

Mission and Outreach - Keith Croxton



The Centre The Centre has been invited by the Town Council to participate as part of their bid for the Best kept Village Competition during June/July. **Please pray** that the planters etc at front of the building will be ready in time. Furze Down School sixth form will be helping in the garden during 2025. **Please pray** for this relationship that it will be fruitful on all fronts as these young

people engage with us.

Food Bank Give thanks that the Food Bank has been awarded Buckingham Town Council's Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisation of the Year. **Continue to pray** for those in our community who are in crisis and in need to emergency food. **Pray that** the food parcels will make a real difference to their lives and that through this ministry they may know something of God's love and compassion.

Mission to the Elderly Give thanks that a number of residents and staff from Clarendon House came to the Good Friday outdoor service in the Town Centre. **Continue to pray** for the weekly services at Clarendon House. **Pray that** through the services and the conversations we will be able to share God's love and grace to the residents and staff.

Saturday Morning Coffee Service **Please pray** that for the Saturday Coffee Service during May; for the fellowship of those who come along and for visitors that they will be made welcome. As we enter the Spring/ Summer season there will be more visitors coming to see our church.

Tuesday Lunch There are 80 attending regularly and include the lonely, vulnerable and young mum's and children. This is a great opportunity for building relationships and outreach, for example gossiping the gospel over a meal. **Please pray** for the planning of this year's bus outing.

Mission Partners Each month we will feature our mission partners for 2025.

This month please pray for

SOMA (Sharing of Ministries Abroad) enables encounters with God which envisions and equips leaders for mission and evangelism. We will be partnering with them In Africa and Will went on a mission trip to Tanzania last year; this year it is hoped a team from BPC will join a mission trip to Kenya in the autumn

Open Doors supports and helps resource persecuted Christians throughout the world for example in China, Iran and North Korea.

Created Creative (CC): Emma Elias



More details from: info@createdcreative.co.uk

- **Thank God** for the April sessions that happened both online and face to face, including a wonderful creativity retreat at Stanton House, Oxfordshire.
- **Please pray** for the sessions both in person and face to face in May 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.

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

Our Church link BD7 churches, Bradford under John Bavington



Please continue to pray for John and Jeanie as the time draws near for them to move to France in May. **We give thanks to God** for them and all they have done in BD7 during their time with us. **Please pray** that they will settle into this new chapter in their lives quickly. **Please pray** too for Adam, the leadership team and members of the BD7 churches as we journey together through the next few months and the interregnum.

Please pray for St Wilfrid's as they reach 120 years of worship in Lidget Green this year, and for the plans that are being put in place to celebrate this special occasion. **Pray also** for protection against the vandalism that has been happening in recent months to the church buildings.

Prayer for the World: Zena Greig

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. Psalm 46 v6 As, at the time of writing, there seems to be tentative steps towards a ceasefire in Ukraine, **please pray**

+ for politicians, both for the leaders of Ukraine and Russia and others who can affect the outcome

+ for the people of this weary and wounded nation, those who have lost families, friends and loved ones and those who have been displaced

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+ for the church, for those who are caught up in conflict and those who are able to help them, for courage, perseverance and trust in God.

Open Doors: Betsy Kolkea



In February, seventy Christians were massacred by militants associated with Islamic State in DRC. They were taken from their homes, herded into a church, and beheaded. “This was not just an act of terror. It was a targeted massacre of Christians, and it will not stop here,” says Illia Djadi, Senior Analyst for Freedom of Religion or Belief in sub-Saharan Africa for Open Doors. “The ADF is part of a growing extremist network that wants to wipe out Christianity in the region. If nothing is done, more attacks will follow. We have seen before that international pressure works. In 2012, (similar violence) was stopped when the US and others put diplomatic and economic pressure on Rwanda to withdraw its support. We need that kind of leadership again. Governments must speak up now before more lives are lost.”

What should we pray? We are asked to pray for the violence to end, and that the government at all levels will diligently, impartially and transparently address the violence and its effects. **We are asked to pray** for the local church as she seeks to bring physical and spiritual assistance to the families affected. We are asked to raise awareness, contact our MPs, and demand that the UK government speaks out. An elder of the local church said "We don't know what to do or how to pray; we've had enough of massacres. May God's will alone be done." Would we have faith to repeat Jesus's prayer of 'thy will be done' even in these circumstances?



The MOG Report

Ministries we value and support.

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