

Mission and Outreach: Keith Croxton



Pray for:

- the next MOG meeting on April 9th. We will be starting the process of distributing the 2025 tithe. **Please pray** that the Spirit will continue to guide and prompt us as we deliberate
- wisdom for MOG as we continue think through developing and supporting current activities as well as discerning new areas of outreach and ministry.
- the Alpha and Freedom in Christ courses
- guidance as we seek to explore a mission weekend in Buckingham this year
- the Holiday Club. Pray for the planning, the programme and the need for sufficient volunteers. Pray that all the available places will be filled.

The Centre The Town Council have asked The Centre to be part of the Best Kept Village competition (Buckingham in Bloom) this year during June/July. We have agreed to be involved so **pray for** the necessary preparations (mainly floral displays at the front of the building).

The sixth form of Furze Down School (co-educational special education) is now based in Buckingham and, following discussions, they will be helping in The Centre garden throughout this year including helping us get ready for the Best Kept Village competition. It will really good for these young people to engage with The Centre. **Give thanks** for this amazing answer to prayer.

As mentioned last month we celebrate 10 years in The Centre this autumn which is great but the maintenance bills creep up. So **give thanks** that the bookings and income stream remain strong.

Please pray that as people come into The Centre they will be aware of God's presence. **Give thanks** for all the volunteers who make The Centre such a special place and for the conversations they have with those they meet, **pray that** they will be fruitful.

Mission to the Elderly **Give thanks** for the increasing numbers coming to our weekly visit/ service. **Continue to pray** the Lord will bless the times at Clarendon House as we share the gospel through what we do and say.

Food Bank Special Easter food parcels will be delivered to needy families in Buckingham. **Pray they** will a blessing to those families and that they might respond to the flyers with details of church services etc over Easter.

Saturday Coffee There is usually an increase in the number of visitors to the church over the Easter period. **Give thanks and pray** for this opportunity to welcome them into our church and bless the conversations.

Mission Partners **Please pray** for persecuted Christians in the volatile Middle East. In particular pray for the work of Open Doors.

A mission trip to Kenya with SOMA is being arranged for October 2025. **Please pray** for all the planning involved.

Tuesday Lunch There are 80 attending regularly and include the lonely, vulnerable and young mums and children. This is a great opportunity for building relationships and outreach, for example sharing the good news of Easter so **please pray** for fruitful conversations.

Created Creative (CC): Emma Elias



Thank you for your prayers and support over the last month for this ministry area, we appreciate and value them.

Thank God for the March sessions that happened both online and face to face, including the Easter craft session at The Centre.

Please pray for the sessions both in person and face to face in April and for the team who are facilitating them.

Please pray for those attending the sessions, especially those new to creativity, for the Lord to touch their hearts and to bring them closer to Him, for healing and restoration.

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Our Church link BD7 churches, Bradford under John Bavington



Please pray that members of our BD7 community will come to the Easter services and celebrate this special time with us - that their hearts well be touched by what Jesus did for them, and they will turn to Him. **Pray too** that we will deepen our relationship with the Lord as we continue to move through Lent, prepare for Holy week and celebrate the risen Lord on Easter morning.

Please pray for John and Jeanie as they begin preparations for the move to France in May. **We give thanks to God** for their leadership in our churches and projects of BD7, and pray that things will go smoothly and all will be well. **Please pray** for good health and strength for them during this very busy time.

Buckingham Churches Holiday Club: Abi Graham

- We are currently waiting on a few people in slightly bigger roles to confirm whether they can commit this year or not, **please pray** for those decisions to be made in good time and if the decision is that they cannot come please pray for new people to step up who can fill those roles. [continued overleaf]

- **Please keep praying** for the planning of the craft, games, content & teaching book. All of the basis of these have been planned and we are now working on the finer details.
- **Please pray** for protection over all the team, not just the planning team but everyone involved in HC! There seems to be lots of obstacles popping up for people which are preventing them from committing.
- We are specifically short of people who can lead & help in a small group, **please pray** for people to feel nudged into this role so we can open up more spaces.

Prayer for the World: Zena Greig

Because of the oppression of the weak and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise' says the Lord.

'I will protect them from those who malign them' Psalm 12 v5

Pray that the Lord will indeed arise and intervene in the many desperate situations in our world. **Pray** particularly that He will raise up leaders with a heart for integrity, justice and peace, for politicians and peacemakers, for powerful businesses and stakeholders and for elections in Gabon, Ecuador, Marshall Islands, Canada, Trinidad and Tobago and the Cayman islands which are taking place this month.

Open Doors: Betsy Kolkea



This month **let's pray** for three Iranian Christian converts who have recently been sentenced to a combined total of over 40 years in prison. Their crimes? Propaganda activities contrary to Islamic law, house church involvement, and social media posts supporting the 'Women, Life, Freedom' movements that emerged following the death of Mahsa Amina for 'improper' wearing of the hijab.

Mehran Shamlou is 37 and facing 10 years imprisonment.

Abbas Soori is 48 and faces 15 years imprisonment.

Narges Nasri is 37, pregnant with her first child, and facing 16 years imprisonment.

In Hebrews 13 we are exhorted to 'Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering'. Let's all stand with Narges, Abbas and Mehran, imagining it was ourselves who were facing imprisonment for going to our connect group and church.



The MOG Report

Ministries we value and support.

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