



International Presbyterian Church

prayer letter

March 2019

Christ Church Derby

Minister: Joel Kendall
www.derby.church

- Give thanks for encouragement in many ordinary things of church life.
- Pray that the singing group for mums & toddlers would pick up a growing number of local people.
- Give thanks for the financial generosity of the church in giving towards a particular project.
- Pray for the leadership and congregation as they care for many people with difficult pastoral issues of various kinds.

Grace Church Larbert

Minister: Andrew Randall
www.gracechurchlarbert.org

- The church has a large number of serious pastoral issues, and a number of people recently bereaved – pray for them, and for the elders, deacons and congregation as they care for them.
- Give thanks for a really good weekend recently with Paul Levy on the place of children in the church and how we best nurture them in faith.
- Pray for the smooth progress of the church's purchase of land, in the face of a hate campaign mounted by a local man, and for the planning application process.
- Pray for Andrew's sabbatical during April-June, and his trip to Ethiopia with Compassion.

Grace Community Church, Kyle of Lochalsh

Interim Minister: Fred McFarland
www.gracecommunity.co.uk

- Pray on for Fred & Celeste as they enter their second year in Kyle, and for their family back in the US.
- Pray for the impact of a recent outreach event in Skye with Rico Tice.
- The geographical context brings challenges – pray for a growing desire to be in church week by week.
- Pray for improvement in finances.

Highland International Church, Inverness

Minister: James Torrens
www.hicinverness.org.uk

- Give thanks for new people who have come, and pray that they would quickly feel at home and be integrated into the church family.
 - Pray for the non-Christian husbands of some of our members.
 - Pray for a series planned for later this year on various topical and apologetic issues, probably at a different place and time from normal Sunday worship.
 - Give thanks for money donated to help the church employ someone, and pray for the elders and deacons to be guided to the right person to come and work with internationals outreach and youth ministry.
 - Pray for the conversion of the non-Christian husbands of some of our members.
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Immanuel Church, Brentford

Minister: Stuart Cashman
www.immanuelbrentford.org

- Give thanks for a number of recent visitors and pray that they would settle.
- Pray for those who have been undergoing training in The Word One to One, and are reading John's gospel with friends.
- Give thanks that the pre-teens' group on Sunday mornings has been going well.
- Pray for the elders, and give thanks for a committed core of people in the congregation.
- Pray for wisdom in discipling people on the edges of church life, and gently challenging them to move forward in faith.
- Pray for a growing love for the Lord and desire to witness for him.

IPC Ealing

Minister: Paul Levy
www.ipc-ealing.co.uk

- The congregation recently had two full weeks with Ian Hamilton, and greatly appreciated his ministry.
- There have been quite a lot of new people around on Sundays, from lots of different ethnic backgrounds – pray that they will want to stay, and settle well.
- Give thanks for the blessings of the new building, and pray for any remaining teething problems to be resolved.
- The church is hoping to take on a Japanese intern, partly to minister to the large Japanese population in north Ealing.

St Peter's IPC, Liss

Minister: James Buchanan
www.ipc-liss.com

- Give thanks for a stable period in the church's life and ministry.
- Give thanks for the support of the Ealing Session, including the attendance of an elder most Sundays. Pray for ongoing wisdom in all aspects of leadership.
- Pray for various visitors who have been around this year.
- Give thanks that the church met an ambitious budget target last year, and pray for generous giving towards a more ambitious one this year.
- Pray for Kim and Ranald, longstanding elders who have been unwell.

New City IPC, Shepherd's Bush

Minister: Chris Hatch
www.newcityipc.org

- Pray for the ongoing preaching ministry of the church, as they finish a series in Joshua and begin looking at the Psalms.
 - Pray for Israel, who will soon be leaving to go to Covenant Seminary for the next four years.
 - Pray for good communication in the church.
 - Give thanks for recent interest from the Streetlytes ministry, with people interested in finding out more about Christ – pray that they would come to know him.
 - Pray for the pastoral needs of the members, and for the elders as they minister.
 - Pray for growing consistency in Sunday attendance.
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New Life Masih Ghar, Southall

Ministers: Bob Heppe, Barry Schutter
www.nlmg.org

- Give thanks for the ordination of Sunny Jaj this month, and pray for him in his life and ministry.
- Pray for a young Muslim woman who has been exploring the gospel, but who is due to move away from the area – that she would find another good church.
- The church has many single people and it would be good to have more families – ask the Lord to meet this need.
- Pray for Bob and Barry in their ongoing ministry.

Trinity Church Aberdeen

Minister: David Gibson
www.trinityaberdeen.org.uk

- Praise God for the five teenagers who professed faith this month, and pray for them to grow in faith, hope and love.
- Give thanks for many people who are interested in membership, and pray for the elders as they meet with them to discuss this.
- Give thanks for happy, busy Sundays.
- Pray for the appointment of new staff – the church is looking to appoint an assistant and two ministry trainees.
- Pray for Ben Traynor as he prepares to move to the US to study at Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte for the next four years.
- The renovation project for the new church building will shortly be underway – pray for all necessary wisdom, foresight and finance for this, and for wisdom in planning church life after the project is complete.

Trinity Church York

Minister: Matthew Roberts
www.trinitychurchofYork.org.uk

- Attendances this year have been encouraging – pray for more growth.
- Give thanks for the new pattern of 9:30am Sunday School for all ages, followed by a 10:30 service with families remaining together throughout.
- Pray for the impact of the teens' group which is small, but has attracted a good flow of non-Christian kids; the tots' group which continues to flourish; and the lunchtime talks which although small are having a significant impact.
- Pray for Adam as he leads a group for final year students, challenging them to grow in their faith.
- Pray for negotiations with the landlords over rent review.
- There are various weddings coming up – pray for strong marriages and God-glorifying families.

All Nations Church, Ilford

Minister: Simon Arcsott
www.ilfordipc.co.uk

- The church is preparing to seek two loan elders with a view to forming a church membership later this year. Pray that this would open up helpful discipleship opportunities.
 - Give thanks that the church was successful in finalising a new constitution and obtaining charitable status.
 - Pray for Will Allen and Ben Clarke as they prepare to move on.
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 - Give thanks for growing links with a church in Romford which is considering joining the IPC.
 - Pray for Kurt & Jill in their role in Muslim outreach.
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Christ Church Central, Leeds

Minister: Jonty Rhodes

<http://www.centralleeds.church>

- The church has recently moved to a new venue in a community centre which has better access and parking.
- Give thanks for a good number of visitors since the move, including a number of people who are settling into the church.
- Give thanks that most of the congregation have been attending the 9:30am Sunday School, and pray for Jonty as he continues to teach on the doctrine of the church in preparation for forming a membership later in the year.
- Pray that the Lord would provide good candidates for the eldership.
- Pray on for the congregation as they continue to build relationships in Leeds, many of them having moved there recently.

IPC Men Serving Out of Bounds

(these are men ordained with the IPC who are currently serving in other ministries)

- James Bryner Chu: Pilgrim Community Church, Manila, Philippines
- Iain Clements: pastor of a Latimer Congregational Church in Beverley, East Yorkshire
- Jonny Gibson: assistant professor of Hebrew & OT at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
- Gethin Jones: working with a church in Paris, with a view to a possible future church plant
- Joe Martin: working with students in Oxford for many years
- Timothy Mulla: outreach ministry to the Muslim community in Dewsbury

Men Under Care of Presbytery

(these are men for whom presbytery has a pastoral responsibility, usually those training for ministry)

- Will Allen: studying Oak Hill Theological College
- Steve Clark: elder at Immanuel Brentford, hoping to start theological studies by distance learning
- Sean Clokey: working with Grace Church Larbert until autumn 2019
- Marcus Gadson: working at New City, Shepherd's Bush
- Israel Kolade: working at New City, Shepherd's Bush
- Andrew Kueh: working at All Nations, Ilford
- Peter Leach: studying at Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Stephen Moore: undertaking PhD studies in Leiden, Netherlands
- Lourens du Plessis: studying at Oak Hill Theological College
- Ben Traynor: ministry trainee at Trinity Church Aberdeen
- Sam Tunnicliffe: undertaking PhD studies at Cambridge
- Adam Wilson: ministry trainee at Trinity Church York