



Mission Matters



Lent Prayer Guide 2012

Sunday

BSCT (Beverley Schools Christian Trust)



Andrea



Phil
(and Elena)



Jill



Julia



Cathy (and Anna)

BSCT's five staff work part-time in schools in Beverley and Cottingham and E. Riding College in Beverley. This includes providing pastoral support to vulnerable pupils, helping in RE lessons, leading assemblies and running lunchtime clubs ("Emerge") where young people can discuss and explore the Christian faith and support one another. In the past BCST has visited primary schools to support transition to secondary schools. Recently four lunchtime JAM (Jesus and Me) clubs have started in 3 primary schools with the help of volunteers. Others are in the pipeline.

Sunday

Pray for BSCT

“And how can they hear unless someone tells them?” (Romans 10.14)

Praise God for:

- Good relationships with the staff in the secondary schools.
- A good team, and the encouragement that is to each of the workers.
- The welcome in the primary schools for the “JAM” Clubs and all the children who go along. There are more wanting to attend than the workers can cope with!

Please pray for:

- “Emerge” groups at secondary schools - that these will have a positive impact and attract a greater number of students. Sometimes these can be quite hard going and are not always well attended.
- School staff – for the pastoral staff (as well as the teachers) who are frequently incredibly busy and overstretched, meaning they are unable to meet the needs. Often they are ‘fire-fighting’ rather than seeing and meeting situations at an early stage before they become problems.
- “JAM” Clubs in the primary schools – that the children will enjoy the half hour but also learn about Jesus. It is important to build relationships with the schools, and it would be good to have the opportunity and the volunteers to go into others.

Monday

Pray for Kathleen

“But now, this is what the Lord says – he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel, “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned, the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour” (Isaiah 43.1-3) Kathleen has asked us to praise God for:

- For His continued love and faithfulness and for His immense kindness to her. She says she is so blessed.
- For good health physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- For the love and support of so many dear friends!

And to pray for:

- Continued safety as she and her colleagues cross the lake each week and as they move between the camps day to day.
- That she would grow daily in her spiritual walk with the Lord, and alongside that, please pray for physical, emotional and spiritual protection against the dark forces that are so prevalent in the camps.
- For real breakthroughs in people’s lives, for deepening relationships and opportunities to pray for people and share with them the Hope of everlasting life!

Pray for Ruth

“I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; before the “gods” I will sing your praise. I will bow down towards your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stout-hearted.

May all the kings of the earth praise you, O Lord, when they hear the words of your mouth. May they sing of the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the Lord is great.

Though the Lord is on high, he looks upon the lowly, but the proud he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save me. The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures for ever – do not abandon the works of your hands.” (Ps. 138)

Tuesday

Praise God for: :

- After quite a few problems Ruth now has her work and residence permit, and so do the couple who had to re-submit their application. Continue to pray for her team-mates who are waiting to hear from immigration.
- Comfortable and warm accommodation and freedom to cook, bake and make visits in the town and nearby villages.
- A good start to the new teaching term.

Please pray for:

- Accommodation near to the school and other team members.
- The building of good relationships within the team.
- Encouragement as she learns a new language, lives in a new country and gets to know the women.

Wednesday

Lars Petterson



Lars Petterson began work with the Hull Baptist Church Partnership (HBCP) as the “Missioner to Hull” in November 2010. The three year project aims to co-ordinate, expand and develop regeneration and outreach activities amongst Baptist Churches and improve their links into the wider church family and activities in Hull.

Wednesday

Pray for Lars

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt.28 19 – 20)

Praise God for:

- The vision to set up the Hull Baptist Church Partnership.
- All those involved in making it happen.
- That the funding has been available to enable Lars to be appointed.

Please pray that ;

- Lars receives enthusiastic support from all of the churches.
- God’s guidance, leadership and inspiration as Lars further develops this programme.
- God is seen in all.

Thursday

Chris and Anna Hembury



Chris and Anna work with Youth for Christ in Hull, living, working and worshipping in the Boulevard area of West Hull, one of the most deprived areas of the city and country. In the midst of high levels of unemployment, crime, drug abuse, prostitution and poverty, Chris and Anna seek to serve and to meet the needs of their local community, building relationships with

and supporting local youth, parents and families - living and sharing the gospel in words and actions. Their work includes running a breakfast club, after-schools club and youth clubs; assemblies and lessons in local primary schools.



*"Taking good news
relevantly to every young
person in Britain"*

Thursday

Pray for Chris and Anna

"Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. "
Ephesians 2: 20-21

Praise God for:

- The parenting course which is being run for the third year in a row with the biggest group to date.
- All the relationships that the team have within their community.
- All that they can see God is doing in the lives of the families and individuals they work with.

Please pray for:

- The annual Mums' night where they take the time to treat and pamper the ladies they know (17th March).
- All the young people that they support, especially those whom they will be taking away to camps this year.
- For all of the opportunities which lie before them this year with the use of buildings in the local community.

Friday

Dutdao Patcharasangtaweelert

Compassion child being sponsored by the children and young people of BBC



Dutdao Patcharasangtaweelert is 8 years old and lives in Northern Thailand with her family. She is responsible for caring for children and cleaning. Her father and her mother are sometimes employed as subsistence farmers. There is one other child in the family. For fun, Dutdao enjoys swimming, playing house and playing with dolls. She attends church activities regularly and is in primary school where her performance is average.



Friday

Pray for Dutdao

Jesus said “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matt 19.14)

Praise God:

- That He has sent Compassion into Thailand and set up projects there.
- That through the Compassion projects He is giving children like Dutdao and their families an improved life now, and a hope for a better tomorrow.
- That through Compassion’s support and the local churches, He is bursting into the lives of many thousands of young people like Dutdao and their families.

Please pray:

- That God will continue to bless and protect Dutdao, her family, and her community.
- That through her experiences at her Church and project Dutdao will come to know Jesus more and more, and give her life to Him.
- That Dutdao will continue to do well at school and have good health.

Saturday

Pray for BBC Outreach

BBC is involved with a number of different outreach activities, touching different groups of people. Please pray for those listed below and any others you are aware of.

Discovery Group The Discovery Group, led by Glynn, Monica and Tim has been a fantastic journey of faith for all concerned over the past few months. Six men and women have explored the reality of what it means to become a Christian and follow Jesus through discussion and Bible Study, all in a friendly home environment. It culminated in a Dinner Party at the Jones' in January, with a very challenging after dinner talk given by Loren Combs (from Bridlington and California!). Everyone seems to want to carry on meeting, so the leaders need now to work out how in practice they can do this. God has been very close throughout this initiative, and people have been open and honest as they've shared together on this memorable and life-changing journey. There's much here to be thankful for and much to ask for God's guidance and help in.

Praise God for:

- Bringing together the six members of the group on this journey and for God's closeness to them and the leaders throughout.

Please pray for:

- Those who have taken part as they continue to seek and to grow, and for the way forward with the group.

PDP (Purpose Driven Pint) is an outreach initiative aimed at providing an opportunity for men in the church to involve their friends in discussions that raise moral and religious issues in a friendly “neutral” environment. As well as a mostly fortnightly meeting in the Green Dragon, events are run on an ad hoc basis to open up more chances to bring friends along. The group is linked to wider and national men’s ministries through XY online (Lads Church – Bridlington) and CVM (Christian Vision for Men). Discussions are taken from topical news events often with ethical implications and are generally lively! They hope to involve a wider cross-section of the men in BBC and further afield as we start to run more events.

Praise God for:

- Bringing the group together and for new people who have come along to the discussions.

Please pray for:

- The members of the group to find opportunities and the inspiration to ask more friends along to the group.



fresh is coffee with a conscience. It brings the local community into the relaxed café atmosphere of Costa Coffee in Beverley to deal with issues from a faith perspective. Big things are tackled such as fair trade, the environment, stress, debt and the big faith issues, along with quizzes, interviews, round table discussions, live music with great coffee and great chat! ***fresh*** is for people who don’t usually ‘do’ church.

Praise God for

- This amazing gift on a plate to the Christians and none Christians in the Beverley area and for all the opportunities that this has presented for the gospel to be heard.

Please pray for

- God’s will to be done with all people who come into contact with ***fresh***; that in some way they are helped along on their journey towards Him.



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This prayer guide has been put together by the Mission Group to help and encourage you to pray for mission during Lent, and in particular those we support on a regular basis and our outreach to our community. Thanks go to all those who have contributed or helped provide the information to put it together, including our Mission Partners who have encouraged us by telling us what they would like us to praise God for and to pray for. Most have chosen verses which mean something to them to go with their section.

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