of the Lord Himself**. Pray that many would come to know & serve Him.

REJOICE! THE GOSPEL IS GOING TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

- ✓ Praise God that the Gospel is bearing fruit and growing (Col 1:6), reaching the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8)
- ✓ Rejoice that **today is still the day of salvation**. Pray that as the Gospel goes out, many would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus.
- ✓ Thank God that there are still **Gospel freedoms** in many countries around the world. Pray for boldness, especially where these freedoms are enjoyed.
- ✓ Why not pray for **believers overseas who are known to you personally?** If you cannot think of any, choose **a particular country** and pray for the Gospel witness of God's people there.

PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Of course, many of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world do not enjoy the freedom that we do here in the UK. Let's pray specifically for them, using the Open Doors material provided: '*World Watch List 2024, The Top 50 countries, Counting the Cost of Following Jesus*'

Praying for our Nation

Tuesday Morning

PRAY FOR OUR GOVERNMENT

- As we speak to people day by day, we hear a lot of opinions of where things aren't going well, but it is important for **us to reflect on the good things** happening in our government at this time. Spend some time praising God for them.
- Let's pray for those in positions of authority:
 - On the national level: The Prime Minister, and his cabinet.
 - On the local level: Our local MP, Alex Mayer, Central Beds Council, and our town council.
 - Let's pray for those in positions of authority:
- Pray for the King and Queen, along with the rest of the royal family as they serve the community with their various duties, and the challenges they face.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED

- Pray for those that are struggling at this time. That need to use foodbanks and find extra support in the cost of living crisis.
- Pray for those who are worried about the coming winter; who are unsure of how they will heat their homes.
- Pray for the NHS and for those waiting for treatment either for physical issues or issues involving mental health.
- Pray for our education system and for young people growing up in a society saturated in screens, social media, and its challenges.
- Let's pray specifically for our nation using today's newspapers provided: '*The Guardian, The Times*'

Praying for our Local Churches

Tuesday Afternoon

PRAYING FOR UK'S LOCAL CHURCHES

God has placed his people in communities all around our nation. Each community has its own unique mix of people, challenges, and cultures. Spend some time praying about different local church contexts.

- **Praise God** that he has placed local churches all the way across the United Kingdom. These churches are his beacons of gospel hope for their communities. **Thank God** for specific situations you know of.

Pray for churches in different contexts:

- Pray for churches in city situations. For example – Inner city churches.
- Pray for churches in town situations. For example – Dunstable
- Pray for churches in rural situations. For example – villages, farming communities, remote areas.

How to pray for the churches:

- They would boldly preach the word of God in a culture increasingly opposed to it.
- That God would enable great unity within the local churches that promote the gospel message.
- They would be able to connect with their local communities and understand the needs of their own community...
- ... that this would fuel evangelistic outreach and practical aid to the people living in their communities.

CRANFIELD PARISH CHURCH

- Please pray as we plan and strategise to get a **20s-40s discipleship group** off the ground. We've seen more in this age range join us over the last 2 years and we really need to invest in their discipleship beyond Sundays.
- Please pray for our ministry to **Cranfield University students**. The new term is about to begin, and we will hold an evangelistic welcome meal for international students on **October 13th**.
- Please pray that our four values of: **bible, prayer, holiness, and evangelism** will become more and more embedded throughout the life of the whole church family.
- Please pray for our **faithfulness** amidst the wide-spread apostasy within the Church of England. Pray that as a church, and especially the PCC (parochial church council), we would be **united** in our conviction regarding God's good word on the issue of the day: **human sexuality**.

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, BEDFORD

Please pray for our building project:

- The planning application was submitted in February and we're hoping for an answer by the end of this year or early next.
- It's been a difficult process - lots of bumps in the road, and quite a bit of local opposition. We are in the Lord's hands but would hugely value prayer as we near decision day.

KING'S CHURCH, FLITWICK

Praise:

- Give thanks for **Reece**, our new **Children's & Youth Ministry Lead** who started with us in July. He's already bringing plenty of energy to the role and connecting well with our youngsters.
- Give thanks for the steady stream of **newcomers** visiting/joining us. Our desire is that they would stay and **commit** to the local body.

Prayer:

- As above, that we'd be effective in **bringing people from the fringe to the centre**, and seeing them joyfully **commit** to serving the Lord in the local church.
- For more **volunteers** to staff our kids/youth ministries - especially as we're seeking under Reece's leadership to grow these ministries.
- For **wisdom** for the elders as we seek the Lord's will as to a possible **replant** in Maulden (we took on oversight for the dormant chapel there in 2021).

CHRIST CHURCH HARPENDEN

Praise

- The opportunity to buy a large building in the centre of town (Harpenden Public Halls) from the council. Whatever the outcome of the vote in the next two weeks, the process has been good for us as a church as we have considered this potential.
- A number of unbelievers seriously enquiring and attending church regularly. For positive signs of God's work in their lives.
- A handful of baptisms planned for October, including a number of our young people.

Prayer

- Pray for the member vote later this month on the purchase of the HPH. That we would keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace (Eph 4:3) and that God's will would be done.
- Pray for the provision of a long-term home for our church, and if it is to be HPH, for God's provision of the remaining funding gap.
- Pray that we would become an increasingly unmissable presence in the town pointing people to the gospel of Jesus.
- Pray for more conversions and more baptisms!
- Pray for Gareth (senior minister), Ian (Assoc minister), Phil (Asst Minister) as they preach regularly and the other elders as they seek to lead the church. For godliness and an increasing love and devotion for the Lord.

Praying for our Local Communities

Tuesday evening

CHRIST CHURCH DUNSTABLE

- **Pray** that the Lord Jesus would remain central to who we are and what we do.
- **Ask** that we would continue to take sitting under the Word of God seriously, and the Lord would work in our hearts by His Spirit.
- **Pray** that we would be effective in loving one another well and welcoming new friends.
- **Pray** for our outreach to our local community.
- **Pray** for our pastors, **Mark, Gareth** and **Steve**, and their families. Pray that they would have godly wisdom as they lead us.
- **Pray** similarly for our **elders** and their families.



- **Pray** for **Katie** and **Bethan** as they lead our children's work, and for the many volunteer leaders as they serve within our youth and children's work. Pray for strength for this new term and that God would keep them focussed on serving our children and families well.
- Why not pray for your **home group leaders** or **youth group leaders** by name, asking God that He would cause them to love Jesus even more, and would care well for those in the group.
- **Pray** for other members of the staff team here at Christ Church, including those who serve in The Way Coffee House.

LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD AT CHRIST CHURCH

Praise God as we look back over the Summer:

- **For the Summer Saunter:**
 - Good weather we enjoyed and for new friends who came along.
 - Pray that the gospel message would be remembered.
- **For Raul Geanu and Marianne McKinley, baptised in early Summer:**
 - Praise God for how He has worked in their lives.
 - Pray for them as they are involved in church life.
- **For our recent 'Heroes Academy' Holiday Bible Club.**
 - Give thanks for the 70+ children who attended.
 - Rejoice that the Word of God was faithfully taught.
 - Pray the Lord would continue to work in many hearts.

Pray for Gospel Opportunities as we look ahead:

- For **outreach groups** restarting in The Way/Church building: English Classes; Tiddlers and Toddlers; Patchwork; Art; Foodbank; Workshop Wednesdays; W@CC; Wednesday evenings in The Way; Connect and Knit & Natter.

Do pray for any ministries in which you are personally involved.

PHIL & KATE HAMMERSLEY

Pray for Phil as he prepares to join us next January:

- that we will welcome Phil, Kate and the boys warmly.
- that they will quickly feel at home amongst us.



DUNSTABLE

- **Praise God** that he has placed us within a local community; let's pray for our town of Dunstable and our neighbours within it.
- Thank God for the **increasing diversity** of our town; pray that we would be welcoming towards those of all nationalities and backgrounds.
- As Dunstable, Houghton Regis and the surrounding area **grows in terms of population**, pray for an ever-greater Gospel opportunity.
- Praise God for the **local churches in our town** which love Jesus and proclaim Him faithfully. Pray that they would persevere and be encouraged in this task.
- Pray that **Jesus would be honoured in our lives** and with our lips.
- Pray that **many people in our town would come to believe in Jesus**.
- Pray for those organisations which seek to reach those particularly impacted by **poverty and social deprivation** in our town.
- **Pray** for those who serve our town in **education, in health services, in the police force and in other emergency services**. We do not take a peaceful community for granted. Let's pray that peace would be preserved, and a sense of local community strengthened.
- Pray for our local MP, **Alex Mayer**, and our Dunstable Mayor, **Councillor Louise O'Riordan**.



LUTON

- Praise God that Luton has such a **diverse and dense** population of nearly a quarter of a million people, and for the **Gospel opportunities** this provides.



- Recognising that many of those hundreds of thousands living in the town are heading for a lost eternity, pray that the Lord would be merciful in **saving** a good number.
- Pray for those currently in the **grip of Islam**, that they would see the beauty of Jesus as Saviour.
- Pray specifically for **local churches**, church leaders, and Gospel work in Luton that you might be aware of or be involved with personally.
- Pray for **wisdom** to know whether it's right for us to establish a work in Luton in the years ahead.
- Pray for the ongoing ministry of **Azalea** in Luton, as discussed at our recent 'Hot Topics' event.