

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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Pray for **Grove Chapel**, Camberwell, London, as they try to reach contrasting communities in the local area, including both the very wealthy and the very needy.

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Pray for **Crossteach** as they respond to the ongoing situation in Tunbridge Wells (see the news section of the Affinity website for details). Pray for humility, wisdom and courage. Pray for them also as they review their communications to ensure they are able to present their work more effectively and transparently as they serve local schools with integrity and diligence.

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Cuckfield Baptist Church ask us to pray that they would be faithful, bold witnesses for Christ in their village and the surrounding area of Mid-Sussex.

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Pray for **Union School of Theology's** new Provost, Ian Shaw, as he settles into his role. Also, pray for their President, Michael Reeves, as he prepares to speak at the FIEC Leaders conference and then travels to Jakarta to speak at a conference on the Reformation.

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The **International Presbyterian Church** gives thanks for four new elders to be ordained at their Ealing (London) congregation today. Pray that these men will be equipped to serve faithfully in the days to come.

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Pray for an encouraging time at the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches** Ministers' Prayer Conference, starting today until Thursday at Willersley Castle, Derbyshire.

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True Freedom Trust give thanks for a great time of teaching, fellowship and encouragement at their recent National Conference. Pray for Jonathan Berry who is going back into local church ministry and so will be stepping down as Director on 1 March 2018. Pray for succession planning.

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Pray for **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** and for the prisoners who hear the gospel through their regular services and Bible studies in prisons, that they would be challenged by the messages they hear.

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UBM are so encouraged to hear several stories of people they met in the summer who have subsequently been converted. Please pray for the team members in touch with these people.

10 **Barnabas Fund** would like to request our prayers for Christian refugees and Internally Displaced Persons - who number millions around the world. South Sudan, Eritrea, Syria and Iraq provide some of the most obvious examples. Pray for peace and justice for those driven from their homes by conflict, persecution or sectarian threats. Please also pray for the many initiatives taken to provide aid and support to those who have lost virtually everything physical.

11 The **Evangelical Movement of Wales'** Welsh Camp Reunion takes place today at Bala, North Wales. Pray that their time together would strengthen friendships and reinforce the spiritual work done in many lives during the summer.

12 The **FIEC** annual Leaders' Conference starts tomorrow in Torquay, with 800 people in attendance. Pray for a great time of ministry, encouragement and equipping for church leaders.

13 Pray for the **AECW** Ministers' Consultation, taking place today and tomorrow, which will be considering the opportunities and challenges facing evangelical churches in Wales. Pray that the ministers will be encouraged by their time together.

14 Pray for **ReachAcross'** deputation at Brunel University CU today, that students will be stirred to consider the needs of the Muslim majority nations and pray, give and go.

15 **OSCAR**, along with other partners, is taking part in a number of University Christian Union Mission evenings across the South West in November and December. Pray that students will hear God's call on their lives.

16 Pray for the need for a new minister to fill the vacancy at Crosscollyer **Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ireland** (in North Belfast), that the Lord would provide for his people there.

17 **Christian Concern** give thanks to God for another successful Wilberforce Academy and for creativity, wisdom and resources. Pray for the delegates as they work through how to apply what they have learnt in their own careers and spheres of influence.

18 **York Evangelical Church** are thankful that their property on South Bank Avenue, from which they do various kinds of community work, is proving to be of real benefit. Pray for those that they meet there, that they would take the next step and come to the church gathering and be granted repentance and faith as they meet the Word, Acts 13:44.

19 **Christian Focus Publications** ask for prayer for Rosanna Burton and Margaret Roberts who are joining the Christian Focus team, that their opportunity to minister through Christian literature would bring glory to God.

20 Pray for all **SASRA** staff and Executive Director Andrew Hill, as they meet for their annual Workers Conference, 20-23 November, for blessing, encouragement and God's leading as they consider the Association's direction, and reflect on the goals and vision for 2018.

21 Pray for the **Good Book Company's** *The Littlest Watchman*, a children's book and Advent calendar that follows a boy who waits for and then witnesses the first Christmas. Please pray it would help children to get excited by the nativity story all over again and see how Jesus' coming was promised long before.

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The **Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East)** ask us to pray for The Village church, a relaunch/plant project in Greenwich. Chad Rigney is team leader and has been sowing seeds in evangelism for several months. The key need is for team members to serve the many types of people in the area. There are lots of students; young professionals have moved in to the many new housing developments; it is very multicultural; and there are many local Londoners. Pray for workers and provision of housing.

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Pray for **Gospel for Asia's** Leprosy Ministry: bringing love and life to people suffering with leprosy. Today, leprosy is shattering thousands of lives worldwide, especially in Asia. Although treatable, people in Asia who live with this disease are commonly shunned by society and are driven to seclusion. Through GFA-supported leprosy ministry, Sisters of Compassion and other national workers are ministering to the needs of leprosy patients in Asia, bestowing dignity to those whom others have rejected.

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Ulverston Grace Baptist Church would value prayer for their special Reformation event on November 25 with guest speaker Phil Arthur from Lancaster. They also give thanks to God for a new spirit amongst the members for prayer and outreach after a period of intense difficulty.

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Pray for Andrew Roycroft and Barry King as they speak at the **Grace Baptist Partnership** Effective Evangelism Conference at Lower Ford Street Baptist Church in Coventry today.

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Sharing Christ Internationally requests prayer for the task of adapting a recent Bible translation into other dialects. SCI also prays God will supply additional mission board members, trustees and volunteers of all sorts and a variety of skills, in the UK, to serve in facilitating mission abroad. No foreign language skills are required and much can be done by home computer.

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Tots2teens ask prayer for their plans for joint events with Answers in Genesis in 2018, helping children to cope with what they hear in school that challenges a biblical account of creation. Pray that churches will get on board with these events.

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Blenheim Free Church, Maidenhead, ask us to pray for those who come regularly to their Messy Church and Thursday Lunch and have heard the gospel many times, that they may have their hearts opened to respond in repentance and faith.

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Peterhead Congregational Church ask prayer for the joint venture among local evangelical churches with BGEA in helping individuals to share their faith. As they explore personal evangelism, pray that many will come to share and that through sharing the name of Jesus will be spread.

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Pray for **Crosslinks** trustees as they work out how to relate to official Anglican structures in the UK and around the world in their desire to see Christ proclaimed where he has not been named.

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