

THE PRAYER AND PRAISE MONITOR

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Breakout 1

Rector – Will Pearson Gee



My prayer points for prayer and praise Wisdom as we navigate a 'new normal' with churches

open but the virus rampant. Protection over us all but especially the people we need to run services.

Our plans for 2021

A vaccine roll-out to be accelerated

Our children and teachers

For us not to lose sight of our rock and our salvation.

Breakout 1

Mission & Outreach – Keith Croxton



Food Bank Please give thanks for the food bank team for their commitment,

fortitude and self sacrifice in delivering food parcels throughout a challenging year, the busiest since the food bank opened.

During December there will be around 60 special Christmas food parcels being delivered to needy families in the community on top of the normal referrals/requests.

Please pray for the packing of all the parcels, the delivery and good conversations on the doorsteps. There will also be literature included from the

church sharing the good news of Christmas so pray the Lord will bless this whole exercise and lives will be touched by God's love in action.

The Centre

Please pray for the new initiatives taking place in The Centre:

Sew Lovely - Pop up Prayer - Kick Start

and **give thanks** for the hirers who remain loyal and are slowly being able to start their groups again in December.

Community

Can we **please pray** for those families struggling this Christmas time in our community because of redundancy, loneliness, loss of loved ones, financial pressures, many as a result of covid. And **pray** for all those from our community working in the Health Service as covid will not be taking a break over Christmas.

January

Mission and Outreach will be discerning God's vision for outreach into our community during 2021. **Please pray** for their meeting on January 28th.

Please pray that we can start Coffee and Company and Tea and Chat in The Centre and the Tuesday lunch in church as soon as possible this year. These times of being together have been sorely missed by many in our community, especially those who live alone.

And **please pray** that The Centre, including the garden, will be in full swing by the Spring with church initiatives underway and the hirers all returned.

Can we **pray** for our mission partners at the start of a new year.

Mukti Mission India

Street Children, India

Union Bible Seminary Bible, India

Open Doors- supporting

persecuted Christians around the world.

Foundation for Relief and

Reconciliation in the Middle East

(now Mosaic Middle East) - a

Christian charity which aims to rebuild lives and restore hope in

the Middle East working in

Baghdad where Will visited.

KICK START

Kickstart – Brian and Ann Hubbard

Praise the Lord for better news - we have clients! Four people have joined KickStart sessions during November and we have delivered online help with money matters including budgeting, making savings and shopping wisely. We have also been able to help one client to look for employment. Now **please pray** that the publicity effort will reach more prospective clients, including via Social Media posts and doorstep conversations with Foodbank recipients. Lord, you already know those who would benefit; send them to us so we can show them Your grace and mercy in action.

Breakout 1

Created Creative: BPC Mission Partner - Emma Cottrell.



Praise & prayer points for Created Creative: Giving thanks to God for recent

zoom creativity sessions and the healing and release He has brought to people.

Created Creative: continued

Please pray for the last creativity zoom session of the year on Monday 14 December, for God to touch hearts and bring his healing touch.

We are sending Christmas encouragement packs to groups in the Middle East and Eastern Europe who are struggling at this time. **Please pray** as these packs are beginning to be assembled and that they arrive safely and bless and encourage the people there. Please also **pray** for the continuing good sales of our 2021 calendar and colour Christmas cards which will help enable these packs to be sent. Thank you for your prayers and support over 2020, we so appreciate and value them. Wishing you a very blessed Christmas time.

Breakout 2

Pastoral Team Leader – Jo Wigley



Praise God for the wonderful generosity of the local people in their donations of toys for the toy appeal, it was

overwhelming.

Praise God for the fantastic sense of 'pulling together' our community has fostered in this 2nd lockdown and through the whole Covid restrictions.

Please pray for the many people that I speak to who are struggling with paying their bills and feeding their families, especially as Christmas approaches. **Pray** that we can identify and help these people in their time of need and share God's love and grace with them.

Pray for those who are lonely and isolated and for whom Christmas will just be another day. Again, **pray** that we can identify these people and help them. **Please pray** that the meals that are being delivered on Christmas day and the conversations they have with the volunteers will be a real blessing. **Pray** for those who have suffered with the breakdown of relationships over the last few months and are facing spending Christmas away from their families.

Breakout 2

Worship & Production – Ali Burt



Praise to the Lord for his faithfulness and grace with us through the second lockdown and the

unfortunate situation where we were only able to broadcast services instead of having people attend in person. It was tough, but by His grace we were able to get together in church for this. **Please pray** as we head into the busiest time of year for a continued filling of the Holy Spirit on all who serve, particularly at the end of the hardest year we have known for a long time. In particular, pray for the Production team sacrificing their time to serve, and for the ability to meet deadlines with preparing the worship team for the contemporary carols service.

For 2021, **please pray** that we may take all the new things we have learnt through the passage of this year and turn them for God's glory as we look for the path forward on the production and worship teams (worship in particular!)

Breakout 2

Connect Groups (CGs) – Michael Greig



Praise God for zoom and the faithfulness of existing CG leaders, adapting to yet more changes in the

rules. **Please pray for all existing groups & leaders.**

There are now new challenges! New groups are starting but there is a shortage of leaders! In December Will is hosting another Support Group, in church, for new church members, which we hope will lead to another new CG + there has been a great response to Olly's Discipleship course. Several of those attending are not yet in a CG. **Pray for God to give some church members a sense of call to lead a CG.**

Jesus said: 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.' John 8:31-32

Pray that those attending CGs will be deeply rooted in the word of God.

Breakout 3

Kate Pellereau - Curate



Please give thanks for the growth of the 11am service on zoom over lockdown. Every week we had

new families joining us. **Please pray** for this to continue as we are now able to meet in person. **Pray** as we plan the services for next year that God would inspire us. Please pray **Kate Pellereau – Curate Continued:** as we make decisions about when best to bring back children's' groups in the new year.

Pray for the young adults connect group. That we could find ways to meet in person outside, while also keeping our bible studies going online. **Please pray** for the group to grow. opportunities over the Christmas period.

Breakout 3

BPC Youth – Jacob Wigley



Please would you pray for the health of the youth and the leaders would be appreciated

please. Also, **please pray** for us as we attempt to keep everyone together and keep morale high despite having met on zoom. We have built a good sense of community that we don't want to lose. Furthermore, please pray for our growth and that our youth might have the courage to invite their friends along.

Breakout 3

Prayer Ministry Team – Chris and Cheryl Murray



The prayer ministry team continues to have the privilege of praying for those who ask.

It is frustrating not being able to meet with them, speak face to face, and lay on hands, or anoint, but God is not limited by this. Although we do not always hear how people are getting on after they have been prayed for, we know He responds to His children's' cries for help, which may be in a different way than we expect, and/or may take a period of time.

However, we quite often do hear how people are being blessed through this ministry. Praise God, Thank You, Jesus.!

Breakout 4

Prison Ministry Leader - Paul Burgess



Give Thanks. 3 lads from Aylesbury requested Angel tree to support them by

obtaining small simply Christmas presents for their children over in Bullingdon - 66 gifts requested.

Our new Governor Mark Allen over in Aylesbury we feel is an answer to prayer. Prison fellowship (teamwork).

Please pray: Lads still locked in. (up to 23 hours). Lack of staff (under pressure). Volunteers (are still not permitted)

Mental health issues.

Self-Harmers.

New inmates.

Those who are being transferred or released.

Prison Governor (wisdom strength).

Chaplaincy team (resources).

Prison fellowship (leadership strength wisdom and funding).

Breakout 4



Ministry Trainee - Olly Holland

A prayer of thanksgiving for the discipleship course. Thank you

Father for touching the hearts of people in the church to pray for and lead something which has essentially been a success.



Please help us Father to learn and grow from this

in the hope we may become better disciples and students of your word.

Most of all could you **pray** for people's relationships to grow deeper through the word of God and prayer.



Please remember to continue to **pray** for Alpha, running in two strands for enquires and for those wishing to refresh their faith.

Breakout 4

BPC Children - Jayde Crouch



Praise God for the amazing ways he has been working through this pandemic. Our Family Service has

blossomed and we have seen new families even in lockdown- what a blessing

Pray for the Kids Team that have been unable to meet and has been dwindling in number since the start of the year- I pray each and every person who has been involved will feel the Lord's blessings this year, they are so valued and so missed
Prayers for 2021 would be that God would guide our decision making surrounding the Family Service, that we would be able to safely meet

Pray for all the blessings that are already going to happen thanks

BPC Children continued:

to his Grace. **Pray** for inspiration as the planning team meet and discuss new ideas. Thank you so much for the team that has come together

Praise God always

Breakout 5

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Prayer for the World - Zena Greig

Prayer for the World:

Union Bible Seminary, India. Our church partners with UBS which trains students from almost all the Indian ethnic, linguistic and cultural groups as well as from other countries. Their aim is to equip 'scholar saints and servant leaders'. **Please pray** that God

would protect and provide for the staff and students as India faces increasing problems from Covid -19 and from persecution.

Covid-19 Vaccine: As vaccines become available, pray that they will be distributed fairly and that everyone, however poor, will have access to a vaccine.

USA: **Pray** for a smooth and peaceful transition to a new President and government.

Breakout 5

Open Doors – persecuted Church - Jacqui Cooke

Syria – Give thanks for answered prayer as the hope Centre in Latakia has reopened. **Please pray** for the amazing work they do with Christians in that area. Please continue to **pray** for Pastor George and the many people he and his teams can support in Syria.

Oman is an absolute monarchy, and the government expects obedience from its citizens – they are kept under strict surveillance. Islam is the state religion and legislation is based mainly on Islamic law. In a population of five million, just 180,000 are Christians (3.6 per cent).

Leaving Islam is seen as a betrayal of your tribe and family. There is pressure on converts to recant their faith; they can be expelled from the family home and their jobs, and face problems over child custody and inheritance. In this highly conservative society, it is especially difficult for Muslim women to choose to follow Christ. Expatriate Christian meetings are monitored to record any political statements and whether any Omani nationals are attending. All

religious organisations must be registered with the authorities. A prayer for Oman Lord Jesus," You know the cost believers in Oman pay for following You; today remind them afresh that You see and honour their faithfulness. Help all believers to stay encouraged and strong in their faith, and soften any resistance to those who have converted from Islam. Move in the hearts of influential people in the monarchy, that there will come from them a greater sensitivity to religious minorities that filters down into everyday life. Amen. "

Breakout 5

Personal Prayer Needs

And an opportunity to for your own personal needs. Please keep prayer requests brief. To make it possible to pray for everyone.

Please keep this leaflet and use it in your daily prayers.



Notes

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