



## Power Points

Issue 103:  
July - Oct. 2018

As we begin to use the prayers for this period, let us remember the GEAR summary:  
Growing closer to Jesus, Enthusiastic about the bible, Alive in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Reaching out with the Good News.

### **Week beginning 1st July please pray for:**

- URC General Assembly at Nottingham from the 6th to 9th. For the Moderators - Mr Derek Estill and Rev Nigel Uden as they step up to take leadership to the church over the next two years, and for the associated youth events "What do you think?" And the "Big SpeakOut". For wise decisions in Assembly. For the election of moderators-elect who will be preparing for serving from 2020-22.
- Sally and Andrew Willett as they plan to enhance their ERA role through training to use social media, web sites and electronic media for spreading the gospel

### **Week beginning 8th July please pray for:**

- the Strategic Planning Group in the Council for World Mission developing a work plan for 2020-2029 over the next year or so; pray for the plan to be led by the Holy Spirit: for John Proctor the URC General Secretary who is on this group and their face-to-face meetings, the first of which is in London on July 13 and 14.
- Wessex Synod youth camp - Re:connect in the New Forest; for safety for everyone; for good leadership and significant spiritual growth among the young people. This is from the 13th to 15th.

### **Week beginning 15th July please pray for:**

- the Retired Ministers' Housing Society reviewing their regulations and good practice at an away day in July.
- our church partners in Madagascar, Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar, celebrating 200 years of the gospel in their land - brought from Wales in 1818
- a prayer event at Cornerstone URC, Hythe and Sally Willett leading on 21st
- improved record keeping at Church House. A new database is needed and work starts about the end of March. Pray all churches will meet the demands of new data protection requirements from May.

### **Week beginning 22nd July please pray for:**

- new Assembly committee convenors and retirees: Anne Lewitt replacing Helen Mee in Equalities; Dick Gray completes his term in URC Trust, Val Morrison being the current deputy expected to be confirmed as next convenor.

**Week beginning 29th July please pray for:**

- Shanklin Carnival on Wednesday 1st September and a community evening being hosted by the URC on the Friday.
- peace. The 4th August is one hundred years on from a national day of prayer called by King George V near the end of the First World War. This will be the first day of 100 days of prayer for peace across the country, organised by Hope Together. It will run until Armistice Day on 11th November. Please pray your own prayers for peace or join this initiative.
- a free tea afternoon on the 4th being offered by Shanklin Churches and for an Open Air service being held by Ryde Churches to coincide with this.

**Week beginning 5th August please pray for:**

- the Romans One Eleven team of 7 visiting their projects in Uganda from 5th to 24th August. Pray for team leaders Jon Sermon and Rachel Bailey and for participants Phoebe, Amy, Stuart, Judy and Liz (ranging in age from 18 to 70+), of whom only the leaders have been in Uganda before. Pray for safe travel, good health, positive team spirit and communication, and effective ministry in a range of settings.

**Week beginning 12th August please pray for:**

- John Ellis as Council for World Mission Treasurer, currently half-way through a four-year term: lots of work, lots of travel, lots of resource to make available to the world wide family of churches
- Adeyfield Free Church. They are having a challenging and rewarding time this autumn and would value prayer - they leave their current site on the 24th August, and hope to be in the new building in mid November. They'd value prayer cover for the transition, for a real sense of renewed energy and God's purpose as they move into our new site, and for God's provision to meet budgets.

**Week beginning 19th August please pray for:**

- churches in Syria and Lebanon - doing what they can to offer relief, safety and hope. Pray for their members where they are facing persecution.
- the Dunamis event Listening Evangelism at Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol, from 20-24; for preparation, safe travelling, engaged participants and good teaching.
- Walking the Way implementation. After the ministers conference and Assembly, pray that ideas will be generated and shared among local churches to inspire members to be more intentional about their discipleship and that this will lead onto great mission work.

**Week beginning 26th August please pray for:**

- looking forward to September when many committees meet after a summer break: especially where there is much preparation of papers and logistics for Mission Council in November
- the launch of the first Stepwise component “Faith-filled life” in September. Stepwise is a learning programme part of “Walking the Way”

**Week beginning 2nd September please pray for:**

- the Romans One Eleven trustees meeting on 8th September and for Jackie Woodley as she picks up some of the administrative responsibilities prior to taking over from Chris Copley in spring 2019.
- those starting new schools and courses at the beginning of September and for teachers in new posts or working with new classes.

**Week beginning 9th September please pray for:**

- Wessex Synod ministers' day at Salisbury on the 13th.
- Ryde's annual horticultural show on the 15th and for relationships to be strengthened with the local community around Haylands.
- church partners in Bangladesh and Myanmar - doing what they can to help with the Rohingya crisis. Pray also for Christians in Myanmar where Burmese military are now targeting Christian ethnic minorities.

**Week beginning 16th September please pray for:**

- Alpha, Christianity Explored and other courses beginning this autumn. Pray for good publicity, friends to encourage non-Christians to attend and for the gospel to be explained well
- Wessex Synod area gatherings this week

**Week beginning 23rd September please pray for:**

- Harvest events and for the opportunities they bring for outreach into local communities and school
- Evangelical Alliance Council meeting at London School of Theology from 26-27; for Brian Harley as he represents the URC and networks with other leaders.
- an Evangelism teaching event at Abingdon Avenue URC, Northampton being led by Andrew Willett on 29th.

**Week beginning 30th September please pray for:**

- Autumn Synod meetings, for renewal of fellowship between churches and clear communication of support for each other.
- URC local church youth and family workers' day conference on 6th October

**Week beginning 7th October please pray for:**

- the Ugandan pastors currently being trained at the three Spiritual Life Centres operating through the Romans One Eleven Trust. In some churches they are almost the only person to own a Bible, on occasion even having to share it with an assistant pastor. Their biblical knowledge therefore starts from a low level, so pray for the indigenous trainers as they seek to help the students to understand more of Biblical teaching and leadership principles from the course written specifically for use in this environment.

**Week beginning 14th October please pray for:**

- GEAR Committee meeting on the 17th to 18th at Barnes Close, probably at that place for the last time; for wisdom over the location of future meetings.
- GEAR to contribute effectively to Walking the Way. (see again Aug 19 prayer)

**Week beginning 21st October please pray for:**

- the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, as their country is increasingly excluded from international networks
- our Evangelism and Renewal Advocates, Andrew and Sally Willett and for the continuing effectiveness of this initiative.

**Week beginning 28th October please pray for:**

- Sally Willett leading at a church planting event in Hove on 30th
- Light Parties and other similar events on the 31st to offer a positive alternative to Halloween.
- preparations of ministers and church leaders for Advent and Christmas services. Pray for the message of God coming to live among us is foreground news.

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