



# PRAYER

## Focus

April - May 2020



# EFCC

exalting Christ in growing  
healthy churches

# **Ministry Director's Itinerary**

**Rev. Thomas Brand**

All Preaching and visitation dates suspended until further notice

As a group of churches, it is such a joy to be able to pray for each other as we seek to exalt Christ in growing healthy churches. Let's **pray in faith**, knowing that the Lord God Almighty hears us and loves us, we are his blood bought people. Let's **focus our prayers** on the salvation of the lost and the building up of the church of Christ.

### **Wednesday 1st April**

**Crystal Peaks Church, Sheffield, South Yorkshire**

**Minister: Martin Daniels**

CPC are in the process of removing the three big stones steps in our entrance. This involves taking out the whole of the church floor and replacing it. To reduce costs, members are doing most of the work themselves. Please pray for safety, wisdom and the ability to avoid expensive errors!

**Alderholt Chapel, Alderholt, Dorset**

**Contact: Mr. Brian Phenna**

This is our monthly Prayer Hub meeting, our community groups all come together to look at issues home and abroad also Gods working out amongst his people. These are major issues please pray with us, there is so much that requires Gods intervention, we know that our God has a plan/purpose for his creation, we still need to be prayerful.

**Quarry Bank Congregational Church, Dudley, West Midlands**

**Contact: Mr Ian Smith**

Deacon's meeting - As I said last month, we are thinking about the future and seeking a vision from the Lord. We are also focusing very much on prayer.

Pray for the Church at: **Ballymacashon, Co. Down**

### **Thursday 2nd April**

**Honiton Evangelical Congregational Church, Devon**

**Minister: Mike Plant Contact: Karl Upchurch**

It has been encouraging to have new people attending the church. Pray for them as they settle in to the fellowship. Some are Christians who have moved to the area – pray for them as they adapt to a new church which can be difficult and challenging.

**Morley Community Church, West Yorkshire**

**Contact: Dr Ray Baker**

Pray that all the children attending our two holiday bible clubs this last week will keep contact and come with their parents to other outreaches the church is organising

Pray for the Church at: **Bangor, Northern Ireland**

**Friday 3rd April**

**Village Temple, Congregational Church, Mynydd Isa, Flintshire**

**Contact: Mr Russell Taylor**

Our monthly coffee morning takes place this morning. Pray that this will continue to be used as a form of outreach.

**Morley Community Church, West Yorkshire**

**Contact: Dr Ray Baker**

Pray for our two holiday bible clubs which start on Monday the morning sessions will be in a local school and repeated in the afternoon in our chapel premises. Pray that Claudine Uwizeye from Child Evangelism Fellowship will be able to help us reach many children for Christ

Pray for the Church at: **Henley, Somerset**

**Saturday 4th April**

**Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church, North Yorkshire**

**Minister: Rev. David Levell Contact: Mrs Tracy Little**

Please pray for our Good Friday and Easter Sunday services, and for the Easter leaflet with an evangelistic message which is distributed in Reeth and the surrounding villages. Also for our response as we consider how best to adapt our activities to the constantly changing Coronavirus situation.

**Bulkington Congregational Church, Warwickshire**

**Minister: Pastor Peter Mackenzie. Contact: Rev. Peter Beale**

This morning folk from other local churches join us as we take part in a time of prayer for reformation and revival in our nation.

Pray for the Church at: **Albert Bridge, Belfast**

# Week Beginning Sunday 5th April

## Sunday 5th April

### **Ashford Congregational Church, Middlesex.**

#### **Pastor Keith Wilson**

Praise the Lord with us for the life, witness and exemplary faith of our oldest member, Miss ter Haar, who went to be with Christ recently at the age of 104. We give thanks for her unswerving support for the cause of the Gospel here over many decades. Please pray on with us for our senior members of the congregation to know the Lord's presence and strength each day – we are thankful for their prayerful fellowship and loyalty!

### **Rochford Congregational Church, Essex**

#### **Ministers: Rev. David Saunders & Rev. Andrew Leach**

We give thanks to God for a special day celebrating our Senior Pastor's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ministry here at Rochford last month. Thank you for your prayers and greetings. Though low key it was a precious day for David and the whole fellowship.

Pray for the Church at: **Connsbrook Avenue, Belfast**

## Monday 6th April

### **Honiton Evangelical Congregational Church, Devon**

#### **Minister: Mike Plant Contact: Karl Upchurch**

Pray for a number of people who attend the church who are seeking and want to find certainty both about the truth of Christianity and also about where they themselves stand spiritually.

### **Union Congregational Church, Leigh on Sea, Essex**

#### **Minister: Rev. Stanford Hamberger**

We look forward to the amazing time of Easter and pray that even in these difficult times people will not give in to their fears but will continue to meet to worship our Wonderful God. Our prayers are for all who are feeling vulnerable because of the virus that is going world- wide at the moment.

We, as Christians, are duty bound to pray and help those who are affected by these events. Look out for the elderly and infirm and those who need assistance. Allay their fears and with wisdom and compassion; confirm their faith in the One who cares for them.

Hebrews 10:25 *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"*

Pray for the Church at: Knockbraken, **Belfast**

## **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**Village Temple, Congregational Church, Mynydd Isa, Flintshire**

**Contact: Mr Russell Taylor**

We are holding another 'Messy Church' today. Please pray that more young families will respond to the invitations. Although we live in a large village with three schools attendance has been poor at previous ones.

**Rochford Congregational Church, Essex**

**Ministers: Rev. David Saunders & Rev. Andrew Leach**

Pray for the senior members of the church at Rochford with the threat of the Corona Virus. Pray for all our churches that we will have both faith and wisdom and not be overcome by fear but show our community a different response to the situation.

Pray for the Church at: **Bere Regis, Dorset**

## **Wednesday 8th April**

**Morley Community Church, West Yorkshire**

**Contact: Dr Ray Baker**

Give thanks for our answered prayer for our Mission to Morley at the beginning of March. The team of 8 students from Capernwray Bible School worked very hard with our church reaching people with the gospel in personal conversation, gospel literature, 14 schools bible exhibitions, 4 youth & children's meetings plus a Pensioners Luncheon and also a Pensioners Tea plus 4 church services plus street outreach sessions. All meetings and service well attended and good engagement. Pray that we may see on-going results in conversions from these outreaches.

Pray for the Church at: **Binfield Heath, Oxfordshire and their new Pastor**

## **Thursday 9th April: Maundy Thursday**

**Frogham Congregational Church, Fordingbridge, Hants**

**Contact: Mrs Mary Harrison**

We ask for prayer that the Easter message will be proclaimed clearly and draw people to experience for themselves God's tremendous love for them.

**Latimer Congregational Church, Beverley, East Yorkshire**

**Minister Rev Iain Clements Contact Mr Anthony Harrison**

Pray for Easter weekend – for the fellowship as we meet Good Friday/ Easter Sunday and for any visitors who join us.

Pray for the Church at: **West Smethwick, West Midlands and their new Pastor**

## **Friday 10th April: Good Friday**

**Ashford Congregational Church, Middlesex.**

**Pastor Keith Wilson**

Please pray with us for our Good Friday evening service, that many will be able to come and for effective preaching of the Gospel as we reflect upon the trials and crucifixion of Jesus. Pray particularly for several regular attenders at services to be spoken to in a life-giving way as they listen to the preaching of the word over Easter.

**Hayes Town Chapel, Middlesex**

**Contact: Mr John Lodge**

This evening we have the last of our Combined Easter Week meetings when Pastor Paul Levy of the International Presbyterian Church in Ealing is our guest speaker. We are always encouraged by the opportunity for worship, ministry and fellowship together with folk from other churches in this area of West London near Heathrow Airport, as we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Village Temple, Congregational Church, Mynydd Isa, Flintshire**

**Contact: Mr Russell Taylor**

It's Good Friday when we remember our Lord's death. Please pray for a renewed commitment and for repentance for those who don't know and love the Lord

**Quarry Bank Congregational Church, Dudley, West Midlands**

**Contact: Mr Ian Smith**

Good Friday Communion - Pray for Phil as he leads us today in this act of remembrance, reflection & thanksgiving.

Pray for the Church at: **Alderholt, Hants and their search for a Pastor**

## **Saturday 11th April**

**Staines Congregational Church, Middlesex**

**Minister: Rev Nick Gray    Contact: Sarah Boldero**

We would value prayer for our Easter Services when we often have a number of visitors. Pray that they will feel welcome and want to come back to find out more about the love of Jesus. Also pray for the walk of witness with other churches in Staines on Good Friday morning.

**Quarry Bank Congregational Church, Dudley, West Midlands**

**Contact: Mr Ian Smith**

11th April & 9th May - Men's Breakfast

We give thanks for the opportunity to meet together and share fellowship.

Pray for the Church at: **Bridgnorth, Shropshire**

## **Week Beginning Sunday 12th April**

### **Sunday 12th April : Easter Day**

**Ashford Congregational Church, Middlesex.**

**Pastor Keith Wilson**

Please pray with us for the Holy Spirit to be manifest in power as we meet to worship and hear His word this Easter Day. May we be overwhelmed with thanksgiving, praise and adoration for Christ's conquest of death by His resurrection.

**Village Temple, Congregational Church, Mynydd Isa, Flintshire**

**Contact: Mr Russell Taylor**

We remember our Lord's resurrection and that we worship and serve a living Lord Jesus

**Quarry Bank Congregational Church, Dudley, West Midlands**

**Contact: Mr Ian Smith**

Pray for our Easter services especially of family service at 10.45am as we interact with the children & parents. Bless Ruth as she leads this meeting.

Pray for the Church at: **Ballymena, Co. Antrim**

### **Monday 13th April**

**Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church, North Yorkshire**

**Minister: Rev. David Levell Contact: Mrs Tracy Little**

We have our annual members' meeting on 20 April and will have important decisions to make regarding the extensive building renovations project. Please pray for the Lord's provision and wisdom and that this work, which we hope will start by the summer and may take around 4 months, will not hamper the gospel ministry but may, in the Lord's overruling, actually increase it.

**Latimer Congregational Church, Beverley, East Yorkshire**

**Minister Rev Iain Clements Contact Mr Anthony Harrison**

Give thanks for Monday Discoverers (age 5 -10), increase in numbers

Pray for the Church at: **Bulford, Wiltshire**

## **Tuesday 14th April**

**Honiton Evangelical Congregational Church, Devon**

**Minister: Mike Plant Contact: Karl Upchurch**

14<sup>th</sup> April + 12<sup>th</sup> May: We take a monthly service at Abbeyfield, which is a home for the active elderly and is very near to our church. We had to cancel the service in March due to fear of the coronavirus. Please pray for many churches whose out-reach may be hindered by this.

**Village Temple, Congregational Church, Mynydd Isa, Flintshire**

**Contact: Mr Russell Taylor**

Ladies' Guild recommences after its winter break. Please pray for those lead and who have agreed to come and speak.

Pray for the Church at: **Bulkington, Warwickshire**

## **Wednesday 15th April**

**Crystal Peaks Church, Sheffield, South Yorkshire**

**Minister: Martin Daniels**

This evening we hold our Spring Ladies Evening. Pray for Emma as she conducts the epilogue; pray that, as she points ladies to Christ, the Holy Spirit will be active in their hearts.

Pray for the Church at: **Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk**

## **Thursday 16th April**

**Village Temple, Congregational Church, Mynydd Isa, Flintshire**

**Contact: Mr Russell Taylor**

This evening is the Annual General Meeting of the church. Please pray that any decisions made will be of our Lord's will.

Pray for the Church at: **Canewdon, Essex**

## **Friday 17th April**

**Staines Congregational Church, Middlesex**

**Minister: Rev Nick Gray Contact: Sarah Boldero**

We would value prayer for our leadership teams. We are seeking nominations for new deacons for our AGM at end of May. We pray that the Lord will lead us to the people of His choice.

Pray for the Church at: **Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim**

## **Saturday 18th April**

**Honiton Evangelical Congregational Church, Devon**

**Minister: Mike Plant Contact: Karl Upchurch**

Pray for labourers for the harvest. People who will settle into the church and then serve. We are particularly in need of those who can offer leadership.

Pray for the Church at: **Chulmleigh, Devon**

## **Week Beginning Sunday 19th April**

### **Sunday 19th April**

**Honiton Evangelical Congregational Church, Devon**

**Minister: Mike Plant Contact: Karl Upchurch**

19<sup>th</sup> April + 17<sup>th</sup> May: We take a service each month at Hill House. The people here are quite frail, but we have been encouraged by their willingness to attend and take an interest. Again pray for those church outreaches which may be affected by fears of the coronavirus.

**Rochford Congregational Church, Essex**

**Ministers: Rev. David Saunders & Rev. Andrew Leach**

Pray for our postponed baptism service due to the Corona virus and the plans to re-arrange it. Pray for wisdom in re-structuring our weekly programme at this uncertain time.

Pray for the Church at: **Cockfield, Suffolk**

### **Monday 20th April**

**Ashford Congregational Church, Middlesex.**

**Pastor Keith Wilson**

Give thanks for the several small group bible study and fellowship meetings that happen across the week, catering for all ages. Please pray with us that we will all genuinely grow in our faith, experiencing the presence and power of Jesus in our lives, and in our love and support of each other. Uphold in prayer and give thanks for our small groups coordinator Rachel.

**Bulkington Congregational Church, Warwickshire**  
**Minister: Pastor Peter Mackenzie. Contact: Rev. Peter Beale**

The last in our spring series of church history lectures, with Phil Arthur speaking on The Puritan Family. Pray for a good time of fellowship with folk from local churches, and spiritual profit as we learn from the past.

Pray for the Church at: **Coleraine, N.Ireland**

## **Tuesday 21st April**

**Village Temple, Congregational Church, Mynydd Isa, Flintshire**

**Contact: Mr Russell Taylor**

Please pray for younger families to join our church and for those who are finding life difficult because of age and ill health.

Pray for the Church at: **Dagenham, Essex**

## **Wednesday 22nd April**

**Morley Community Church, West Yorkshire**

**Contact: Dr Ray Baker**

Usually in April we begin to identify and interview potential candidates to be our new Gap Year Workers to commence in September. Pray that we may have good candidates with eth right spiritual qualifications and experience to come and work with us in 2020/21

Pray for the Church at: **Donaghey, N.Ireland**

## **Thursday 23rd April**

**Union Congregational Church, Leigh on Sea, Essex**

**Minister: Rev. Stanford Hamberger**

A big 'Thank you' to all who are praying for our little church in Leigh on Sea. Our numbers are dwindling but each Sunday we are open for the morning service where our minister faithfully preaches the Word. Our singing is amazing as we worship the Lord our God. A recent study by our minister has brought us to The 'Fear not' series. It is and has been of great encouragement to us. May these words of the Lord also encourage you all.

Isaiah 41:10 "*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*"

Pray for the Church at: **Dukinfield, Cheshire**

## **Friday 24th April**

**Honiton Evangelical Congregational Church, Devon**

**Minister: Mike Plant Contact: Karl Upchurch**

We are considering some new means of outreach and need wisdom as to what to do and when would be the best time to start new activities.

Pray for the Church at: **Eston, North Yorkshire**

## **Saturday 25th April**

**Honiton Evangelical Congregational Church, Devon**

**Minister: Mike Plant Contact: Karl Upchurch**

25<sup>th</sup> April – Men's Breakfast – pray for these meetings. Some of them have been very good with the speaker touching on matters which are relevant to some of those there. Some of those attending are from non-evangelical churches and others are not churchgoers but attend because they have friends who invite them.

## **Week Beginning Sunday 26th April**

### **Sunday 26th April**

**Alderholt Chapel, Alderholt, Dorset**

**Contact: Mr. Brian Phenna**

Please remember us in your prayers as we gather for our AGM, this will be the first time without a Pastor. We will be looking at what was achieved also to the coming year what Gods plan is for us as a family of Gods people.

Pray for the Church at: **Galmpton, Devon**

### **Monday 27th April**

**Morley Community Church, West Yorkshire**

**Contact: Dr Ray Baker**

After moving from the primary school to the premises of a Methodist chapel as our operational base last summer we were very surprised recently to hear that the remnant and elderly Methodist congregation have decided to close. We are currently in discussions with the Methodists about our future use of the building. Pray for a good outcome and that the Lord will surprise us with His abundant provision

Pray for the Church at: **Gwersyllt, Wrexham**

# **Week Beginning Sunday 28th April**

## **Tuesday 28th April**

**Ashford Congregational Church, Middlesex.**

**Pastor Keith Wilson**

Praise God with us for the delightful 7-11 year olds who meet at Adventurers every week from 6:30-7:30pm. Please pray good fun to be had in safety, for the dedicated team of leaders and particularly for the carefully crafted brief Bible talk to be listened to with due attention so that seeds of faith will take root.

**Crystal Peaks Church, Sheffield, South Yorkshire**

**Minister: Martin Daniels**

Pray for our Drop-In this morning. We enjoy the company of between 12-15 from outside the church. It is the usual stuff – coffee, cake, chat, a quiz but we always finish with a short presentation of the Gospel. Pray that some will realise their need of a Saviour.

Pray for the Church at: **Thornton Heath, Surrey**

## **Wednesday 29th April**

**Union Congregational Church, Leigh on Sea, Essex**

**Minister: Rev. Stanford Hamberger**

We ask for continued prayer for our minister's wife Margaret who has had several falls which led to massive bruising and has left weakness in her legs. She struggles to walk and the burden has fallen to Stan to do more household chores as well as all his duties at church. Please uphold them in your prayers. It is in the power of our faith that we continue to worship in the face of much opposition.

*Isaiah 41:13 For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.*

Pray for the Church at: **Highbury, London**

## **Thursday 30th April**

**Canewdon Congregational Chapel, Essex**

**Ministers: Rev. David Saunders & Rev. Andrew Leach**

Pray for our fortnightly service in this village. Give thanks that the Anglican Church has a gospel preaching minister. Pray for salvation in the village and blessings for both churches.

Pray for the Church at **Ruiton, Dudley**

## **Friday 1st May**

**Aldersholt Chapel, Aldersholt, Dorset**

**Contact: Mr. Brian Phenna**

Thank you to all that have been praying for us in our search for a new Pastor. We believe God has someone for us, the response could not have been better, we are at that stage of listening to a number preach for a second time. Please keep praying it is so important that we see Gods chosen one, he will stand out above the others.

**Village Temple, Congregational Church, Mynydd Isa, Flintshire**

**Contact: Mr Russell Taylor**

Numbers have been down lately due to the weather. Several have been suffering with ill health. Pray for those who have been regular in their attendance that they will know the Lord's healing hand.

Pray for the Church at: **Bulford, Wiltshire**

## **Saturday 2nd May**

**Reeth Evangelical Congregational Church, North Yorkshire**

**Minister: Rev. David Levell Contact: Mrs Tracy Little**

We appreciate seeing visitors at our Sunday services, especially as we enter the warmer months. Just to clarify an earlier entry made on 13 February – we let out the Manse cottage, a few minutes-walk from the church, on a self-catering basis and look forward to welcoming regular holiday makers as well as many new visitors there during the course of the year. As a small and older Fellowship, it is our ongoing prayer that other committed Christians may move into the area and join with us.

**Quarry Bank Congregational Church, Dudley, West Midlands**

**Contact: Mr Ian Smith**

Church Annual General meeting - As usual we have reports from the various people and we give thanks for the work over the year and look to the future as to where God wants us to go next?

Pray for the Church at: **Hullbridge, Essex, in their search for a Pastor**

# **Week Beginning Sunday 3rd May**

## **Sunday 3rd May**

### **Ashford Congregational Church, Middlesex.**

**Pastor Keith Wilson**

Praise God for the busy congregation of many ages, nationalities and differing circumstances who come aside to worship specifically on Sunday mornings. We need prayer for the mighty Spirit of God to move in the children's 'Bible bite' during the service, then their activities in three age groups, and of course in the message preached from His eternal Word, as well as in other aspects of the service. Pray for salvation to dawn in the hearts of the listeners, for God's glory.

### **Staines Congregational Church, Middlesex**

**Minister: Rev Nick Gray Contact: Sarah Boldero**

Since Easter we have commenced a sermon series in the book of Daniel led by our Minister. We pray that God will reveal new truths which will enrich our daily walk with Him and our witness in the workplace and our community.

### **Rochford Congregational Church, Essex**

**Ministers: Rev. David Saunders & Rev. Andrew Leach**

Pray for our Church Anniversary Services today as we celebrate God's faithfulness through another church year.

Pray for the Church at: **Keswick, Cumbria**

## **Monday 4th May**

### **Frogham Congregational Church, Fordingbridge, Hants**

**Contact: Mrs Mary Harrison**

As holidaymakers start to come, we pray that God blesses them for joining with us, and that long-standing friendships are made.

### **Latimer Congregational Church, Beverley, East Yorkshire**

**Minister Rev Iain Clements Contact Mr Anthony Harrison**

Pray for our Toddler group, meet on Tuesdays – good numbers attending, pray for the staff to build up relationships.

Pray for the Church at: **Morley, West Yorkshire**

## **Tuesday 5th May**

**Morley Community Church, West Yorkshire**

**Contact: Dr Ray Baker**

Hanna Fekete and Teodora Istvan our two Gap Year Workers from Hungary are busy in the life of the church helping in all sorts of meetings, events and activities. Give thanks that they are now more confident in their work and that the Lord will bless them in all that they do.

Pray for the Church at **Larne, Northern Ireland**

## **Wednesday 6th May**

**Crystal Peaks Church, Sheffield, South Yorkshire**

**Minister: Martin Daniels**

Our floor project should be well underway by now. Please keep praying for safety, wisdom, skilful labourers ... and the necessary resources to finish the job!

Pray for the Church at **Seacroft, Leeds**

## **Thursday 7th May**

**Hayes Town Chapel, Middlesex**

**Contact: Mr John Lodge**

The Chapel Hall will be used as polling Station for the London Mayor's Election – for many in the locality this is the first opportunity to visit the Chapel and hopefully pick up literature about our various services and activities.

**Honiton Evangelical Congregational Church, Devon**

**Minister: Mike Plant Contact: Karl Upchurch**

May 7<sup>th</sup> – 18th: Mike and Margaret Plant are (dv) holidaying in Bulgaria. They are hoping to be in contact with Irina, a young woman who worshipped with us in Honiton before returning to Bulgaria, and Radoslav Kiriakov who is the Congregational Minister in Bourgas.

Pray for the Church at **Llansamlet, Swansea**

## **Friday 8th May**

**Honiton Evangelical Congregational Church, Devon**

**Minister: Mike Plant Contact: Karl Upchurch**

We are starting a video course on parenting mainly for those who attend our toddlers' meeting. Several of the mums, none of whom attend our church, have expressed interest. Pray that this is something which will make them consider their lives and how they lead them and whether the Christian faith would be relevant to them.

**Bulkington Congregational Church, Warwickshire**  
**Minister: Pastor Peter Mackenzie. Contact: Rev. Peter Beale**

The chapel will be open for prayer as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Pray for profitable conversations with any who 'drop in'.

Pray for the Church at **Leigh on Sea, Essex**

## **Saturday 9th May**

**Hayes Town Chapel, Middlesex**  
**Contact: Mr John Lodge**

We are using the opportunity for the gospel, of the VE celebrations, to have a gathering of many of our contacts in the community. Weather permitting, we will have a sit-down tea as a 'carpark' party. Our guest speaker is Andrew Hill who is the Head of SASRA (Soldiers & Airmen Scripture Readers Association). When we have had similar events in the past they have been well attended and is of course very visible to those in the neighbourhood.

Pray for the Church at **Westminster Chapel, London**

## **Week Beginning Sunday 10th May**

### **Sunday 10th May**

**Ashford Congregational Church, Middlesex.**  
**Pastor Keith Wilson**

Please praise God with us for our 11-18s group who meet at WIN, one group on Sunday mornings and older ones from 7:15 in the evening. Pray that they will each be grounded in the faith, moved by the Scriptures studied and able to testify to the reality of God in their lives. Pray for the many who face a season of exams and consequent decisions about further education.

Pray for the Church at **Teddington, Middlesex**

### **Monday 11th May**

**Latimer Congregational Church, Beverley, East Yorkshire**  
**Minister Rev Iain Clements Contact Mr Anthony Harrison**

We have many contacts through various activities, pray as the seed is sown and watered the Lord would give the increase.

Pray for the Church at **Cannon Park, Middlesbrough**

### **Tuesday 12th May**

**Ashford Congregational Church, Middlesex.**

**Pastor Keith Wilson**

Give thanks with us for our elders - Keith, pastor, preaching team; John, preaching team; Ian, treasurer and Liam, families pioneer and preaching team. Each does a lot more too, including small group leading, music, technical support, children's work etc. – and we praise God for them. Please pray as they meet on Tuesday afternoons they may continue to know the Lord's blessing in guidance, wisdom, unity of purpose and vision. Please pray also that as they and the church come to terms with our commitments and a financial shortfall, we'll be blessed and guided with wisdom regarding Gospel priorities and our giving.

Pray for the Church at **Moneymore, N. Ireland**

### **Wednesday 13th May**

**Morley Community Church, West Yorkshire**

**Contact: Dr Ray Baker**

At this time of year we begin to plan for our summer youth camp. With all the dislocation caused by moving our operational base we have to start all over again to recruit a new batch of youngsters to attend the camp. Pray God will give us 18 bookings from non-Christian youngsters in the 11-15 age range. Also His provision of the necessary finance, speaker and team to run the camp.

Pray for the Church at **Morrison, Swansea**

### **Thursday 14th May**

**Honiton Evangelical Congregational Church, Devon**

**Minister: Mike Plant Contact: Karl Upchurch**

Many of our churches face pressures we have not been used to in the past. Pray for wisdom particularly for those who lead and teach.

Pray for the Church at **Wycliffe, Sheffield**

### **Friday 15th May**

**Union Congregational Church, Leigh on Sea, Essex**

**Minister: Rev. Stanford Hamberger**

Because of the obvious situation in the country it is doubtful if our minister will be able to visit Wheelock Congregational Church in May as is his normal venue; but please keep this church very much in your prayers for the future. May God help the church to recover and grow in this difficult time.

Luke 12:32 *“Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”*

Pray for the Church at **Mynydd Isa, Flintshire**

## **Saturday 16th May**

**Frogham Congregational Church, Fordingbridge, Hants**

**Contact: Mrs Mary Harrison**

We express our gratitude to God for the many faithful Preachers who lead our Services week by week.

Pray for the Church at **Nether Kellet, Lancashire**

## **Week Beginning Sunday 17th May**

### **Sunday 17th May**

**Ashford Congregational Church, Middlesex.**

**Pastor Keith Wilson**

Give thanks with us for our Missions Team who faithfully and creatively bring before the church information and speakers about those Gospel proclaiming missions in which we have a particular interest. Between 6 and 7pm every third Sunday of the month, we meet specifically to pray for these missions. Please pray with us for many to be stirred to come along and that earnest prayer is offered for the Lord's servants labouring for the Gospel in varied situations, some dangerous, but all engaged in spiritual warfare.

**Honiton Evangelical Congregational Church, Devon**

**Minister: Mike Plant Contact: Karl Upchurch**

We have Chungman Shon (Hayes Town Chapel) preaching with us. Pray for the Lord's help and encouragement.

**Quarry Bank Congregational Church, Dudley, West Midlands**

**Contact: Mr Ian Smith**

Sunday School Anniversary - We give thanks that we are blessed with a children's work as other fellowships in Quarry Bank don't have any young people.

Pray for the Church at **Newtownards, N.Ireland**

### **Monday 18th May**

**Bulkington Congregational Church, Warwickshire**

**Minister: Pastor Peter Mackenzie. Contact: Rev. Peter Beale**

Over the next 3 days we welcome pupils and staff from the local junior school to Bible Exhibition led by Paul Linnell of Open-Air Mission - a great opportunity to share the gospel and publicize Good News Club and forthcoming Holiday Bible Club.

Pray for the Church at **Ogmore Vale, Bridgend**

## **Tuesday 19th May**

### **Hayes Town Chapel, Middlesex**

**Contact: Mr John Lodge**

The occasion of our Spring Church Meeting when the Members gather to consider all that is taking place in the life of the Church and especially, to pray for some progress in a search for a new Pastor.

### **Ashford Congregational Church, Middlesex.**

**Pastor Keith Wilson**

Please pray for other members of the leadership team as they look after designated areas of the church's life - Alan, hospitality; Mike, fabric maintenance; Marty, Administrator; Rachel, small groups, Abi, youth and Mike, seniors. Give thanks and pray too for coordinator Duncan and our wonderful team of musicians who serve us by using their gifts enriching our sung worship.

Pray for the Church at **Oldbury, West Midlands**

## **Wednesday 20th May**

### **.Staines Congregational Church, Middlesex**

**Minister: Rev Nick Gray Contact: Sarah Boldero**

Please pray for our monthly coffee mornings held usually on the third Wednesday. We pray that good contacts can be made with friends and neighbours as we share fellowship together and that our love for Jesus may shine through in all we say and do.

Pray for the Church at **Paglesham, Essex**

## **Thursday 21st May**

### **Crystal Peaks Church, Sheffield, South Yorkshire**

**Minister: Martin Daniels**

This afternoon our EGG group meets (exploring God's grace). It's a mixed group of about 8, mainly retired, who meet every couple of weeks to study the scriptures. Pray that they might all grow spiritually as they study together.

Pray for the Church at **Pontefract, West Yorkshire**

## **Friday 22nd May**

**Union Congregational Church, Leigh on Sea, Essex**

**Minister: Rev. Stanford Hamberger**

As we meet each week we are looking for committed Christians to come and join us in worship and praise Almighty God. We are a small church in the middle of thirteen churches in one square mile. The diversity of worship covers all the Christian churches and a few 'out there' ones. Whilst we attempt to bring others in we are aware that big churches attract but under the present circumstances perhaps people will think about coming to a smaller church where numbers may not be so frightening.

2 Timothy 1:7 *"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."*

Pray for the Church at **Pontnewydd, Cwmbran**

## **Saturday 23rd May**

**Could your church prayer request have been here?**

Why not appoint someone from your fellowship to send a few prayer requests to [prayerfocus@efcc.org.uk](mailto:prayerfocus@efcc.org.uk) every two months?

Try and make the focus of your requests for things that will build a healthy church, like outreach and fellowship events.

There is always room for new input. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing how God answers our prayers together for His glory.

Pray for the Church at **Hyde, Greater Manchester**

## **Week Beginning Sunday 24th May**

### **Sunday 24th May**

**Alderholt Chapel, Alderholt, Dorset**

**Contact: Mr. Brian Phenna**

We are holding our yearly "Holiday Club" starting with a day to set up tomorrow, this requires as many hands as possible so much to do, then 4 days of fun and games, with a Biblical theme running through and concluding on the last day. We finish with a Family service on the Sunday. Could you please pray each day for our leaders, helpers and the safety of the children, and most of all they will go away knowing that Jesus loves them and they are very special to Him.

Pray for the Church at **St. Albans, Hertfordshire**

## **Monday 25th May**

### **Ashford Congregational Church, Middlesex.**

#### **Pastor Keith Wilson**

Give thanks with us and pray for our Toddlers Together group who meet from 10-12 on Wednesday mornings. Pray the Lord's blessing upon all the children and carers who come along, the many conversations that take place and for the committed team of leaders

### **Latimer Congregational Church, Beverley, East Yorkshire**

#### **Minister Rev Iain Clements Contact Mr Anthony Harrison**

Pray for summer preparations Holiday at Home (over 60's) early July, and for Soccer School during summer holidays to be held late July) and work with adults every fortnight through football.

Pray for the Church at **St. Ives, Cornwall**

## **Tuesday 26th May**

### **The EFCC Office**

Please pray for Paul and David in all the administrative tasks they perform for EFCC. Pray for good health and organised minds and stamina in dealing with the size and scale of the work especially concerning the Charity Commission.

Pray for their families and spiritual life too.

Remember our Ministry Director, Tom Brand, and the Trust Board and Committee members in the oversight of fellowship matters.

Pray for the Church at **St. Briavels, Gloucestershire**

## **Wednesday 27th May**

### **Honiton Evangelical Congregational Church, Devon**

#### **Minister: Mike Plant Contact: Karl Upchurch**

Pray for us as we try to arrange a programme of evangelistic meetings. The arrangements this year have been particularly frustrating as more than one date arranged has fallen through. Pray that the Lord will overrule this for our good and the good of the gospel.

### **Staines Congregational Church, Middlesex**

#### **Minister: Rev Nick Gray Contact: Sarah Boldero**

Please pray for our AGM when we reflect of God's goodness over the previous year but also look forward to what He is going to do in the coming year. We will be thanking those deacons who are standing down and welcoming those newly voted in as deacons. We pray that the new body of deacons will be given wisdom as they work with the Elders to seek His way forward for the church to His glory.

Pray for the Church at **Wivilscombe, Somerset**

### **Thursday 28th May**

**Union Congregational Church, Leigh on Sea, Essex**

**Minister: Rev. Stanford Hamberger**

Our minister, Stan, has had several engagements at other churches where he is allowed to preach to differing groups of people. Some of these have been cancelled due to the fear that is upon us all at this time. Please pray that his work may continue throughout the year. Thanks to Rochford Congregational Church for their help and support to Union and we pray for their ministers and deacons as they seek to reach out to the people of Rochford. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers.

Joel 2:21 *“Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things.”*

Pray for the Church at **Westerham, Kent**

### **Friday 29th May**

**Morley Community Church, West Yorkshire**

**Contact: Dr Ray Baker**

Our local town newspaper closed last summer. A new newspaper was launched in November and the editor is very supportive of our work – he has published an article and photograph every week since its inception on something our church is doing. Give thanks for this and pray that this press coverage will result in good relationships and openings for the gospel message.

Pray for the Church at **Great Chesterford, Essex**

### **Saturday 30th May**

**Rochford Congregational Church, Essex**

**Ministers: Rev. David Saunders & Rev. Andrew Leach**

Pray for us as we are seeking to have a special weekend of outreach where a tapestry made by local residents will be on display celebrating 1000 years of local history. We are thankful to God that we have been in the heart of the community for over 300 years of this time. Pray that many visitors will come not only to see the finished tapestry but to hear the unchanging gospel message.

Pray for the Church at **Ashford, Middlesex**

# **Week Beginning Sunday 31st May**

## **Sunday 31st May**

**Village Temple, Congregational Church, Mynydd Isa, Flintshire**

**Contact: Mr Russell Taylor**

With give thanks for our Pastor and for all he does in the church; often going beyond the call of duty.

Pray for the Church at **Rochford, Essex**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds  
in Christ Jesus”  
(Philippians 4.6-7)

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**the 15<sup>th</sup> of the second month**

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