



Potter Street Baptist Church
& Church Langley Church

MARCH '11

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Points for Prayer

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Ps 121 v 2

Tues 1st	Let us start this month by remembering before God our brothers & sisters in Australia & New Zealand who have suffered or died in the floods, fires and earthquake. Tuesday club Pancakes at Little Chef	Wed 2nd	Praise God for the safe arrival of Daniel Mandat and the birth and recovery of Louis, Val Blackwell's great-grandson. Alison is taking assembly at Milwards School – Samson.
Thurs 3rd	Pray for Joan & Michael Clark. Joan is in hospital and needing further investigations following Scan which revealed nodes on lung and in her neck. Women's Own have an open meeting.	Fri 4th	Come on ladies to the service at St. Pauls, Town Centre to celebrate Women's World Day of Prayer. Remember those who do not have this freedom to meet and praise the Lord together.
Sat 5th	Our world is in turmoil. Pray for countries in the Middle East, Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen & Libya that God will restrain violence and bring peace. Come and help spring-clean our Church buildings today.	Sun 6th	Rev. Taylor is leading our Communion Service today. Praise for the music group, welcome teams and stewards who serve us so faithfully each week and Prayer team when required.
Mon 7th	Praise and thank God that Aimee Martin has a new job, and entreat Him for John Watson seeking employment. Thank God for Alison and the deacons as they meet this evening.	Tues 8th	Pray for Katrina Schaffner and Betty Cockerill both awaiting operations for Gall Stones, that this will happen without further delay, be successful and without complications.
Wed 9th	Thank God for Mark Baterip's health progress so far asking Him for healing of the hole in his gut, and restoration of faith in His Lord. Church Members AGM this evening and election of deacons.	Thurs 10th	Pray for the Training School in Zimbabwe, that they are putting into practice what they learned from the Hulcoop family recently. Mike Yarrow speaking at Women's Own. Lunch Club
Fri 11th	Ask God for ideas to raise money for the Orphanage in India and thank Him that the Youth have already planned a fashion show. Pray that this will be a great success.	Sat 12th	Remind God that Kevin and Livvy and Serge and Ilona are in desperate need of alternative accommodation. Ask His favour upon them.
Sun 13th	Rejoice with Katherine Aye as she goes through the waters of baptism today. Pray that this confession of faith will cause others to seek a relationship with our God. Pray for Alison as she leads the service.	Mon. 14th	Pray for Chris Perry, Glenda and Maddie Daniels all hoping to be baptised this year, that yesterday's service has given them new excitement and faith to follow our Lord.
Tues 15th	Continue to pray for health and strength for Rose Bruce. Tuesday Club have David Gibson speaking on 'The Re-birth of a Rural Railway'. Thank God for Jenny's leading of this meeting.	Wed 16th	Remember Matt & Helen before God today, that He will heal their disappointment, meet them at their point of need and bless them with their heart's desire.
Thurs 17th	Thank God for the progress in Clare Dipenaar's health (Becky Fitzjohn's daughter and for His faithfulness in upholding the whole family through their anxious moments. Women's Own open meeting.	Fri 18th	Pray for Jacqui Wink (Rene & Jim's daughter) as she has surgery today in the Rivers Hospital, that there will be no complications, and that Rose Harragan & Christine Gates struggle with depression will end quickly.
Sat 19th	During the country's economic difficulties ask God that funds will be made available for Primary teaching assistant post at Spellbrook School.	Sun 20th	Michael Hall will be preaching today. May God speak to us through him to deepen our faith & relationship with Almighty God.
Mon 21st	Ask God to bless Pat Njagi's nephew Martin during his visit to this country, that his experiences here will be an asset to him when he goes home.	Tues 22nd	Praise God that Alison resumes her duties after her week off. Pray that she is refreshed and renewed in body, mind and soul.
Wed 23rd	Pray for Andy Bellworthy's Aunt Sheila, that her health is not giving cause for anxiety, and that Bram & Cis's transport and insurance problems are now resolved.	Thurs 24th	Entreat God for Bethany Davey's family, for her mother's health and her sister Paris to make a full recovery from her acute loss of memory. Women's Own have an open meeting. Lunch
Fri 25th	Bring our town to the throne-room today, that wisdom & integrity will be found in our councillors, for safety of our children at school or college and enlightenment in our churches.	Sat 26th	Thank God for our hospital. For the doctors, nurses and all staff that keep it functioning well. For the miracles that occur there when people recover only by God's grace.
Sun 27th	Rev. Taylor will be leading our service this morning. The youth have a service at Oakwood Chapel tonight. Ask God's blessing upon the whole day.	Mon 28th	Bring our country to the throne-room today. Ask that our government will make good decisions to improve our economy, safety and well-being.

Tues 29th	Pray for our Queen and the Royal family, for the preparations for Prince William's wedding to Kate Middleton, and their future together. Tuesday Club have Don Johnson speaking on 'Wreck diving with Gold & Silver'	Wed 30th	Thank God that He has put us in families. Pray for them today, husbands, wives, children and our wider families who perhaps we seldom see. Praise God for our Church family. CLC Elders meeting.
Thurs 31st	Thank God for Christian TV and Radio programmes and ask for discernment to know what is really His word to us. Baptist Minister's meeting at Alisons today. Womens Own have Mrs Margaret Hill from Sawbridgeworth speaking.		

PRAYER FOCUS

Our Church AGM is on Wednesday 9th March
 Thank God for our Minister, Rev Alison Taylor
 That He will anoint her daily, give her wisdom, and good health
 That the membership will encourage and bless her
 Pray for our secretary Marian and Treasurer David
 For the Deacons newly elected and those who continue to serve their term

Pray for a few minutes each day

Eastern Baptist Association

6th March Chelmsford – North Springfield

Minister: Rev. Peter Thomas

2010 was a landmark year for us at North Springfield, and as the old hymn goes 'Count your blessings name them one by one. There is not enough paper or ink to write them all down. We inducted our new minister in October, a milestone in our history. During our time without a minister we have had wonderful people leading our worship and our prayerful thanks goes to each of them. Please continue to pray for our young people that we see more of them at our Sunday club also our Toddler Group which meets each Monday morning. New leaders take over in January, and that we see more of the families come and worship with us. Pray also for the drop-in every Friday. The numbers continue to grow and some of the folk now come to church on Sundays.

Chelmsford – Springfield Park

Minister: Rev. Roger Stark

Praise

- For a united spirit in the fellowship, shown by the way we worship together, and work together
- For the successful completion of a 'makeover' of the worship area
- That a number of new folk have been attending regularly
- That two people have recently confessed their faith in baptism
- For a marked improvement in our finances, as a result of a general increase in giving

Prayer

- For God's guidance as we look for ways of extending our ministry in the local areas, and of improving our facilities to help make this possible
- For our partners in Belgium, Bulgaria and India, who are witnesses for the same Lord, often in very difficult circumstances
- We especially pray for our Belgian friends, who have recently suffered the loss of a much loved member
- For the Christmas activities, that those who came as visitors may meet with Jesus

13th March Clacton – Pier Avenue

Minister: Rev. Sean Fountain

We give thanks for:

- God's continuing grace
- The completion of our Atrium which links our two halls together, creating a space for people to sit and talk together
- New people who have joined the church this year

We pray for:

- New ways to work in the community around us
- God's guidance for the next stages of our work here in the town centre
- Discernment of God's will as we plan together

20th March Colchester – Eld Lane

Minister: Rev. Nick Lear

Give thanks for God's faithfulness to us as a church over the past years (we celebrate 300 years on this site in 2011). Pray that the planned renovation of the church will be a parable for a spiritual renovation within us all. Pray that we may be good free samples of Jesus in the different places in which we live and work throughout the week.

27th March Colchester – Wycliffe

Minister: Rev. Dr Steve Ridge

We give thanks for the many exciting opportunities and encouragements for growth and witness as we journey together in this part of Colchester. The fellowship continues to draw together in new ways to serve the Lord, particularly in support of the overseas work of Samaritans Purse. This has provided opportunities for gifts to be realised and for members on the fringe to find that place within the fellowship. We give thanks for a year of blessings and challenges through which an increasing sense of moving forward in purpose and faith is developing. We praise God for the resources donated to improve our facilities to better care for young people in the future within the limited space we have available. As we work to resolve our space issues and to have greater impact within the community, please pray for our move to a local primary school. Initially this will be on one Sunday per month. Please pray that this step of faith along with other new outreach opportunities will enable us to reach out to families and those struggling with loneliness in our area. Please pray for courage, wisdom and a willingness to be uncomfortable as we seek to make the name of Jesus known and find practical ways to show the relevance of the message of hope.

Prayer for Israel

'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!' Psalm 121 v 6. With all the turmoil in the countries of the Middle East pray that a wave of democracy will sweep the Middle east from Cairo to Tehran making war in any form less likely. In the event of an ascendant Islamic radicalism taking hold in Egypt and elsewhere it compounds the view that military threats face Israel. The Israel Defence Forces' generals are planning for worst case scenarios.

Thankyou

(1) Once again this year our heartfelt thanks are due to the wonderful team who produced such a great pantomime for us all in Humpty Dumpty.

The whole team really deserve tremendous praise, right from the tip man down through to every contributor, in whatever role whether it was in the forefront of things or working quietly in the background. They show such commitment and loyalty throughout the year, giving up their time on Sundays and at other times too. It really does pay off though, giving enjoyment to us all and to the wider community too, so thank you again everyone and long may the church panto continue!

Lana Edwards

(2) Thank you so much for attending and contributing to the 'Bring & Share' lunch to celebrate Barry's 50th birthday. He was delighted, my family and friends enjoyed it, and I praise God for a lovely occasion.

Beryl Chapman

(3) Thank you so much for your prayers, telephone calls and e-mails over the past few weeks whilst our son Mark was so ill. He is progressing very well now, although still in Jimmys Hospital, Leeds. His mental state has improved dramatically, helped by Alison's very kind visit to see him. We can never adequately express our thanks to her.

Rene & Jim

(4) Thank you to each one of you who contributed again in so many ways to the Shoeboxes. 14,000 went direct from Harlow to Belarus, plus about half a lorry load of educational supplies to Liberta. Just over a million boxes were sent worldwide.

Since Christmas, hundreds of 'snuggle' blankets have been packed ready for dispatch, plus pens, paper, even torches etc. which still need to be cartoned.

Thank you and may you be encouraged as you serve the Lord in this way. Currently we are dressing 100's of 8" dolls. If you want to help – just let me know. 'There is no small service to God: it all matters' – from the Purpose Driven Life. (book by Rick Warren)

Joan Scally

Extract from a letter from Harare, Zimbabwe.

The church is going through absolute hell. The Anglican priests are now being kicked out of their homes and the congregations being beaten. We've been told that we are not allowed nearer than 600 metres to our own church buildings. Your prayers are requested for your fellow Christians. Thank you.

Alpha

Toward the end of the 1900's there were just five Alpha courses, yet by 2010 there were 46,940 spread over 164 countries in 111 languages and 15 million people had taken part.

Briefly, Alpha is a course used by all the main Christian denominations to 'examine the meaning of life.'

It may surprise you to know that two million people around the world attended an Alpha course during 2009, up by around 25% on the previous year. Canon Andrew White of St Georges's Bagdad had 2,700 sign up for the course yet 90 of his congregation were killed in 2009. He says, for all of us, we have to know that following Jesus is dangerous – sometimes the most dangerous thing in the world. He also says but it is the most important and most wonderful thing in the world.

Extracted from Alpha News and supplied by Peter Scally

Rev. Alison Taylor is on holiday 14th – 21st March 2011

Please let me have your contributions for the April Prayer Diary by Sunday 20th March.