



## Power Points

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### **1st to 2nd March please pray for:**

- Fairtrade Fortnight 25th Feb to 10th March that it may create memorable events and remind many of the importance of fair prices that cover the costs of growing and a fair wage.
- Annual Church Meetings which are frequently held this month and for the election of Elders in many congregations.
- John Proctor speaking at Wales Synod on 2nd March. Also for all March Synod meetings.

### **Week beginning 3rd March please pray:**

- for building work in lower ground floor of Church House, making good the way the building deals with damp; due to finish in Holy Week. Thank God for the many excellent people who work here - builders and our staff, who continue doing their job in slightly disruptive circumstances.
- Please join with the elders and congregation of the Beacon Church, Poole, giving thanks to God for the developing joy and love for Him and one another. Thank him for many answered prayers for the sick, building faith and especially for those who have come to know Jesus as Saviour and are being baptised shortly.
- for Lent Groups taking place from 6th March to 18th April Maundy Thursday.

### **Week beginning 10th March please pray for:**

- Fairplace United Church (Meth/URC) Okehampton, West Devon which is having its coffee bar centre refurbished, intending for its Rededication on Easter Sunday.
- North Western Synod. The synod is currently without a Moderator. Please pray that the right person will be drawn to this important role and will bring enthusiasm and energy to help the Synod move forward with confidence. Please also pray that those left 'holding the fort' in the Synod office and team are given the strength and energy to keep the wheels turning during the interim period.
- the URC in Halstead's day conference 'Fireseeds' on Sat 16th March introducing foundational teaching about the Holy Spirit, led by Paul Stokes.

**Week beginning 17th March please pray for:**

- Jackie Woodley as she takes over fully as the Administrator of the Romans One Eleven Trust in April; that she will be able to juggle all the complexities of the job with her other work and family commitments.
- the Evangelical Alliance Council members meeting in London on the 21st.
- Mission Council Advisory Group on March 21st as it starts serious planning for Mission Council in May.
- Crossfire Camp committee as they continue to prepare for this year's event on the end of May bank holiday weekend.

**Week beginning 24th March please pray for:**

- good planning for two visitors to come from Uganda in June and for a team visit to Uganda in August. If you are interested in receiving a Ugandan visitor or travelling with the team to Uganda, please contact Chris ([chrismvivian@gmail.com](mailto:chrismvivian@gmail.com)), Jackie ([jackie.woodley@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.woodley@gmail.com)) or Jon ([Jon@sermons.me.uk](mailto:Jon@sermons.me.uk))
- the Moderator appointment process in NW Synod, chaired by Val Morrison, hoping to nominate at the end of May.
- the UK. By the 29th it will either be "Brexit Day" or it will have been postponed. Please pray for focus on Jesus in the nation as well as human political decisions.

**Week beginning 31st March please pray for:**

- special services and events reaching out to local communities on Mothering Sunday. Also for mothers in prison separated from their children.
- Plymstock United Church's day of prayer and fasting on Sat 6th April. May people's faith be deepened and God speak into their lives.

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

- the Retired Ministers' Housing Society, working hard to make sure that all its properties are safe and comfortable for those who need them
- the CWM Strategic Planning process - two URC people, Peter Cruchley and John Proctor, are on the group drafting a new CWM workplan for 2020-29; John Ellis as Treasurer and Director will also be involved. There are many meetings between now and December, some of them electronic, some involving long travel.

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

- Paul Stokes, leading seminars at Spring Harvest in Minehead on Corporate Listening Prayer, and on Tackling Spiritual Strongholds. This is from Sun 14th to Thur 18th
- Holy Week services and plans for Easter celebrations on the 21st.

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

- the new Dunamis track starting on Monday 22nd until Friday. The first event is Gateways to Empowered Ministry. Pray for participants new to this teaching on the Holy Spirit.
- the Romans One Eleven trustees as they hold their regular quarterly meeting on 27th April. As well as all the ongoing matters relating to Uganda, they will be bidding farewell to Chris Copley who has worked with the Trust since 2006, having been the Administrator for the last 6 years

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

- Wessex Synod ministers' Spring School at Salisbury on the 29th. Also pray for ministers' gatherings in other synods.

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

- the local churches in North Western Synod, many of whom are struggling to come to terms with the scale of changes necessary to make the Missional Partnerships get off the ground, let alone take us forward.
- South Western Synod Ministers' spring schools from 7th May with John Proctor speaking.

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

- Mission Council meeting from 13 - 15th. Items for discussion include
  - o education for discipleship, and the Stepwise programme
  - o continuing discussion on a new pattern of ministry - NSM Model 4,
  - o strategic direction in the URC.
- GEAR committee meeting on the 15th & 16th.

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

- Ministers' spring and summer schools.
- Crossfire Camp this weekend 24th to 27th May at Stathern Lodge, Leicestershire. Pray for safe travelling for the young people and for parents and church helpers who are bringing the young people to the event. Pray for the leaders and speaker who put in so much effort to provide this event that is so significant for the young people.

**Week beginning 26th May please pray:**

- on Ascension Day (on the 30th) with thankfulness that Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father and our hope for His return in the same way.
- for the Thy Kingdom Come initiative over 10 days from Ascension Day. We give thanks for the impetus this has given for mission.

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

- planning of Assembly Moderator-elects' diaries for 2020 to 2022. Pray that they will be able to include a good mix of venues and events across the variety of the whole URC.
- Pentecost celebrations on the 9th.

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

- John Proctor in Yorkshire synod this week.
- Fairplace United Church (Meth/URC) Okehampton, West Devon. There will be a Flower Festival on the theme of Celebrations 13th-15th June, with our Church Anniversary on 16th June.

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

- Macedonia URC as it seeks to transition to a Mission Project in order to return to being in governance (in legal terms) without losing the hard work and enthusiasm which has carried it forward thus far.

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

- the following from Malcolm Smith in Northern Synod. "There's nothing wrong with our local URC congregations in the Northern industrial towns, except that far too many are living in vast Victorian buildings no longer suitable for present-day needs and opportunities" [a quote from a previous Synod Moderator]. Pray on please by name for congregations you know or hear about that even now are struggling to change, adapt, redevelop their premises...

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

- Fairplace United Church. Please pray for this town centre ministry and outreach to local people and visitors to Dartmoor.

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