

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 **Oak Hill College** as they continue to mourn the loss of Mike Ovey as their much-loved Principal, and pray for Dan Strange (Acting Principal) with all his other commitments.
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- 2** There has been a prayer meeting for Christian leaders in South Wales, focused specifically on our need for revival, for the last 49 years. The next one is this morning, 9.30-noon at the **Evangelical Movement of Wales** Offices, Waterton Cross, Bridgend.
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- 3** **Blenheim Free Church (FIEC), Maidenhead**, begin a "Life Explored" course this month, hoping that some of the families who have come to Messy Church will join the course and come to faith. Pray that this might be so.
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- 4** Mike Frith of **OSCAR** is running a re-entry course in Gloucester today for those returning from the mission field. Pray that all who attend will find this a really helpful day in their adjustment to life back in the UK.
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- 5** "The tragic death of the Reverend Iain D. Campbell has cast a gloom over the island of Lewis such as it has never known in my lifetime" wrote Prof Donald Macleod on January 30 after his death two days before. Pray for the **Free Church of Scotland** at this time of loss, for Point Free Church and for Iain's family and friends.
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- 6** Please pray for the **Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches** National Recognition Team as it meets today to consider new churches joining the Fellowship & men joining its Pastors' Network.
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- 7** Please continue to pray for the Chibok girls abducted several years ago by Boko Haram and for their grieving families. Although a few girls have escaped or been released, many remain in the hands of their cruel captors. **Barnabas Fund** requests prayer for the Nigerian government, that they should reinforce their efforts to liberate the young women. Please also remember the support projects to assist the families and a violence-stricken region.
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- 8** Please pray for **AECW** churches in Blaina, Caergwrle and Cardiff, who are seeking new pastors. Please pray for clear guidance for the churches and for the men who are being considered.
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- 9** Give thanks for the senior staff appointments to **Crosslinks** that are working well. Pray for the new dynamics involved and for adequate accompaniment in these early days.
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- 10** **The International Presbyterian Church (IPC)** has two missionary couples from the USA who are having difficulties getting the Home Office to renew their documentation. Pray they maybe able to continue the Lord's work here and not to have to return home to the USA.
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Christian Concern ask us to pray for the new Ofsted Chief, Amanda Spielman. She has just appointed the old Head of Education at Stonewall, Luke Tryl, as her Director of Corporate Strategy. Pray for him, and pray that God would block and frustrate the designs of the enemy to use him to impose LGBT ideology on our children.

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Pray for the Shaftesbury Reformed Conference on 15 February in Shaftesbury Square **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland** (Belfast). The theme is 'Reformation Then and Now'. Gareth Burke (EPCI) will speak on 'The Life and Work of Luther' and David McKay (RPC) will speak on 'Five Truths that Shook the World'.

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The Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East) give thanks for the appointment of many new pastors. They are however, aware of the need to train the next generation too. Pray that the Lord would call men into the ministry from their churches.

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Please pray for plans being made now for a **Grace Baptist Partnership** week of evangelism in Halling, Maidstone and Ryarsh in June.

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Gospel for Asia ask us to pray for Sisters of Compassion. Sweeping dirty slum streets and washing tiny bodies are just a few ways these compassionate women missionaries serve. Conversations flow and hearts are opened as they talk with women in the villages. The ones tending the wounds of leprosy patients, feeding the poor and helping victims of natural catastrophes—these are the Sisters of Compassion.

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Please pray for the council of **UFM Worldwide** as they prepare to interview for a new Director. Pray for the Lord to give clear wisdom and leading for the right person to be appointed.

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Please pray for the **Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches** in its Church Revitalisation initiative, for small churches wanting revitalisation and large churches supporting them.

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Pray for **Brian Edwards**, preaching tomorrow at Alfold Chapel, Surrey.

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Pray for the **Jubilee Centre** as they hold a day conference in Cambridge on February 25: *Reform or revolution – unlocking the power of biblical law*, with main speaker Jonathan Burnside. Free tickets at: <http://www.jubilee-centre.org/reform-revolution/>

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Peterhead Congregational Church ask us to pray for the continued work of evangelism in Peterhead, building on the BGEA mission last year with Will Graham. Pray that the churches will continue to seek the will of God as they plan for the future.

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Pray for the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches** (EFCC) Trust Board, meeting today at Bulkington Congregational Church, for wisdom and faith in all their deliberations.

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Please pray for the products the **Good Book Company** are releasing this Spring, that each book or resource will, under God, encourage, strengthen and build up Christians and churches and show Christ to unbelievers. Please pray they would stay faithful to that goal and work at it with passion and godliness.

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New Life Church, Middlesbrough, have recently been asked to lead morning assemblies at a local school, The Kings Academy. Although this is a state school, it has a strong Christian ethos and a number of committed Christian staff. Pray that the church may serve the school, staff and students well and that the school will be able to continue as a Christian witness in the

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Daylight Christian Prison Trust give thanks for recent encouragements at their Bible studies where prisoners are listening attentively and asking good questions. Please pray that as they hear God's Word each week, their hearts and lives would be changed.

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Time for Change Ministries will be in the Philippines from today until 18 March running Christianity Explored in a women's jail. Pray that the Lord would be at work in many of the women who will come along and that many would come to faith.

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Pray for Stuart at **True Freedom Trust** as he leads the project to revamp and redesign their website, that he will find suitable people who can provide professional input into the new design and functionality.

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Pray for the Southern Presbytery of the **Free Church of Scotland (continuing)** as they meet (D.V.) in Shettleston Free Church (Continuing) today at 5.00pm for Examination of Congregational Records and at 7.00pm for Ordinary Business.

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Pray for the **Affinity** Theological Study Conference which begins tomorrow with speakers David Green, Chris Bennett, Paul Helm, Lee Gatiss, John, Stevens and David McKay.

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