

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 member agencies, churches and organisations. We also include prayer requests from churches within our wider network. 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.

This Prayer Calendar is our summer edition which spans over two months and has prayer requests on alternate days. We'll return to a daily calendar in October 2022.

August 2022

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- 1** **UFM** are excited to be able to meet in person for their Summer Conference for the first time in three years. Please pray for a wonderful time of sharing and fellowship and for George Hawkins as he takes the main Bible ministry this week (1-5 August) at Swanwick.
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- 3** Pray for **Gospel for Asia** as they have been exhibiting at the New Wine United conference this week. Pray that many people would have attended their stand, learned about the vital work Gospel for Asia does and signed up to support them in prayer and financially.
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- 5** Please pray for the **Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland** junior camps happening currently (30 July - 6 August). Pray for the leaders' teaching and example, and pray that young lives will be transformed by God's Word.
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- 7** Pray for the team of **SASRA** Scripture Readers as they get alongside participants of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo happening this month (5-27 August). Pray the Holy Spirit would lead them to the right people and ask that they would have boldness in embracing opportunities to share the gospel. Ask that the gospel seed sown would fall upon good soil.
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- 9** Please pray for **Fressingfield Baptist Church's** children's holiday club which runs this week (8 - 12 August). Please pray for all the volunteer staff – several of whom will be stepping outside their comfort zone to tell Bible stories, and help with crafts and other activities. Pray that children will keep turning up each day and for the Lord to speak and save many of them.
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- 11** Please pray for David and Hannah who are exhibiting for **Daylight Christian Prison Trust** at this year's Aber Conference (6th-13th August). Pray that the Lord will bless conversations about Daylight and more people will hear about this important prison ministry.
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- 13** **Cornerstone Adoption and Fostering Services** are currently looking for a new CEO. Please pray for this process. The deadline for applications is next week (19 August), pray for a good number of suitable applicants so that Cornerstone can select the best person to lead them into the future.
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- 14** This month **Little Hill Church, Leicester** celebrates 50 years of existence. Pray for the next phase in the life of our church as they consider the leadership and workers needed to continue serving the Lord in Leicester.
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- 15** **Christian Safeguarding Services** are holding interviews this month for freelance consultants and trainers, please pray that they will make wise appointments to these key positions.
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17 Pray for the progression of **ReachAcross's** hoped-for expansion into Albania. Key people need to be in place in order to help oversee this project. Please pray for the Lord to guide the appointment and anointing of all leaders and workers involved. Pray for the Muslim peoples of Albania, that they will hear the gospel clearly and be saved. Pray for the progression of ReachAcross's hoped-for expansion into Albania. Key people need to be in place in order to help oversee this project. Please pray for the Lord to guide the appointment and anointing of all leaders and workers involved. Pray for the Muslim peoples of Albania, that they will hear the gospel clearly and be saved.

19 The **Free Church of Scotland** ask that we pray for the tourists who pass through Scottish island communities over the summer, that they would see the beauty of our Creator through the witness of creation and the beauty of our Saviour through our Christian witness.

21 At the end of July, **Upton Baptist Church, Chester's** pastor Dave Stott helped lead a Christian Camps in Wales summer youth camp. Pray that many of the young people who attended would have been challenged by the gospel messages they heard and will turn to the Lord.

23 **Frontiers** ask we pray for the Saharawi people in Western Sahara and those in Algeria that live as refugees. There are very few workers amongst these formerly nomadic, desert people and they need to hear the gospel. Pray for more workers to go there and for the small number of believers to find better acceptance in society. Pray for whole families, heads of households and men of influence to find Christ. More information: see 'Pray Now' on the Frontiers website.

25 During August, while **Blenheim Free Church, Maidenhead's** pastor is on sabbatical, Richard Lawrence, minister in training from Carey Baptist Church in Reading has been preaching. Please thank our Lord for Richard's willingness to serve Blenheim Free Church and that it will have also been great preparation for his future ministry.

26 **The Fellowship of Independent Churches (FIEC)** have £500k to grant towards mission activities in local churches. Please ask God for wisdom as they read through applications and start the decision process of where the funding will go.

27 Please pray for preparations for the Wilberforce Academy, run by **Christian Concern**, which will take place in the first week of September. Pray for all the arrangements and practicalities and that it would be a transformative experience for all the delegates as they learn about a Christian perspective on the cultural pressures we are facing in the UK.

29 Pray for the Junior Anglican Evangelical Conference (JAEC), run by **Church Society**, on the theme of 'The Household of God', from 30 August - 1 September. Pray also for Church Society's AGM on 31 August (at JAEC). Pray for speakers, organisation, and usefulness of the conference for junior evangelicals as they seek to contend for the gospel in the Church of England.

31 Please continue to pray for staff recruitment in **Cornerstone Adoption and Fostering Services'** business support and social work teams as well as for new Panel Members in the Tees Valley region and new Trustees to strengthen our dedicated Board. Cornerstone are particularly in need of a new Administrator and Social Worker for their Doncaster team, based at our Head Office near Doncaster airport but covering the whole region.

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Pray for **Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales** church Mount Elim, Pontardawe, near Swansea, and for their pastor Steffan Jones. The church is involved in constructing a new church building that will greatly enhance their ability to serve the community. It is an ambitious project for a small congregation and the recent increases in the cost of building materials are a challenge.

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Please pray for the family of **York Evangelical Church** as they grieve the loss of two members, including a former elder who went to be with the Lord recently. Please also pray for their new Ministry Trainee (Matt, and his wife Rhian) who will be starting work and study this month.

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Please pray for Therfield Chapel (part of the **Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches**) where Paul Dutton was inducted as the new pastor last month. Give thanks with us for God's goodness and pray that the ministry will flourish, that the saints will be built up, that sinners will be saved, and that the Lord will have all the glory.

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Give thanks to the Lord for the **Free Church of Scotland** church plants that are taking place in communities across Scotland. Pray for the vision for 30 new churches by 2030 and the vision for a healthy gospel church for every community in that God will make the paths straight and preparations will run smoothly.

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Please pray that **Edward Connor Solicitors'** wonderful and hardworking staff team will have enjoyed a restful, refreshing holiday over the summer.

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Pray that **Peterhead Congregational Church's** continuing work with young people will continue to be blessed by the Lord, Pray that those who are enquiring about the Christian Faith will take the step to Jesus Christ and pray for those who are seeking believer's baptism.

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The unreached Karimojong people live in Karamoja, northeast Uganda. **Africa Inland Mission** shares: 'There is widespread insecurity throughout Karamoja, from armed raiding, robbery and road ambushes. Government disarmament has recently begun. Pray for peace, for the army who are trying to address the situation, for leaders of all levels, pray for those who are suffering from these cycles of violence, and for those committing the violence.'

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Please rejoice with **Childs Hill Baptist Church** and give praise to God. They are full of thanksgiving that after a few hiccoughs they now have planning permission for the big building project they wish to see implemented. They can now begin on the technical phase, for which most of the money needed is now in, thanks in part to the generosity of other churches. Much more money will be needed but they are looking to the Lord.

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Mission Care ask that we please remember the care sector generally as they, uniquely, continue to be subject to Covid guidance and regulations. And please pray that Mission Care will be salt and light and a positive witness to residents, relatives, staff and healthcare agencies.

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The **Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East)** thank the Lord for the provision of a new pastor, Steve Whitton at College Park Baptist Chapel, Lewisham London. They also thank the Lord for a new Church plant, Hope Chapel Haslemere in Guildford which was formed last month.

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Please pray for a new publication, Christmas Praise, which the **Praise Trust** plan to publish this autumn, that this will serve churches well as they proclaim Christ's incarnation this Christmas.

24 Give thanks to God that a number of new Hong Kong British National Overseas families have joined **East London Christian Fellowship** recently. Pray that they will be able to settle in the church quickly and find true fellowship there.

26 Pray for those involved in stewarding **True Freedom Trust's** finances as they, like many, face increased running costs this financial year. Pray for wisdom in their financial planning, and thank God for all his provision during the last 45 years of their ministry. Give thanks for the growing number of True Freedom Trust support groups that meet both online and in various locations across the UK. Pray they would continue to be places of safety for those reconciling their faith and sexuality and that conversations would be encouraging and God-glorifying.

28 Join with **Africa Inland Mission** praising God for new believers in the Indian Ocean Islands! Pray that God will protect them from the enemy and that they will know God's joy over them as his children. Please pray for those who will be discipling them in their new faith as they help these new believers discover day by day what it means to follow Jesus.

30 Please pray for the smooth preparation and the Lord's blessing on the upcoming **Association of Grace Baptist Churches (South East)** Association Day (including AGM) which will be held tomorrow (1 October) at Homerton Baptist Church. Pray for fruitful discussions and wisdom in decision making.

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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