

Allen Edward's Prayer Diary



Please pray for

My continued involvement as a Foundation Director (representing Salisbury Diocese) on the Acorn Multi-Academy Trust during these challenging times for schools.

My continued involvement as a Visiting Professor at Cardiff University.

My involvement with outreach on North Stoneham Park, (Eastleigh, Southampton) as a member of the Clockhouse Church leadership team, with Café @ 4 & Extra Slice.

The clarification of the administrative and support arrangements for Clockhouse to enable further development of outreach on North Stoneham Park as the Parish goes into vacancy.

St Francis Valley Park as they manage during the vacancy and seek a new minister.

May

1st Clockhouse outreach meetings

4th Leading and preaching at St Francis Valley Park.

Extra Slice on the estate for those who want to move on from the Cafe@4

7th Clockhouse outreach meeting

15th Preaching at 08.30 & 10.00 at St Francis.

Clockhouse outreach meeting

18th Cafe@4

21st Clockhouse outreach meeting

25th Leading at 08.30 & 10.00 at St Francis.

29th Clockhouse outreach meeting

June

1st Extra Slice on the estate for those who want to move on from Cafe@4

4th Clockhouse outreach meeting

12th Clockhouse outreach meeting

15th Preaching at 08.30 & 10.00 at St Francis

15th Cafe@4

18th Clockhouse outreach meeting

26th Clockhouse outreach meeting

29th Preaching at 08.30 & 10.00 at St Francis

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*Leaders - refreshed in Christ: renewed in mission
"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,

Waterfalls are a beautiful sight - the majesty of Victoria or Niagara Falls, or the cascading of a small stream in a glen. They all speak of refreshment, renewal and power.

John chapter 14 is a refreshing, renewing and powerful cascade of promises, assurance and hope. Reading it as part of re-reading chapters 12-21 ahead of Easter this year brought fresh blessing. It is an overflowing stream of the Lord's mercy and grace following the disciples' struggles in chapter 13, also spoken of in the other Gospels. There we have a discouraging catalogue of disappointment and failure when the Lord would have valued encouragement. The disciples struggled with Jesus washing their feet. Judas stepped away from the Light of the World into the darkness to betray Jesus. The Lord foretold Peter's denial. The disciples argued again about which of them would be the greatest (Luke 22:24). They did not understand where Jesus was going. It was not the most encouraging scenario for the Lord just prior to Gethsemane and Calvary.

But then comes the waterfall of chapter 14 filled with promises and encouragement. *"Do not let your hearts be troubled."* *"I'm going to prepare a place for you."* *"You will be where I am."* *"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."* *"Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things."* *"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever."* *"My Father and I ... will come to them (those who love him) and make our home with them."* *"Peace I leave with you do not be afraid."*

The chapter break means that we can easily miss this juxtaposition and contrast of these two sections of the Lord's final discourse with his disciples before going to Gethsemane. Despite the failings of the disciples Jesus speaks promises and encouragement over them, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

How our hearts and minds can get disturbed when we fail and become fearful with life's circumstances. Amid our failures, distractions, lack of understanding, fears and doubts, the Lord meets us in his mercy and grace with the assurance of his unfailing love, patience, forgiveness, hope and peace. His promises come alive in us afresh through the Holy Spirit's renewing work, as He deepens our relationship with Christ, assuring us of Christ's presence, transforming our temperaments, revolutionizing our relationships, and empowering us in mission. "Thank you, Lord."

With our love in Jesus, Mike and Angie

Exciting News



We are delighted to announce that **Paul and Mandy Warren** will be joining Mike and Angie in one-to-one ministries. Mike and Angie first met Paul and Mandy at St. John's Church and the Park Church, Weymouth, back in 1994. Paul and Mandy were part of a key core group at a relatively new church plant. Their time of overlap was quite short because they responded to God's call to go into full time Christian ministry, but not as ordained clergy.

They moved to Sheffield to train for ministry with the Church Army. After Paul's commissioning they served in St. Helier, just south of London, Leamington Spa and finally Bermondsey (almost in the shadow of The Shard). In Bermondsey Paul was responsible for a daughter church as well as other aspects of pastoral and evangelistic ministry across the parish. Whilst there, Odel, who was studying at All Nations, joined them for his church placement.

Soon after Paul's retirement in May last year he and Mandy moved back to Dorset where they now live on Portland and worship at St. John's, Weymouth. After Mike approached Paul on behalf of the Directors and following meetings between Paul and Mandy with Mike and Angie and then with the Directors there was unanimous agreement the Lord was calling them to join EWM UK.

By the time this edition of Prayer News is circulated Paul and Mandy will be back home after a trip to Australia to visit one of their daughters. Paul brings considerable experience in local church leadership and lay ministry, with a good understanding of the pressures and opportunities facing both ordained and non-ordained church leadership. Both he and Mandy bring a breadth and depth of experience in pastoral ministry, evangelism and church growth.

A wonderful confirmation of the Lord's hand on all of this was that very soon after the Directors' and Paul and Mandy's decision, we received a request for pastoral support from a couple involved in lay leadership and preaching! Please pray for the Lord's blessing on Paul and Mandy.

Request

If you know of anyone involved in church leadership - lay or ordained in any denomination who would appreciate a supportive listening ear, please pass on details and encourage them to get in touch, initially through the email address below, marking the subject FAO Paul. There is an invaluable ministry available to be used. With modern communication there is no need for the people to be local to Dorset or surrounding counties.

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

(This is a totally separate organisation to EWM UK, but there is fellowship and friendship)

Greetings to you and all the EWM family in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. We say thank you to God for protecting us during this period of war in our country DR Congo. We thank you all at Eagle's Wings Ministry of UK for praying continually for us and encouraging us in different ways.

Currently, the situation in DR Congo is becoming worse. Fighting among M23 Rebels and a group of WAZALENDU (Congolese struggling to chase the M23) are continuing in our region. In South Kivu, fighting is daily reported in the villages surrounding Bukavu. As we were celebrating Palm Sunday there was fighting at the Kavumu airport of Bukavu.

Consequently, people from villages are fleeing to other areas looking for safety. They do not have any humanitarian assistance. The impact is the economic crisis and insecurity that are increasingly harming all the families. Fearing attacks, rape, forced enrolment in M23 army and killings everybody enters their homes at 6.00 pm. These events cause trauma and depression in people. There is neither bank nor other financial service. Money has become rare while the USD rate increases and food is very expensive. The only way remaining for Bukavu people to access goods is via Rwanda. Rebels are trying to set laws but the people are not ready to collaborate with them.



Aware of our call from God to serve faithfully in such a context, the Eagle Wings Ministry in DR Congo is organising counselling sessions for those from different denominations in the communities we serve.

March 18th Counselling Session took place in Goma for 100 Church and Lay Leaders.

March 28th Counselling Session in Bukavu gathered 120 Church and Lay Leaders.

Prayer requests:

Pray for peace in eastern DR Congo as innocent people continue to suffer from war.

Pray for EWM DR Congo as it cares for war victims. May God provide the necessary provision for this work. We pray for the administration to be re-established so that we may get the money wired by EWM to our Diocesan Account.

Pray for our Bible distribution to the Pastors Project as we have only served 60 Pastors of the 373 targeted.

PASTOR SUNDAR, SOUTH INDIA

Pastor Sundar has recently held a three-night outreach event at which he saw people come to Christ and others encouraged in their walk with the Lord. Please pray for follow up.

He will also be recommencing his training seminars for pastors and other church leaders next month. EWM UK is helping to subsidise these seminars throughout this year on a decreasing basis over the rest of this year, encouraging him to become increasingly self-supporting from within India. EWM UK has helped him run seminars since the Covid epidemic.



Pastor George, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, Southerner's India

Every year in the month of May, we conduct a Vacation Bible School for children who attend with their parents' permission. Our church teachers will teach them choruses and Bible lessons through showing pictures, through drama, through puppet shows, and actions. Through these they learn songs and Bible lessons. We sow the seeds in their hearts. Each day, after the classes we give them snacks of cool drinks and biscuits. At the final day we give them all a New Testament, gifts to the children and gifts to encourage the teachers also. Please pray for us.

PS - Pastor George recently had his second eye operation. The operations on both his eyes have been successful and he is now enjoying improved vision. He is very grateful for prayers and private gifts. Unfortunately EWM UK is not able to send him financial support as he does not have the Indian government certificate to receive funds from overseas.

Pascal Nkurunziza, Cyangugu, Rwanda

We first met Pascal in Cyangugu in 2017 when he was one of a group of key catechists (lay leaders) attending our Called To Lead: Called To Serve conferences. His educational opportunities had been limited. Despite struggling with English, he made a valiant effort at interpreting for us when our interpreter was late arriving. He had a sharp mind, was keen to learn and discuss and was focussed in study. We heard from him just a few days ago and what he wrote is so encouraging. We praise God for His ongoing work in and through this young Christian leader. Please pray for Pascal, his wife and family.

I hope you are doing well. Since our last meeting, I have experienced abundant blessings that I would like to share. I want to let you know that, thanks to your teachings, I am now pursuing my Master's degree at Uganda Christian University. Your encouragement and support have profoundly impacted my journey, and I am grateful for your role in my life.

Currently, I am pursuing a master's degree in Divinity and Theology here at the Christian University in Uganda. This academic journey has been both challenging and rewarding. The program has deepened my understanding of Scripture and theology, equipping me with the knowledge and tools necessary for effective ministry. Each class offers new insights into the Word of God, and I find myself growing spiritually and intellectually.

The community at the university has also been a source of inspiration. Engaging with fellow students and professors who share a passion for the Gospel has fostered an environment of learning and collaboration. We often share experiences and insights that enrich our understanding of our faith and its application in today's world. This fellowship has been a significant blessing, reminding me of the importance of community in our spiritual journeys.

Moreover, I have felt the Lord's hand guiding me through this process. There have been moments of challenge, but each has been accompanied by a sense of purpose and direction. I am reminded daily of the importance of prayer and reliance on God's strength. It is through these experiences that I have grown closer to Him, developing a deeper relationship that fuels my passion for ministry.

As I reflect on this journey, I am filled with gratitude for the support I have received from Eagle's Wings Ministries and the prayerful community surrounding it. Knowing that there are people who believe in me and my calling encourages me to persevere in my studies and ministry work.

I look forward to sharing more about my experiences and the ways God is moving in my life. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. I am eager to contribute to the upcoming edition of Eagle's Wings Ministries UK as I believe it will encourage others in their faith journeys.



2017

I also have a prayer request where I need to start a project of caring for the Pastors who are in retirement. I have seen that when they retire, they become isolated, which can cause depression. If possible, I would like to continue with your program here in my diocese.



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Joel Kaama, Kigali

Joel Kaama is the young pastor who interpreted for Angie and Mike's Marriage and Family Life seminars in Kigali last July.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ME! KEEP ME IN YOUR PRAYERS

1. Pray for funds for printing Screwtape Letters in Kinyarwanda. (500 copies needs 1,400,000 @ a home-based printing press)
2. Pray that God grants health, wisdom and time for completing a small book that I am writing. (A biography of a faithful pastor)
3. Pray for the church and church ministers as Rwanda passes through the dark valley of church closures and tough government requirements.
4. Pray for St John's English service which is serving the international community around, to serve faithfully, lacking no good gift.

Blessings and Happy Easter!
(The photo was taken after the Palm Sunday service)



ODEL (Rwanda)

Please continue to pray for Odel as he works to complete his dissertation for his Masters in the next few weeks.

ODEL - A LATE STOP PRESS WITH SAD NEWS
- see under Mike & Angie's Prayer Diary

SYLVANCE (Kenya)

Please pray for Sylvance who is running a training conference for church leaders in May.

Mike and Angie's Prayer Diary

MAY

Mike and Angie are taking a mini sabbatical throughout May with no preaching engagements or 1-1 ministry. Please pray for a time of spiritual renewal and physical refreshment.

At the moment the diary is gradually being arranged, so please continue to pray for both Angie's and Mike's 1-1 ministry. (A = Angie; A&M = Angie & Mike)

JUNE

- 2nd Prayer for Poundbury (A&M)
- 4th 1-1 Dorset (A&M)
- 8th Three Valleys Team, Dorset, lead & preach - specific church tba
- 9th Pastoral Care Team, Dorchester Baptist Church (A)
- 10th 1-1 Dorset
- 12th 1-1 Dorset X2
 - Africa Inland Mission area prayer meeting (A&M)
- 13th **DIRECTORS MEETING** (A&M)
- 19th 1-1 Dorset
- 20th 1-1 Dorset (A)
- 22nd ReBorne Church, Sherborne, preach AM

JULY

- 11th Attend Greenhouse Christian Centre celebration dinner
- 13th Three Valleys Team, lead & preach - specific church tba
- 20th Cornerstone (previously Ebenezer), Weymouth, preach AM

Holiday 28th July – 7th August

AUGUST

- 10th Weymouth, St. Andrew's Church, Preston & St. Francis Church, Littlemoor
 - Preach and celebrate Communion
- 24th Three Valleys Team, Dorset, lead & preach – specific church tba

Odel & Dinah last minute update

It is with sadness they informed us that Dinah had a miscarriage of their first baby. Please pray for them as they grieve the loss of this little one they were so looking forward to welcoming into the world.