

Suffolk
EBA Prayer Letter.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this edition of the EBA Prayer Letter. It is good for our local churches to support each other in this way, because we know that God answers prayers!

As I receive the contributions for each edition of the EBA Prayer Letter, I am excited to see what God is doing in growing His church in Suffolk. So I encourage all of you to be supportive in prayer and give God the glory.

Please pray for all the Holiday Clubs and Missions our area Churches will be holding over this holiday time, that may they be encouraged by the number of people coming and that as the Love of Jesus is shared in word and song, people will respond, wanting to know more about what it means to follow Jesus.

6th August 2017 Sudbury Baptist Church

We thank God for 2 recent baptisms and look forward to some more in the future.

Praise God that lives are being changed on the fringes of the church, faith is deepening and growing. We also thank God that the extension to our premises is nearly finished and we look for wisdom and guidance as we seek to use it to reach out to the community.

In October we are having a season of prayer where we will wait on and listen to God as He leads us forwards, pray for an air of expectancy within the fellowship, seeking Him with passion!

Pray that it will lead us to a place where our hearts break for the lost, and where we fight in prayer for many to come and know Jesus as their King!

13th August 2017 Winesham Baptist Church

We continue involvement in our village community, visiting those who are unwell or lonely and in need of a friendly face. We call and welcome newcomers with a leaflet about local amenities and helpful phone numbers together with a gift of fair trade products.

Our Family Time before the morning service is well attended, we have had a Christian puppet show at our village show.

We continue to run a free drop in cafe alongside the Post Office in our conservatory

Our Baby and Toddler group is well attended and we are expecting more due soon. Also our rooms are often used for children's parties which we are happy to help with

The Parish Council and "Village Voices" meet regularly on our premises.

Please Pray for our Pastor Andrew and his wife Judith along with the leaders and volunteers who keep our church witnessing week by week, may we make continue to make an impact in our village as we spread the Christian Message of Love and Hope.

20th August 2017 Bildeston Baptist Church

Another of our smaller churches that seek to be a positive presence for God in their area, they need to know our prayerful support for strength and guidance at this time.

27th August 2017 Ipswich Christ Church

We bade farewell to our minister in March and since then we have been praying for guidance on the way forward. At our last church meeting we opted for the Baptist Route rather than the URC and we will be writing our profile and using the Baptist settlement process to find a new minister.

Please pray for us as we prepare our profile and for our vision of how the Lord wants us to grow, and

where our future ministry lies.

Please pray for strength and stamina for our lay leaders (deacons, children's leaders, and lay preachers) as they take on more responsibility at this time.

3rd September 2017 Clare Baptist Church

They write that they have now become a partner church with Home for Good and a family has just been approved for fostering and we now waiting to see this family increase by one and the child into the life of the church. Paul their minister writes, from first-hand experience that a lot of prayer support is vital in these circumstances.

Please for the whole fellowship as they support and encourage this family, that God will bless this step of faith.

10th September 2017 Felixstowe, Maidstone Road Baptist Church

We give thanks for new folks recently joining us and for the prospect of a baptismal class after the summer.

We have started two new home groups and pray that all the groups will aid discipleship and outreach.

The work of Walton Parish Nursing continues to serve the local community through the three local Walton churches. We are also involved with various ministries backed by CtiF.

We ask for prayer for the latest initiative of possibly forming a local Felixstowe CAP group debt centre backed by all the churches

17th September 2017 Framlingham Community Baptist Church

At our recent AGM we elected a new member to the Leadership Team which is now complete.

Please pray for God to lead and guide them in leading the church, encouraging mission, and pastoral care.

We look forward to our Family Fun Camp at the orchard camp site Wickham Market from the 1st to 3rd September, please pray for setting up tents etc in the dry! For our guest speaker John Finlinson

Our fledgling Sunday school is relatively small but we pray that it will grow, also pray for our teens as we seek to encourage their faith.

24th September 2017 Whepstead Baptist Church

One of our smaller fellowship which continue to witness and serve God in their area. They write, we continue to be faithfully served by a number of regular visiting preachers and are blessed by the ministry they give us.

Our numbers remain steady but continue to look to God for increase, and we are grateful to our leadership team for all they do.

We are shortly embarking on a project address the outside of our premises to ensure the building remains in good state of repair and ask for prayer that the various needs for this will be met.

Similarly our sound system needs upgrading to meet the needs of the congregation.

We thank you for your prayer support and send greetings to all the churches in the EBA

1st October 2017 Ipswich Burlington Baptist Church

Please give thanks to God with us for:

Good conclusion of our first two 10 month internships, Fay and Josh.

Sally Sago starting in minister-in-training at King Street Baptist after an initial successful year with us.

An encouraging 24/7 Prayer Room for a long weekend in May with around a 100 people being involved.

Decisive Trustee/ Deacons election.

Inspiring Gift Day enabling us to meet some financial challenges.

Please pray with us for:

More people to come to faith through Missional Communities.

An increase in Intentionality in Discipleship within our Missional Communities.

New Interns to settle in and learn quickly.

Our Senior Minister's Autumn Sabbatical to be one of encouragement and appropriate challenge for the next season.

With our Prayers for the other EBA churches

8th October 2017 Bury St Edmunds, Southgate Church

We have had no particular requests from this church but continue to Pray for their Minister, their Family and Communities Worker, and the leadership and Deacons.

May they all experience a real infilling of The Holy Spirit to strengthen and renew their witness.