

## Mission and Outreach - Keith Croxton



### The Centre

**Please pray** for the launch of the 10 year anniversary celebrations at The Centre in mid September and give thanks for all that God has done over the ten years and as we look forward to the future.

A number of activities and events are planned over a six month period from October to March part of which will be raising funds for the re - landscaping of the garden. **Please pray** that that both church community hirers will engage in these events and the right number of volunteers to support them will be forthcoming.

The request to extend the lease has been submitted to Buckinghamshire Council. **Please pray** the Lord's hand to be in all the deliberations and for an early response so we can see a path forwards.

**Continue to pray** that as people come into The Centre their spiritual need will be awakened as they sense God's presence and be drawn to reflect on the Bible reading in reception.

**Mission to the elderly** Give thanks for the new Friday morning coffee initiative where Tea and Chat and Coffee and Company members attend along with volunteers from The Centre which is proving a great success.

**Tuesday Lunch** **Please pray** as the lunch starts up again after the August break.

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

**Food Bank** **Please pray** there will be a good response from the various Harvest Festivals that contribute to the Food Bank. These contributions will put us in good shape for the busy winter period.

## 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.

### **Prayer points:**

- **Thanking God** for the time in August to plan and rest.
- **Please pray** for the new term ahead and for the creativity sessions this month.
- **Please pray** for those that attend the sessions this term, especially those new to creativity, for the Lord to touch their hearts and to bring them closer to Him, for healing and restoration.

## Our Church link BD7 churches, Bradford [Adam Dickson, associate vicar]



**We give thanks to God** for the many blessings he pours over us every day and think particularly of the recent weeks when we have had time to rest and recharge our batteries.

**We pray Lord** for strength and wisdom as all groups at the BD7 Churches start up again.

### **Please pray for:**

- The 'Vacancy' process as the parish brochure is sent out to interested parties.
- Our young people who are returning to school and especially those changing schools this year.
- The two new mission apprentices, Patricia at St John's and Felix at St Wilfrid's, as they start on this new journey.
- Claire as she begins her ordination training at Mirfield Theological College in September.

## Prayer for the World: Zena Greig

As the devastating situation in Gaza grows worse by the day **please pray** urgently for the whole region.

- For a long-term solution that leads to a lasting peace.
- For the safe and peaceful return of all the hostages.
- For world leaders with influence in the region to make wise decisions
- For the safe distribution of food, water, medical supplies and fuel.

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- For those bereaved, injured, traumatised or homeless that God will bring hope and healing.
- For faith leaders, NGOs and humanitarian organisations to work together in the best possible way.
- For the small Christian community who have recently suffered attacks.

#### Open Doors: Betsy Kolkea



Christian men often lose their jobs, face abuse, and can be kicked out of their homes. Christian women face sexual violence from their own families and communities, and are unlikely to find any justice in the legal system. Islamic militant and criminal groups kidnap and sometimes kill Christians. Those Christians who try to escape to Europe are targeted in migration camps for human trafficking, forced labour, and sexual enslavement. This is what it means to be a Christian in Libya today, where less than 0.5% of the population are Christians in a militant Islamic state. **Let's stand** with our Christian brothers and sisters in Libya as they follow God at such great risk to themselves. **Let's cover them with our prayers** and ask that they will not feel alone and abandoned even when fellowship with other Christians is so rare. May they know God's special anointing, his presence in whatever form they need it each day, and may they keep their eyes fixed on Him - the author and perfecter of their faith. (Heb. 12).



## The MOG Report

*Ministries we value and support.*

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