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# PRAYER CALENDAR

April 2011

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This Prayer Calendar is provided to encourage us to pray for one another within the fellowship of Affinity.

Information is provided each month by our Partners, Associates and Churches. If you wish information for prayer to be included in the Prayer Calendar please send it to us at least 10 days before the end of the month in which you would like it to appear.

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- 1 Pray for the **Free Church of Scotland's** Spring Conference at Aviemore this weekend. The main speakers are Iain D Campbell and Norman MacKay. Pray that the weekend will be a real encouragement to all who attend.

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  - 2 Pray for the **First International Presbyterian Church Presbytery of England** church plants in York, Camden Town and Canada Water. Give thanks for encouragements in each of these congregations but please pray that they would grow and be able to become financially self-sufficient.

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  - 3 Give thanks for the constant flow of visitors since **Crowded House** moved their gathering into a more central part of Sheffield. Please pray that the gospel would save, capture and transform these people as they get involved in their communities

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  - 4 Pray for **Christ Church, Southampton's** contact with international students this month while UK students are at home. Pray that A from Iran will come to our Easter weekend trip to the New Forest.

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  - 5 This year the **Evangelical Housing Association** has four applications for help with housing from 3 ministers due to retire and one missionary coming back to the UK. Funding is quite an issue. Please pray for the quick sale of an empty bungalow near Frinton-on-Sea which is now surplus to requirements.

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  - 6 Pray for the **Christians at Work** Christian Fellowship which is meeting at lunch time today at the Ford Motor Co Dunton, Essex. Pray, too, for other fellowships which meet in place of work that they will encourage an effective witness in the work place.

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  - 7 **Go Teach** has recently appointed a new Art Editor who, after a period of training, will oversee all the visual elements of the work. Thank God for the evidence of his blessing upon the work thus far and pray for effective utilisation of new opportunities.

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  - 8 This month **London Theological Seminary** will be considering applications for the coming year. Please pray that the Lord would call men to gospel ministry, through the churches. Please pray for those considering such a call and applying to train at LTS, and for the LTS staff considering applications.

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  - 9 Pray for Richard Underwood, the Chairman of the Affinity Council, in his ministry as the Pastoral Director of **FIEC**. Richard travels many miles to visit pastors and churches. Pray for safety in travel and wisdom in giving advice and encouragement to those who seek his help.
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**10** Please pray for **Daylight Christian Prison Trust's** exhibition at New Word Alive from 10-15th April in Wales. Pray that many people would be interested in what Daylight does and want to find out how they too can support the work of taking the Gospel to prisoners across the UK.

Pray, too, for the **Crosslinks** series of seminars at New Word Alive on world mission in the context of suffering. Pray that all participants would have a clearer understanding of the contexts of God's children around the world so that they are motivated to contend, pray, give and even go.

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**11** Pray for the trustees of an **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches as they meet on 19 April**. Pray for Mike Plant, the General Secretary, as he gives leadership to the Fellowship.

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**12** Pray for the **Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East)** as they seek a Gospel Worker/Church Grower for the Gateway Project in Kent, Thameside and Ebbsfleet. Remember Nigel Hoad and others involved in leading this project.

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**13** Pray for Christians and churches undertaking special evangelistic outreaches at Easter. Some will be using John Blanchard's book "Why the Cross?" published by **Evangelical Press**. Pray that the meaning of the Cross will become real to many people for the first time.

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**14** Please pray for **Little Hill Church** in Wigston, Leicestershire, who are holding a men's ploughman's meal tomorrow evening. The speaker is Cliff Harries. Usually 30-40 men come, a good number of whom are not yet Christians.

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**15** Please pray for the **UFM** Scottish Conference which takes place at Pitlochry in Scotland from 15-17 April. Pray that all those in attending would be uplifted and envisioned through the ministry of God's word and the missionary reports.

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**16** Pray for the 'Celebrate Africa' conference being held by **Africa Inland Mission** at Emmanuel Church, South Croydon today. Pray that all who come will gain an insight into the vibrancy of many of the churches in Africa.

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**17** Pray for the meeting of **Jubilee Centre's** education steering group on 18th April that discussions would deepen understanding of the biblical teaching of relevance to contemporary challenges in education.

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**18** **Aontas** (formerly the Association of Irish Evangelical Churches) ask us to pray for Easter outreaches across Ireland. These are difficult days in Ireland as they face a serious economic crisis. Pray that people will be open to hear the Gospel.

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**19** **Norwich Reformed Church** have a preaching conference over the next three days. Please pray for the speakers – subjects include the preaching of John Calvin, John Bunyan, Richard Baxter and JC Ryle – and that the Lord would be glorified.

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**20** Pray for the Nantes Go Team from the **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland** which will be working with the RPC in Nantes from 16-25 April. Pray that the ministry of the team will be a real encouragement to Malcolm and Muriel Ball and the congregation in Nantes.

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# 21

Pray for Lewis and Sarah Allen as they seek to plant a new church in Huddersfield in fellowship with the **Yorkshire Gospel Partnership**. Huddersfield is a town of 150,000 people, making it the 10th largest town in England. Many people in Huddersfield are from ethnic minorities.

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# 22

**Iden Green Congregational Church** in Kent has had a vacancy for a manager for their own nursery school for some years. At last they have a couple of applicants. Please pray for the governing council to have much wisdom in decision making.

Pray, too, for **Blenheim Free Church, Maidenhead**, for current discussions as they seek to appoint a pastor. They believe this is a key factor in the development of the Lord's work there.

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# 23

Pray for the Nehemiah Project being run by **Barnabas Fund**. The project is working for the transformation of our increasingly secular society. Pray that the project will make Christians more aware of the challenges we confronting us that we will be better equipped to face them.

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# 24

Pray for the **Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales'** new church in Sheffield. The work began in September 2010 and meets at the large Meadowhall shopping complex. Pray for Kevin Bidwell who leads this new work.

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# 25

Pray for **Asia Link** in their various ministries amongst the unreached people of Asia. Pray especially for the protection of those working in countries where Christian minorities are persecuted for their faith.

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# 26

Pray for **United Beach Missions** as they prepare and plan for the 90 weeks of summer missions. Permissions, literature, prizes, leadership allocation, filling teams are just some of the many tasks that need doing. They would like to see the number of team members increase from 870 to 1000.

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# 27

Pray for the Walk Thru the Bible day conference being held by the **Apostolic Church** on 30 April at Burnt Oak Christian Fellowship, Edgware. The subject for the day is 'The Old Testament.'

Pray, too, for **Christ Church, Teddington**, that God would send and inspire the people, the spiritual, and the financial support they need to get the buildings and Trusts sorted effectively.

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# 28

Pray for the staff and students at **Wales Evangelical School of Theology** as they prepare for their exams. Final year students are still seeking a call to pastoral ministry. Pray, too, for the new Gospel Partnership with SaRang Community Church in South Korea – that the Lord will enable them to fulfil the huge vision that lies behind it. For more details visit WEST website.

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# 29

Pray for the **Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales** annual House Party this weekend at Hebron Hall. The theme of the weekend is 'Followers of Christ.' Many of those who attend belong to small congregations in the South Wales Valley. Pray that they will be encouraged by the ministry and fellowship of the weekend.

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# 30

Pray for the **Association of Grace Baptist Churches (East Anglia)** as they hold their Annual Business Meeting and Annual General Meeting at Stowmarket today. Pray that the meeting will be an encouragement to the churches in their witness to the towns and villages of East Anglia.

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