

JANUARY 1ST NEW YEAR

Pray that the Lord will give us all a new vision of what it is he is calling us to do. May all our churches "WALK ON WATER" in 2012 but remember to do that we have to "GET OUT OF THE BOAT"!

JANUARY 8TH NORFOLK

Remember our brothers and sisters in Norfolk. Pray for the "successful" churches and those that are struggling.

JANUARY 15TH CLARE

We thank God for the success of the Marriage Course held before Christmas and for the couples who renewed their vows or received a blessing at the Marriage Celebration at the end of the course.

Please pray for us as we analyse the response to a questionnaire on the life of the Church. As a fellowship our aim is to find ways to improve the way we 'do' Church and also have a greater impact on the community we seek to serve.

JANUARY 22ND ELMSWELL

2012 is our 125th Anniversary. We have distributed church "brochures" to all the houses in the village (around 1,700) and are holding several special events during the year, an Open Day and a Reunion Meal in February, John Hardwick Praise Party in May, Christians in Sport Quiz in September (any sports players and fans amongst you would be most welcome) and an Entertainment Evening in November. Rev. Sheila Martin is coming to speak at our Anniversary Service on February 19th.

Pray that all this activity will result in numerical and spiritual growth for this small fellowship.

JANUARY 29TH EYE – THE VINE CHURCH

At TVC, we're struggling financially to meet the requirements of the BUGB pension for our Pastor Nigel. We held a popular Art Exhibition and craft activity session for children during Eye's late night shopping evening on Friday 2nd December and our Luncheon Club for isolated elderly people living in Eye now runs twice a month and averages 20 people attending.

FEBRUARY 5TH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Remember our brothers and sisters in Christ in Cambridgeshire. Non-Conformism seems to be in the ascendancy over the established church in Cambridgeshire. Perhaps this is a lingering influence of their famous son, Oliver Cromwell? Pray especially for those churches for whom things are still a struggle.

FEBRUARY 12TH FELIXSTOWE – MAIDSTONE ROAD

We give thanks that Parish Nursing is now Walton Parish Nursing and a joint venture with other churches. Pray that this work will be a means of reaching many more people in our community. We look forward as a church to having Rachel Hickson over this weekend Feb 11th/12th. Pray that this time together will deepen our relationship with the Lord and enable us to pray more effectively.

FEBRUARY 19TH FRAMLINGHAM

Having settled into Framlingham after our move here over two years ago, we feel the time has come to seek out a permanent building for our services and community activities. Please join with us in seeking the Lord as to the building or building plot he has in mind for us. We would also be grateful for prayer for our community projects:-

A monthly Depression Alliance Group that started in December, working with local health providers to meet people with anxiety and/or depression for mutual support. We're very excited about this new venture, but are aware that there can be significant pastoral implications.

A weekly Create and Chatter Group that has been running very well for a good few months now. This brings together Christians and non-Christians to create and have fun together. It also has a support group of sorts as we meet people with various difficulties and our prayer is obviously that they will come to know the Lord in time.

Our CAP Money Course which seeks to help those with money difficulties and those who would just like to rethink their finances. In small rural towns and villages it can be surprisingly difficult to find people who need this help. We've run the course a few times with very positive feedback but our desire is for it to have a bigger impact on the community.

Our "For God's Sake" week of events in Framlingham was very successful last year. By the time you read this we will hopefully be planning our next one and would value your prayers.

Finally, we are asking the Lord what it means to be an Acts 2 Community Church, and with this in mind we are planning a weekend away to explore this and to listen to God together. We would be grateful for your prayers for this too.

FEBRUARY 26TH BMS

Remember those who serve the Lord overseas, especially those in places where the going is particularly hard. Pray for wisdom for those who work in the UK in support and training roles. Remember especially those who have the task of dividing up ever dwindling resources. Pray that all our churches will look carefully and prayerfully at their giving to BMS.

MARCH 4TH TOOLS WITH A MISSION

TWAM has recently opened a Repair and Training Workshop in Kampala, Uganda.

The centre will be training two Ugandans to repair sewing machines and other equipment as well as cleaning tools sent from the UK for refurbishing.

There will be a training programme for 20 students in tailoring, carpentry and computer technology.

Please pray for Robert Tumuhairwe who will oversee the project and for all the members of the skills training staff, also for the young men and women who will benefit from the training and the tools they receive.

MARCH 11TH BAPTIST UNION

Remember all those who serve on our behalf at BU HQ in Didcot.

Pray for Rev. Jonathan Edwards, General Secretary, as he seeks to “nudge us all” in the right directions. Remember our President, Rev. Pat Took as she travels the country visiting various churches. Pray for all the churches in the BU nationwide with the wide variety of size, worship styles and theological standpoints. Pray that all will continually seek God’s guidance on the right path forward and accept change where change is necessary.

MARCH 18TH BURLINGTON, IPSWICH

No submission received.

MARCH 25TH CHRISTCHURCH, IPSWICH

No submission received.



EBA SUFFOLK PRAYER LETTER

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