

OAT – Prayer Diary 2015

...The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:26-27

Reaching people for Christ does not just mean handing out tracts or sharing your testimony, though that's a great start! "Living the mission of Jesus means taking your faith into your work and your life and praying for it to change people's hearts toward God." Tim Keller

A. Frontlines (across London)

Pray for un-churched friends and family members by name. Pray that God will soften their hearts as we seek to share Christ with them. Pray too that God, through his Holy Spirit, gives us the perseverance and gentleness needed, as well as timely words to speak into their lives.

B. Sparklers – Baby and Toddlers' Group (Hammersmith)

Regular sessions: Thursday mornings

Summer Party: July 16th

Praise the Lord for his many blessings on Sparklers and for our many, many Sparklers' friends from the community, all of whom love attending the group.

Please continue to pray that the bible stories, songs, friendships, care and conversations will all point clearly to Jesus. Pray for more volunteers to help us run Sparklers and better care for our Sparklers friends.

C. Imbibe – Book and Refreshments Table (Hammersmith)

Sessions: Occasional Thursday afternoons, when the weather holds.

Pray that through Imbibe, we continue to be a blessing to the community around us.

Pray that the church, and those around us, imbibe (drink in) God's love and truth, so that we live renewed, community-transforming lives for Him.

D. English Classes (Soho)

Regular sessions: Monday and Wednesday mornings

Coming soon: Summer outing on July 4 and Summer Celebration

Thank the Lord for providing volunteers to teach the English classes. Please pray that the bible stories, verses, conversations and care will turn the students' thoughts and hearts to God. Pray too for supply teachers to fill in when our regular volunteers are away on holiday, and for more church family helpers get to know the students and point to Christ in their ever day conversations. Praise the Lord for the students who committed their lives to Christ at the Christmas Celebration, please pray that many more will turn to Christ this year, and that all will be nurtured well.

E. Sports

Badminton (Colindale) – Saturdays

CCIL Badminton Tournament (Wimbledon): May 25

Football (Croydon) – Saturdays

RFC Football Tournament (Venue TBC): July 18, TBC

Table Tennis (Hammersmith) – at least 2 Saturdays/month

CCIL Table Tennis Summer event (Hammersmith): TBC

Praise God for our non-CCIL friends who play sports with church family at the weekend. Please pray for more church family to help out in: building up friendships with un-churched friends and sensitively relating our faith through these friendships.

Please invite church and un-churched friends to these sports sessions. To help church family be a blessing to new friends, here are some opportunities to be involved in the sessions and tournaments:

- *Bronze Challenge* – pray for the team planning the sessions/tournaments, that all will go smoothly and that the players will enjoy the tournament injury-free. Pray also for the church family to be welcoming to all who come.

- *Silver Challenge* – cheer the players on at the tournaments and get to know at least 1 new friend who does not attend CCiL. Continue to pray for this friend for 1 month following the tournament.

- *Gold Challenge* – cheer the players on at the tournaments and get to know 5 new friends who do not attend CCiL. Continue to pray for these friends for 1 month following the tournament.

F. Messy Fun Day (Hammersmith)

Using Messy Church as a model, we would love to run a cross-generational church fete day, including yummy food, fun games and workshops that share the gospel in a relevant way.

Please pray that the Lord will provide all the resources and lots of church family help to run this Messy Fun Day in the autumn.

G. Student Outreach (Covent Garden, CCiL and Uni venues)

In September and October, the students work very hard to: organise leafletting on several uni campuses, host welcome evenings, and follow-up events. Praise the Lord for all their endeavours. Please pray for the students as they continue to follow up on new students, and run bible studies for seekers and new Christians. Please pray for wisdom and unity as we seek ways of building up this ministry, so that many more students hear and accept the good news of Jesus.

H. Leafletting (Chinatown and Other venues)

Pray for church family who go leafletting and singing praise songs in Chinatown and other parts of London. Pray that God will bring people of peace across their paths who are open to going to church events and willing to hear more about the gospel. Pray that God will guide the leafletters' conversations so that they share Christ clearly and relevantly.

I. Colindale

1. We will be having our OAT Sunday service on 24th May. Pray that God will empower His people to proclaim the gospel. Pray for Pastor Ong the preacher for that day, that he will be anointed by the Holy Spirit to convey God's message.
2. Please pray that more people will join our outreach activities, e.g. the Gospel Booth on Sundays, Sports Ministry and Student Outreach.
3. Pray that God grants us the wisdom to disciple new believers and their families, and helps us to live out our faith in our family life.
4. Please pray that the gospel message will be preached faithfully, will pierce hearts and that the Spirit-anointed Word will radically transform people's lives.

J. Croydon

1. Pray for the heart of our brothers & sister, so they have the passion to participate in the outreach ministry. Pray for the preparation of the Badminton Competition in May.
2. May God strengthen us and bless us with His wisdom, so we know how to care, support and spread the gospel to our neighbour.
3. Remember the parents and students from the Chinese School, may God bless them and prepare their hearts. May God bless those who participate in the Parenting Alpha programme and let us meet more parents through the programme.

K. Hammersmith

1. Lift up to our heavenly Father the joint effort of the Hammersmith Mandarin and Cantonese congregations in evangelism, that we may encourage each other to love and connect with seekers. May G-d bring in newcomers to our fellowships and small groups, and may the Holy Spirit work in their hearts so that they accept Jesus and His redemption.
2. Remember in prayers our collaborative ministry with the next generation: that un-churched children and their parents are interested in coming to church. May the gospel be spread among our families' friends.
3. Pray for the outreach activities ahead, such as summer outings and to welcome freshers. Grant us vision and wisdom, L-rd, to understand your guidance. Empower us to be able to do your work, in extending the Kingdom of G-d. May the Truth shape and equip us to live for Jesus, including following divine appointments to witness Him, so that many more may be blessed.

L. Hounslow

Please pray for the outreach efforts of the Hounslow congregation:
They are doing their best in leafleting and connecting to the local Chinese school.

M. Visitation

Church volunteers visit people in our local communities and around our church centres. Please pray for boldness, compassion and wisdom from God as they visit strangers, the sick and the elderly. Pray for specific people you know who are elderly, ill or lonely and who live in your neighbourhood, or near a CCIL centre.

N. New Soho

Pray for more helpers to visit Jubilee House (home for the elderly). Please pray that those who

don't know Christ yet will come to him. We are planning to visit Great Wall House in Camden too, where none of the elderly know Christ yet. Pray they will turn to him.
Pray that through OAT Sunday, the Lord will raise up church family across generations to shine for him by serving those in need.

O. Cafe Eterno (Covent Garden)

Regular Sessions: 2 Friday Evenings a month

We have moved to a new place (7 Dials Club), where we continue to serve people who are interested in Christianity.

- Praise the Lord that some of the 'guests' have become Christians through this ministry.
- Pray for new 'guests', that the Lord will prepare their heart and they will become Christians in the future.
- Pray too for new servants from different age groups and for the Lord's wisdom for the café's future direction.

P. Short-term Mission

Going on short term-mission this year with MCT? Please pray about how you can continue to serve the Lord in outreach in London after your STM trip... And get in touch with us to find out more about opportunities to serve the Lord.

Q. Serving With Carelinks

1. "Help each of us L-rd, to follow your example in reaching out to people, to share your gospel." It is clear that the mission our L-rd Jesus has given us is integral. Solely preaching the gospel without caring for our 'targets' as human beings is a hard sell; merely caring without sensitively proclaiming the gospel ignores our greatest need and theirs.
2. We give thanks to God, our Father in Heaven, that **Carelinks** advocates us to serve Him through caring for people and the world. *'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'* Micah 6:8

Pray **Carelinks** and **OAT** will serve together more closely, in order to draw people to G-d, and to each other in Christ-centred community.

R. Sharing Your Story

Pray for the Holy Spirit's inspiration and write down your story of how you came to Christ! It's great practise, to help you always be ready 'to give the reason for the hope that you have'. Pray for the Lord to give you opportunities to glorify him by sharing your story, in a natural, relevant and sensitive way, of how Jesus is working in your life.

-For tips on giving your testimony, go to:

ccil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Testimony-tips.pdf

-Share how good God is by emailing your story to: OAT@ccil.org.uk

'...Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.'
John 7:37-39