

Allen Edward's Prayer Diary



It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Allen's dear wife, Jean, in November. Mike had the privilege of conducting her cremation and thanksgiving services one Thursday before Christmas. Please continue to uphold Allan and his daughters Claire and Helen, their husbands and families as they adjust to life without Jean's love, encouragement, support and prayers.

Please pray for:

1. My continued involvement as a Foundation Director (representing Salisbury Diocese) on the Acorn Multi-Academy Trust during these challenging times for schools.
2. My continued involvement as a Visiting Professor at Cardiff University.
3. My involvement with outreach on North Stoneham Park as a member of the Clockhouse Church leadership team with Café @ 4 & Extra Slice.
4. The Clarification of the administrative and support arrangements for Clockhouse to enable further development of outreach on North Stoneham Park.
5. St Francis Valley Park as they manage during the vacancy and seek a new minister.
6. 2/2 Leading and preaching at St Francis Valley Park.
7. Extra slice on 2/2 (a new discipleship event) on the estate for those who want to move on from the Cafe@4.
8. Cafe@4 on the 16/2.
9. Clockhouse outreach meetings on 12/2, 13/2, 20/2, 26/2, 6/3, 12/3, 26/3.
10. 2/3 leading and preaching at St Francis Valley Park.
11. 23/3 leading at St Francis Valley Park.

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"those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles." Isaiah 40:31

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Dear Praying Friends,

Love him or loath him, view him as demon or deliverer, Donald Trump is once again President of the USA. At his Inauguration and the National Prayer Service he was prayed for by a variety of faith leaders. Whilst those at The Capitol prayed for wisdom and the exercise of power for the benefit of all coupled with uncritical praise and thanks for Donald Trump, The Bishop of Washington, Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, dared to address challenging remarks directly to the new President. Calling upon him to have mercy, she said of immigrants and refugees, "They may not be citizens or have the proper documentation, but the vast majority of immigrants are not criminals. They pay taxes, and are good neighbors. They are faithful members of our churches,".

Whatever we may think of the service, of all the bishop had to say or the fact that she said it in that context, she was fearless in exercising the principle of 'speaking truth to power.'

John the Baptist was fearless and had the credentials to speak truth to secular and religious power. "When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ... Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:7,8,10.

Speaking Gospel truth and Kingdom values to power is not in itself political, but may well draw a reaction from those in power. Both John and The Lord spoke truth to secular and religious power at great cost. The problem today comes when senior church leaders themselves resist truth when it is spoken to their power. In my ministry amongst parish church leaders, many evangelical, charismatic and traditional Anglo-catholic church leaders are struggling with those in ecclesiastical power resisting truth that is being spoken to them. Always, truth must be spoken with grace, following Him who was "full of grace and truth". Might John's call to repentance coupled with his urgent warning, "The axe is laid to the root of the trees" be both a call and a warning to be heeded today, for no denomination has a divine right to exist or to continue to exist!

Scripture bids us pray for our secular rulers and our church leaders. May we be faithful in doing so, but with a spirit of personal penitence.

With our love in Jesus,
Mike & Angie

Mike and Angie's Prayer Diary

Because Prayer News is quarterly the dates for April are still being/to be arranged, hence engagements for the month look quite thin.

February

3rd-7th Belated post Christmas break

9th Batcombe, near Dorchester, lead/preach Communion service AM

10th 1-1 ministry Dorset X2. (A) Pastoral Care Committee at church

11th 1-1 ministry Dorset

13th AIM Prayer meeting

16th St. Andrew's, Preston, Weymouth preside and preach Communion AM

18th 1-1 ministry Dorset

23rd Dorchester Baptist Church – lead and speak at afternoon Tea Service

25th 1-1 ministry Dorset

28th **EWM Directors AGM**

March

9th Melbury Team (north of Dorchester) details tbc lead/preach Communion AM

10th 1-1 ministry Dorset X2

13th 1-1 ministry Dorset

16th Leigh (between Dorchester & Yeovil) lead/preach Communion service AM

20th Both of us to speak at a ladies outreach Impact Lunch in the Melbury Team – theme “Tales of the Unexpected: God of Surprises!”

22nd Speak (one amongst two or three speakers) at day conference on the spiritual gift of prophecy today

30th St. Andrew's, Preston, Weymouth preside and preach Communion AM

April

6th St. Andrew's, Preston, Weymouth preside and preach Communion AM

St. Francis, Littlemoor, Weymouth preside and preach Communion AM

10th Castle View Residential home Easter Service

13th Cornerstone (previously known as Ebenezer), Weymouth, Preach AM

Mike was taken to hospital in early December with a suspected heart attack. After tests it was diagnosed was an angina attack. He has further tests on 13th February, so we would value prayer for clarity as to what is happening with the heart. This follows on from his diagnosis of coronary heart disease in the first half of last year. Thank you.

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URGENT PRAYER REQUEST D R Congo *received after Prayer News was completed.*

Greetings in Jésus name, please, pray for peace in DRC. There are fighting among M23 rebel movement against Congolese Gouvernement trrops. Fighting are around Bukavu and Goma. There is a lot of troubles in Bukavu and Goma with their surrounding villages. The Governor of Goma has been killed this week.

LETTER FROM ODEL, Rwanda *received after Prayer News was completed.*

Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

By God's grace, I've resumed reading for my dissertation, and all is progressing well. It's a fulfilling journey, and I am grateful for the opportunity to dig deeper into my studies while balancing ministry responsibilities. In addition to my role as the Diocesan Secretary, I am assigned to serve as the young adults' pastor at Remera Parish, which has been an exciting and enriching experience. Guiding young adults as they navigate their faith and life challenges is both humbling and rewarding.

On a personal note, Dinah and I are doing well and enjoying this season of life together. We are overjoyed to share that we are expecting our first child, and we are filled with gratitude for this blessing. Dinah is experiencing some challenges, but the doctors have assured us that it is normal. Please keep her in your prayers as we prepare for this new chapter in our lives. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement—it means so much to us!

Blessings,

Odel

Rev MUHINDO MATABARO Jean-Paul, EWM Director D.R. Congo

Receive our 2025 greetings in Jesus Christ's name.
We thank God for protecting all of us as of the Eagle Wings Ministry in D.R. Congo.
In November 2024 God enabled me to receive a gift of \$800 from a friend who works as a deputy in DRC and we were able to organise four EWM conferences on *Faithfulness and Integrity* in Bukavu, Kalehe, Katana and Kavumu communities.

Bukavu: Nov 6th-8th 21 pastors from Anglican, Baptist, Pentecostal, Assemblies of God, Evangelical, Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran churches attended the conference. At the end, we gave to all copies of the Bible in Congo Swahili.



Kalehe: This village (70 km Northern Bukavu town) is badly affected by fighting from the M23 Rebel Movement and several catastrophes. Nov 13th-15th 10 pastors from Anglican churches attended and received Bibles.



Katana: Nov 20th-22nd 36 people (20 pastors and 16 lay leaders) attended the conference. They were from Anglican, Salvation Army, Baptist, Pentecostal, Methodist, Evangelical and Revival churches. Only ordained pastors received Bibles.



Kavumu: Nov 27th-30th 37 pastors and lay leaders from Pentecostal, Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Nazarene, Evangelical and Anglican churches attended the conference. Only 9 pastors who are EWM Committee members received Bibles.



Thanksgiving:

Our heartily thanks to EWM UK for its regular financial and spiritual support for EWM DRC. We also thank the individuals who appreciate our EWM ministry and support our activities financially, morally and spiritually.

Prayer requests:

Pray for peace in eastern DR Congo where the M23 Rebel Movement continues fighting and killing innocent people.
Pray for EWM DR Congo 2025 Operational Action plan. May God bless it, making it fruitful and helpful to the people we serve.
Pray for our Bible Distribution to Pastors project as we have only served 60 Pastors of the 373 targeted.
Pray for Rev Jean-Paul, the EWM Worker in DRC as he is still improving his thesis before the defence planned this year.

NEWS OF ODEL RUGEMA IN KIGALI, RWANDA

Please continue to pray for Odel and Dinah in their early months both of marriage and ordained ministry. Pray for the work-life balance of home life, local church ministry and Odel's role as the Kigali Diocesan Administrator with a crucial role in advancing the strategic plan for mission and ministry for the next five years. The Diocese has always had a vision for evangelism and growth in making Christ known to those who do not yet know Him as Saviour and Lord. Odel is also trying to complete his Masters dissertation for which he was given a further year's extension.

The Introduction to the plan for the next five years reads:

Building on the successes of the past five years, the upcoming strategic plan for the Kigali Diocese will continue to prioritize growth and development, but with a renewed focus on training and equipping pastors. This includes providing academic qualifications for current pastors who lack formal education and recruiting a new generation of young and educated individuals with a calling for ministry. These efforts aim to empower the Diocese's clergy to lead with greater effectiveness and vision, ensuring that the Kigali Diocese not only sustains its momentum but also reaches new heights in its mission and ministry over the next five years.

The key areas to be developed are: Worship; Evangelism and Discipleship – including church planting and other creative initiatives; deepening fellowship; development of estates and buildings; staff welfare and motivation.

PASTOR JOEL KAAMA, KIGALI, RWANDA

Please pray:

1. For an English Service at our parish starting on 2nd February. That the start will be smooth and for the wisdom and the provision to keep it going.
2. For the translation project of Screwtape Letters in our mother tongue to complete by July and for the publishing.
3. For the biography I am writing of a good Anglican priest who died in the Genocide, called The Braveness of Sositene/ Ubutwari bwa Sositene. I hope to finish it by April.
4. For wisdom, strength and health in the pastoral work.
5. For my siblings to love God, and for the students.
6. For the You Tube Catechism I started in December, its fruitfulness in the community. <https://youtube.com/@gatigisimuroom?si=LW9xgTPqyj OP8F>
7. For the church in Rwanda to survive the political bans.



I am grateful for the prayers and the financial support you sent to me. It made easy what would have been harder. May God bless you! This is my 25th year of following the Lord. It is a year of Jubilee! God was merciful, I commit to strain for what lies ahead. (Phil 3:13-14) Praise God with me, for his patience this far, and pray that I keep going.

PASTOR SUNDAR, SOUTH INDIA

Greetings from India! I am excited to share updates about our EAGLE WINGS MINISTRIES Amazing Grace Biblical Leaders Training Programme. We are currently conducting leadership training classes, which are being attended by 30 leaders. These leaders comprise 20 church leaders and 10 evangelists, representing 27 churches. I am teaching an Old Testament survey, and the classes have been very engaging. We have already completed the first five books of the Bible. Although we haven't had group discussions yet, the leaders have been asking questions, and I have been clarifying their doubts. Starting with the next class, I plan to divide them into groups for more effective discussions.

Looking ahead to 2025, I intend to divide the 30 leaders into two groups of 15, each with two coordinators. I will travel to their convenient locations on my bike, and the pastors will attend with their wives.

Thank you once again from the bottom of my heart for your continued support of our EAGLE WINGS MINISTRIES Amazing Grace Biblical Leadership Training Programme India.

I have to write more that leaders are facing many persecutions and challenges at present. You already know when I conducted leaders' meetings on your last visit how we faced challenges, but when we moved and met in another area we completed a powerful time with you. India church leaders need strong leadership please pray for us.



SYLVANCE, NAIROBI, KENYA

Greetings from Kenya. I trust you are well. Thank you for reaching out to me and for always remembering me in your prayers. I am sending you photos of my family, the church construction of Ngong Pentecostal Church, pastors' meeting that we had last year (these are the pastors that received support from EWM during the floods in Kenya) and discipleship training that I led in my church last year. I received discipleship materials from the Bible League office in Kenya.



Pray for my ministry among the Maasai community, that many people will come to know the Lord as their saviour. Pray for my discipleship sessions in our Maasai churches. Pray for us that God will provide us with resources to build a sanctuary for the Lord at Ngong Pentecostal. This is my local church.

It is my prayer that you will get some time this year to come and minister to our pastors and also get time to preach in our church (NPC).

In your prayers, please remember my children's education. My son, Russell, is completing his Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory this year, even though I still have an outstanding tuition fee balance of £300. Rachel is in her 1st year of her Certificate in Kenyan Sign Language, I need a tuition fee of £200. Rose Mercy is in form 3 at high school and Raphaela is in grade 3. Pray for God's provision for my family so that the things we are trusting God to do for us will be fulfilled.

Receive greetings from Florence.

