

Wednesday December 18th

Please remember in your prayers the Open The Book team as they meet to plan the stories for the first term of the New Year.

Pray for Steve & Anne Austin

Thursday December 19th

'That is why we labour and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the saviour of all people, and especially of those who believe.' (1 Timothy 4:10) Father, as we look back on this year, remind us why we strive to see an end to extreme poverty – because we have hope in the living God. Amen.

Pray for Colin & Anne Ayrton

Friday December 20th

Dear Lord, please bless all who work within the health services in our own area: in GP surgeries, hospitals, care homes, providing district nursing, health visiting, palliative care, rehabilitation centres, physio, speech and language, and occupational therapy and other services. By Your grace. Amen.

Pray for Anne Berry & Sophie Goold

Saturday December 21st

Floods caused by persistent rainfall and a dam collapse in Borno State, Nigeria, in September caused the deaths of more than 30 people and displaced more than a million. Many of the displaced are those who had already been forced to flee their homes by Islamist violence. Christians report that their communities have received no help from the authorities. Give thanks that Barnabas has been able to step in to provide emergency supplies of food and cooking oil.

Pray for Ian & Sarah Chad & family

Sunday December 22nd

The desperate situation in North Africa demands our prayers. Half of the population, more than 24 million, are in desperate need of assistance. Half of them are children. Four million children have been uprooted creating the largest child displacement crisis in the world. (Unicef)

Pray for Ada Chan & family

Sunday December 1st**WORLD AIDS DAY**

'Remember and Commit' Lord, we remember the 36.7 million people living with HIV today, and the many others who are affected by and vulnerable to this 40-year-old epidemic. Please bless services that provide testing, education, care and support, and prevention strategies to achieve universal health coverage. In Your mercy. Amen.

Pray for Karen Rossiter & family

Monday December 2nd**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY**

Focusing on eradicating contemporary forms of slavery, such as trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, the worst forms of child labour, forced marriage, and the forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflict. Lord, in Your mercy, set these captives free from their slavery. Bring them home to Your love. Amen.

Pray for Alan & Yvonne Rowland

Tuesday December 3rd**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABLED PERSONS**

Lord, may those who live with a disability, especially the most disadvantaged, look to You for strength and hope. Please bless the work of everyone who is seeking to break down barriers, promote opportunity and create a world where individuals with disabilities can fully participate and thrive. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pray for Henning Schmitt & family

Wednesday December 4th

Many organisations and churches will be running special outreach events during the Christmas season. Pray for purposeful evangelistic focus and confidence in the power of the greatest story ever told to change lives.

Pray for Robin & Mary Sealey

Thursday December 5th

Churches in parts of India have been burnt down and Christians have been beaten up because they confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Pray for BMS mission worker Ben Francis as he leads evangelists to share the gospel and plant churches.

Pray for Lucy Shellam & family

Friday December 6th

Young people in Cambodia are yearning to hear the gospel. Lift up BMS-supported worker Pastor J, and pray for wisdom and resources to share the good news with university students.
Pray for Stephen & Felicia Shirto

Saturday December 7th

There is an imbalance of opportunity for children of different faiths in Sri Lanka and Christians often face discrimination. Ask God to keep these children free from discouragement and pray for equal opportunities for all children.
Pray for Peter & Brenda Simpson

Sunday December 8th

Give thanks that people are coming to faith in Afghanistan. Pray that their children will be disciplined so they can grow up to love Jesus, and be a light in their communities.
Pray for Pauline Sprason & John Twining

Monday December 9th**INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY**

Holy God, may today's call to action result in increased determination to combat corruption, promote transparency, and uphold ethical values across the world. Please expose any politicians, public officials, finance and business leaders, police and others who abuse their position for personal gain. In Jesus' name. Amen.
Pray for Andy & Leanda Theedom & family

Tuesday December 10th

Since late August as many as six million Bangladeshis have been affected by flash floods caused by monsoons, the country's worst environmental disaster in recent history. Give thanks that Barnabas Aid is funding emergency aid – including rice, lentils and water purification tablets – to thousands of marginalised and impoverished Bangladeshi Christians. Pray that the country will recover from this disaster.
Pray for David & Joy Thorburn & family

Wednesday December 11th

Please pray for the Open The Book team at Charlton Kings Junior School as they present a Christmas story entitled “Just Hoping”
Pray for Sue Tibbles & family

Thursday December 12th

Around 3 billion people globally have no means to get rid of their waste safely. Give thanks to God for how Tearfund supporters and UK aid match funding are making a difference in the lives of people in Pakistan and Haiti and helping create cleaner, greener communities.
Pray for Sylvia Walpole-Brown & Simon Woodley

Friday December 13th

The church in mountainous Central Asia is small but growing. At the moment, the government is tolerant of evangelicals, but the situation could become more restrictive. Pray for the safety of believers, that they wouldn't take their current freedom for granted.
Pray for Chris & Yvette Willett

Saturday December 14th

Low income families in Bangladesh face many challenges, such as the build up of plastic waste, flooding, poor harvests and lack of access to clean water. Pray for families to overcome these obstacles with the help of Tearfund partners and programmes.
Pray for Barry & Gill Wyatt

Sunday December 15th

God of truth, please help people within the demanding and complex sphere of politics to maintain high ethical standards, especially in situations when wise compromise is necessary to achieve an important end. Grant them courage to withdraw when this is not right. By Your grace. Amen.
Pray for Colin & Anne Yeneralski

Monday December 16th

'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.' (Romans 12:12)
Lord God, sometimes it's hard to be joyful, particularly when the world is in pain. Help us to hold on to hope and be faithful in our prayers for people in greatest need. Amen.
Pray for Adrian Young & Rosemary Bayliss

Tuesday December 17th

Children displaced by war and persecution in Myanmar are often unable to continue their schooling. Pray for wisdom for Christian parents to know how to protect and provide for their children.
Pray for Paul & Pam Adams

If you would like people to pray for you contact Gill Wyatt on
t: 07976481355
Items for next month's prayer diary to Yvonne or Alan Rowland on
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The people included in the "Pray for" part of the prayers have been taken
from the latest church directory.
If you are not included in the church directory but would like to be included
in future please let Yvonne or Alan know.

Monday December 23rd

Lord, we pray that over the Christmas season many people will attend church events and services where they hear the wonderful message of hope that You were born to bring peace on earth as our Redeemer. May they believe and respond by giving You their lives. In Your name. Amen.
Pray for Kieran & Annie Chan & family

Tuesday December 24th

'But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish.' (Psalm 9:18) Father God, as we approach Christmas day when many presents will be exchanged, we pray a blessing over people in greatest need across the world. Amen.
Pray for Claire Cook & family

Wednesday December 25th

'May Your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in You.' (Psalm 33:22) Immanuel, God with us, as we celebrate Your birth today, thank You for Your unending love expressed through Your incarnation on earth. The only true hope is in You. Thank You, Jesus!
Pray for Kieron & Melody Davies & family

Thursday December 26th

God of hope, we pray for those in government and other positions of authority in our nation. May they place their hope in Your gospel truths for wisdom and help to find practical, compassionate solutions to the problems caused by poverty, ill health, social division and other issues. In Christ's name. Amen.
Pray for Josh & Jo Evans & family

Friday December 27th

There are now so many displaced people in the Middle East. Pray for OM's team members who are seizing every opportunity to help Christians and Muslims alike who have lost everything.
Pray for Tim & Nuch Evans & family

Saturday December 28th

Please pray for strength and protection for church leaders in Cuba. Pray also that Cuba's leaders would give churches greater freedom.
Pray for Don & Sue Goold

Sunday December 29th

God, we praise You for the order and beauty of Creation as You originally made it. Now as our world is suffering from the effects of global warming and exploitation that threaten the balance of nature, please help us to undo as much harm as we can and discover Your ways of restoration. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pray for Sam & Rose Goold & family

Monday December 30th

Pray that the Lord will protect believers – and all people in Mali – from Islamist and other violence. Ask that there will be increasing peace and stability. Pray especially that God will provide for and sustain the faith of His people.

Pray for Paul & Vicky Graham & family

Tuesday December 31st

Merciful God, we intercede for fundamental changes to reverse the contamination of the millions of tons of plastic entering our oceans each year that destroys marine life, pollutes other ecosystems and affects human health. Please cause powerful global companies to stop using single-use plastics and for recycling systems to become more effective. In Christ's name. Amen.

Pray for Vicky Gregory & Peter Guns



Charlton Kings
Baptist Church

Prayer Diary

December 2024

Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, for He has anointed Me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favour has come."

Luke 4:17-19 (NLT)
