

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** **Tots2teens** ask us to pray for their “summer special” day camp today for ages 4-11, including Bible teaching, games, songs, crafts and loads more.
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- 2** **Little Hill Church**, Leicestershire, have a very busy month ahead. They would value prayer for: International Students’ service (3rd), men’s evangelistic Scalextric evening! (9th), ‘Replacing Darwin’ tour with Dr Nathaniel Jeanson of Answers in Genesis (10th), men’s evangelistic breakfast and senior citizens’ tea (16th). Pray for gospel opportunities and for stamina for the church family.
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- 3** **ReachAcross** ask us to pray for Caleb and Pip who are preparing to leave for long-term service in Central Asia. They still have a long way to go to reach their financial target so have deferred their start date. Please pray that they will receive the necessary support. Pray too for the Lord to prepare them and their three small children in every way for this major transition.
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- 4** This month Mike Frith of **OSCAR** is on a part-sabbatical and part-ministry visit to the USA. Pray for good encounters with supporting churches and potential partners.
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- 5** Please pray for wisdom at the meeting of the **FIEC** National Recognition Team today which will consider applications from churches and pastors to the Fellowship.
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- 6** Pray for **Grace Baptist Church**, Ulverston: “We are beginning some new initiatives in outreach this year after a very difficult period in our church. We are recovering well but we realise we must get the gospel out to our community. To that end, we have started monthly Saturday morning drop-in coffee mornings and distributing new publicity to every home in the town (about 5000 homes).”
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- 7** **Blenheim Free Church**, Maidenhead, pray that the church will be more outwardly focused as a result of their ‘away day’ on 9 June. John Ross will lead two sessions on ‘Developing gospel conversations’ and ‘Developing a culture of evangelism’.
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- 8** Please pray for a **Grace Baptist Partnership** day conference on Monday 11 June at Dunstable Baptist Church. Michael Haykin, Barry King and Robert Strivens will address the theme ‘*Association: Rediscovering and Renewing Interdependency among Baptist Churches*’.
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- 9** Pray for Bethel Evangelical Church, Nelson, an **AECW** church, as their new pastor Dave Cox is inducted today. Pray for Dave and his wife, Ros, and their children as they settle into a new ministry and new home and begin getting to know the congregation and community.
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The annual Synod of the **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland** takes place from 11-13 June in Ballylaggan RP Church, Co. Londonderry. Please pray for wisdom and the direction of the Holy Spirit in all discussions.

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The Ministers' Conference of the **Evangelical Movement of Wales (EMW)** will be taking place from today until Wednesday. Pray that the pastors who attend will be encouraged and blessed as they sit under the ministry of Jonathan Thomas.

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The **Crosslinks** AGM today features apprenticeship training ministry in East Africa; pray that this leads to greater commitment to discipling servant leaders in that region. The Global Anglican Future Conference takes place in Jerusalem 17-23 June focusing on 'Proclaiming Christ faithfully to the nations'. Pray that more of that will occur.

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Africa Inland Mission (AIM) ask us to pray for churches in Central Mozambique that often lack trained leadership. Syncretism is common, with some leaders blending different ideas and beliefs into their Christianity, because they don't know how to apply Bible truths to their lives. Pray that Mozambican Christians will be disciplined towards faithfulness and integrity.

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Please pray for the **SASRA** 180th Anniversary events that are taking place in various churches this month and for the Supporters Weekend at Willersley Castle, Derbyshire from 15-17 June.

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Sewing, weaving and candle-making are most often seen as hobbies enjoyed here in the West. But for many women in Asia, these "hobbies" can be a genuine source of income to help feed families. Pray for **Gospel for Asia**-supported vocational training which offers women a sense of dignity, teaching them skills that can lead to financial stability.

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Pray today for **FIEC** National Director John Stevens as he speaks at a weekend away with Moorlands Church, Lancaster.

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Hafan is a holiday for Welsh speaking adults run by the **Evangelical Movement of Wales (EMW)** held at Bala, north Wales from 18-23 June. Pray for Geraint Morse who will be leading this event.

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Pray for those attending the Trust Board Meeting of the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)** tomorrow, for wisdom as they seek to deal with the business before them.

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SOLAS are today leading an apologetics conference for the Salvation Army training college in London. Pray for all attending to be better equipped to speak for the Lord in our secular culture.

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Pray for **True Freedom Trust** as they hold their London day conference, "Finding Intimacy" on 23 June, in collaboration with Living Out, for Christians who experience same-sex temptations along with their friends, family, church leaders and youth workers. Pray for speakers, Ed Shaw, Rob Wood and Tim Keller. <http://truefreedomtrust.co.uk/index.php/finding-intimacy-2018>

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Barnabas Fund would like to thank all those who have prayed for Pakistani Christians working in the brick-kilns in that country, and who supported the project to release them from long-term debt and 'bonded' labour. The response has been incredible, and over 230 families have been freed so far. Praise the Lord that one employer was so moved by the pitiful state of Kausar and her five children, that when she tried to pay the debt he forgave it for free, and the Barnabas money was then used to free another family.

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Time For Change Ministries ask us to remember those who are in prison for the first time and those who are in for the twentieth time; those who are missing their family and those who have no family or friends outside; those who are looking forward to release and those who know they will soon return to prison after release. Time for Change worker Gillian is attending several courses this month; pray that she will learn well and apply what is learnt to her own ministry.

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Pray for **Brian Edwards**, preaching this weekend at Walmer Chapel, Deal in Kent, for ministry at Sunday services and a café a 11.00am on Saturday on *Evidence for the Bible*.

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Please pray for the **Good Book Company** as they work on an initiative to encourage reading. They long for individual Christians and whole churches to grow in their love for Christ, through the renewing of their minds - and reading great Christian books that open up God's word is a really good way to do that. Please pray the Lord would help them as they seek to get this message across and be an encouragement to their brothers and sisters.

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Pray for the **International Presbyterian Church's** new plant, Christchurch Romford, which started this Easter, that it may prosper and grow under the Lord's blessing.

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Several men from the **Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East)** are exploring training for ministry/mission. Pray for wisdom as churches consider them. Pray for provision of necessary funding.

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Cuckfield Baptist Church give thanks to the Lord for two recent professions of faith. Pray that they will disciple them well and that they will be faithful to the Lord.

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Daylight Christian Prison Trust are thankful for the opportunities they have had to share the gospel with prisoners through Christianity Explored and Life Explored courses recently. Please pray that God would use these courses to speak to them.

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New Life Church Middlesbrough ask prayer for the many unbelievers attending their events and services. The church needs help in witnessing to and discipling these people. Pray for more workers to join them.

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Emmanuel Church Canterbury give thanks for their recent church weekend away and how the Lord is building them up in faith and love. Pray for a children and youth worker to be found to develop their outreach to the next generation.

If you would like more information about the Affinity Partners and Associates mentioned in the Prayer Calendar, you will find their website addresses on the Affinity website – www.affinity.org.uk.

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