

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

It's easy to take a thing for granted until it's not there anymore. **Thank the Lord** for the welcome team and the wardens who work tirelessly to make sure everything runs smoothly, the members of the coffee team and those who clear up when we've gone. Pray for them and don't forget to say thank you!

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

Bring our leaders before the Lord today. Pray for complete restoration for Mark, for strength and blessing for Ben, Nat and Chris. Remember to pray for their wives and children as well, asking God to meet their needs and the needs of their wider family.

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

In the book of John, the disciples who had been fishing all night, came into land early in the morning. Jesus had prepared a meal for them (*John 21v. 9*) – a Men's Breakfast. That must have been an amazing experience. Ask the Lord that the **Men's Breakfast** today will be filled with His Presence.

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

For those who wonder what Stephen gets up to when he's working for Tearfund or what



Church Community Transformation all about, he'll be hosting a relaxed opportunity with a simple meal today where we can discover all about **Tearfund UK's partnership** with the church overseas. Ask the Lord to fire enthusiasm and passion so that the work will continue for many years to come.

## Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

A true work of the Lord is built on prayer. The **PCC** meet today. One of their duties is to help to promote the mission of the church. Ask the Lord to guide their thoughts and that their decisions will pave the way for many more people to become the children of God.



## Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

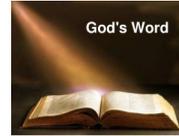
It's easy to think with all the troubles we see day by day, that God has forgotten us or that He doesn't care. Pray that the cares of this world both global and more personal, will not crowd out **the Peace God gives** us through Jesus Christ. Lord help us to use the eye of faith so that we can see your blessings in all things.

## Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

So far 37 million people in 175 countries have done the **ALPHA** course in 100 languages. That's an amazing achievement but there's little point unless the participants take that first step of the journey. As our Alpha course continues tonight, ask the Holy Spirit to make the message plain so that all will enter Christ's kingdom.

## Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

**The Daytime Fellowship** meets today. Ask the Lord for a real sense of His presence as they study His Word. And remember to thank God that we are so richly blessed by having Bible believing leaders and teachers.



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*The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

*James 5v. 16(b)*

**Our Mission this Month – Tearfund** which seeks to mobilise resources and to empower communities to lift themselves out of poverty, whilst also challenging unjust policies on a local, national and global level. With a belief that an end to extreme poverty is possible, their vision is to be working with 250,000 churches by 2030.

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

As we approach Easter let us remember our brothers and sisters across the world who face persecution for their faith. Pray that the hope of Easter upholds them. Also pray for Steve Bentley as he leads our service of reflection this evening.

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

As it's Maundy Thursday, this evening there's an opportunity to share a meal together and reflect on **the events of the Last Supper**. Ask the Lord to make the Bible story come to life as the people remember Jesus' command to love and serve one another.

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

At 10am, **God's King Nailed to a Cross** is a service which is designed for all ages to help us grasp the true meaning of Good Friday – the event that changed everything for mankind. Ask the Lord to make Himself real and pray for unbelievers to begin their walk of faith. Pray the same prayer as at 2pm we come together to remember the final hour of Jesus' life on earth.

*Nothing can separate you from his love. Distress cannot sever the bond, the fires of persecution cannot burn the link, the hammer of Satan cannot break the chain.*

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

*It would be helpful if requests for inclusion in the May diary could be sent to Sara in the Church Office by 16th April.*

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

An awful lot of people seem to have been **unwell, ill and seriously ill** for a long time in our fellowship. We are happy to keep on praying for them but let's ask God for a breakthrough and for a wave of healing among his people.

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

*He is not here, He has risen! Luke 24v.6*



Others lament at the grave site of their leaders. Christians have an empty tomb. Jesus is the only One who rose from the dead. Other religions represent God as impersonal, harsh, distant and unapproachable. As Christians we can talk to God as our Father. Why not take a moment to think about these things and thank Him.

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Please ask for a blessing on the **FEBA** partners in Cambodia, Central Asia, Pakistan and India as we ask the Lord to accomplish his plans through their broadcasts and audio ministries.

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Sometimes we see people coming to the churchyard to lay flowers on the graves of their loved ones. Ask the Lord that their visit might encourage them to read the notices on the glass doors or to come inside the church. May the Holy Spirit speak to them in the peace and quiet of the garden.

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

The Lord God said, 'It is not good for man to be alone...' There's a chance to chat, play board games, do puzzles, paint or take part in some other creativity at **Meet & Mingle** today. Pray especially for the lonely who miss companionship and ask Father that they find the friend who sticks closer than a brother *Prov. 18v. 24(b)*

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

It's never easy when you suffer a bereavement. We are comforted to know that someone has gone to be with Jesus, but it's still painful to realise you will never see that person in this life again. When the **Bereavement Group** meet today, ask the Lord to comfort them and help them towards the next phase of their own pilgrimage.

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

After decades of political instability and ethnic-based unrest, Burundi remains among the poorest countries in the world with its people paying a very high price. Please pray for churches that they will bring hope and healing to once-divided communities through **Tearfund's Transforming Communities** programmes.

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

Not every home is a place of peace and tranquillity. Some families struggle with illness, or other pressing issues. Some are fractured, some appear to be broken beyond repair. Bring such families before God today. Ask for healing and restoration. Pray for your own family that God's hand of blessing may be your portion.

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Not quite the One Show, but today the church wants to say a massive **THANK YOU** to all our Volunteers, who have done so much for all of us, by inviting them to the Volunteer's tea. The church simply couldn't run without their enthusiasm, kindness, and willingness to jump in and help so ask the Lord to give them a special blessing.

## Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Ask for God's blessing on all our children as the **School Term** Starts today. Pray that those who struggle with reading will be identified and helped. Pray that all students will be diligent in their studies and pray that they will make edifying friendships. Most of all, pray that they will commit their lives to Jesus at an early age.

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Last year Ben suggested we pray for **two people for two minutes a day** that they might come to faith. Are you still doing it? If not, why not restart today. For those who have kept going, don't give up. *2 Peter 3v. 9*. If you've not done it before, there's no time like the present.

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

If all goes well, someone from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) will be speaking at **Evergreen** today. Since 1824, their volunteer crews have saved over 146,700 lives with a 24-hour rescue service in the UK and Ireland. Pray for the people of Evergreen and ask for His blessing on the RNLI.

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

Please pray for **Mission Aviation Fellowship** pilots as they fly doctors around some of Chad's remotest regions, some with only 4 doctors for 100,000 people. Thank God that these aircraft allow doctors to reach

isolated communities quickly and safely, so that they can administer healthcare, and bring the Gospel too.

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

It's easy enough to get into the habit of simply 'going to church'. Why not ask God that this coming Sunday will be different: that you will really **meet with the Lord**, enjoy His presence and come away re-charged and re-committed to following Him. If you know someone who is struggling for whatever reason, pray for them and ask the Lord to give you an opportunity to encourage them in their walk with Jesus.

## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

Week by week or fortnightly, people open their homes so that most of us can go to a home group. It's a rich source of blessing, companionship and learning. As the **Home group Leaders meet for Breakfast** today, ask God to bless them. And why not drop them a card to say thank you!

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

Every Sunday **Rooted** (for 14-18 year olds) meets together to read the Bible and pray, and every other week **Sunday Girls** meet as a Home Group for teen girls from 13 - 17 years old. Pray that solid long-lasting friendships will be made and that these young people will make a commitment to follow Jesus.

## Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

Imagine being taken from your home and forced to live another life. That's what happened to 14 year old Leah Sharibu in 2018 when she and her class mates were taken by Boko Haram in Nigeria. 5 girls died, 104 were returned but not Leah. Why? Because she refused to deny Jesus. Today pray for **persecuted Christians**.

## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

'And Jesus was made known to them by the breaking of bread...' *Luke 24v. 35(b)* As people meet together for **Holy Communion** today, pray that hearts will be filled with joy as they recognise his presence.



## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Alpha website says: *Alpha is an experience that unpacks the basics of the Christian faith in an open and friendly environment...* As the **ALPHA course** starts today, pray that everyone will be relaxed and able to enjoy the experience. Ask the Lord to prepare their hearts and that all will begin their own personal walk of faith.

