

1 Tuesday

Pray for the Minister and Civil Servants responsible for the Dept. of the Environment, food and Rural Affairs as they seek ways to reduce national waste tonnage.

Pray that as House Group leaders meet with Steve this evening they will be refreshed and encouraged so that their group members can grow in maturity.

**Margarita Forber**

Pray for wisdom for our MP and Chancellor, George Osborne, as he serves us and the country in controlling the economy.

**Residents of Village Court**

6 Sunday

GO2012 takes place at Bulstrode (WEC HQ), pray for Jane and other WEC members as they help young people explore God's plan for their lives.

As Jane continues with her main work, producing the Fula language Gospel paper, *Booyataa*, pray for her general health and a good work/life balance.

**Rene Gandy**

Pray those in our area who are searching for a spiritual dimension to their lives will consider coming to church to seek it.

**Residents of Warburton Road**

11 Friday

Pray for the outcome of the consultation on marriage; pray that the petition affirming marriage as between one man and one woman will be effective.

Give thanks for an increase in regular giving at St Chad's and for those who manage our financial affairs. Pray for wise use of all the resources God gives us.

**Margaret Gill**

Pray young people will seek positive role models and reject the negativity of drunkenness, drugs and immorality.

**Residents of Willaston Way**

16 Wednesday

The Church's Urban Fund has supported many inner city projects but the needs continue. Pray for Christians working with homeless people in Manchester.

Give thanks to God that he has given us the gift of being able to converse with him whenever we want and wherever we are. (A prayer from Tearfund in India)

**David & Chris Hall**

Give thanks, during this Foster Care Fortnight, for those who adopt or foster children, giving them the love they need.

**Residents of Woodcote Close**

21 Monday

Andrew and Linda from CiST will be leading 'It's your move' assemblies later this term. May the children know God is with them in their move to Secondary School.

'Pray for the Leadership team as they plan for the summer months and for Steve as he makes preparations for going to Uganda next month.

**Pauline Helliwell**

Pray for those who are in need of God's intervention to bring an end to pain, turmoil or uncertainty in their lives.

**Residents of Arclid Close**

26 Saturday

Pray that the different events arranged in support of the Leprosy Mission may be both enjoyable, good fund-raisers and raise awareness of TLM's Christian ministry.

Pray for all aspects of the visit by Chinese scholars to Handforth today; a Bring and Share lunch, an afternoon outing, and, for some, the TLM concert this evening.

**Steve, Hannah & Charlie Greenlees**

Pray the steady erosion of Christian values, particularly by the secular movement, will be recognised and reversed.

**Residents of Aston Way**

31 Sunday

The Olympic Torch goes from Macclesfield to Knutsford today. May its passage remind us that the flame of God's Spirit can light up the whole of our nation.

Pray for the witness of Christians involved in the Olympics in many different ways. Pray for opportunities we may have to witness to Olympic visitors.

**Marjorie Jackson**

Give thanks for private care services, like Nightingale Care and Caremark that enable clients to stay in their own homes.

**Residents of Beeston Road**

2 Wednesday

Pray for those who will be attending the UN Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro next month. May there be a will to implement needed actions already agreed.

Give thanks that the Oasis Coffee Shop was withdrawn from sale; pray for the continuation of its ministry and for any further actions the owner may take.

**Noel & Gill Foulkes**

Pray for children who are taking school tests and examinations, may they be able to demonstrate their full potential.

**Residents of Village Way**

7 Monday

GO2012 finishes today. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in the hearts and minds of those who attended and for mission staff following up contacts.

Give thanks and pray for all those who come to Praise and Play. May the routine of going into church for 'Praise' grow into a joyful desire to worship Jesus as Lord.

**Sheila Gardener**

Pray children will be protected from any form of contact with paedophiles or anyone who would mean them harm.

**Residents of Waveney Drive**

12 Saturday

Give thanks for the English parish system designed to ensure that spiritual care is within everyone's reach; may this continue despite many changes in society.

Parish Boundary Walk today. Pray that this may make us more aware of the extent of our parish, and others aware that St Chad's is here for them.

**Donna Gleeson**

Pray that people will not bypass their GPs by ordering prescription drugs online and putting their health at risk.

**Residents of Willow Drive**

17 Thursday

**Ascension Day** The Lord reigns. As you listen to the news today, give thanks that Jesus is Lord even in the darkest places and pray for Christians in those places.

We believe that the Lord reigns over the future of the Oasis Coffee Shop, may we also know his reign in every part of the life of St Chad's and in our lives also.

**Betty Hammond**

Pray for the care provided at the Hillside Residential Home, for management, staff, residents and their families.

**Residents of Woodcote View**

22 Tuesday

Pray for Ian Bishop, Archdeacon of Macclesfield. Archdeacons' visitations may be about physical care of churches but more important is spiritual support.

Pray for our Resources Committee as they decide priorities in our spending, work which we can do ourselves and work needing outside contractors.

**Joyce Holland**

Give thanks for the Royal British Legion who represent those who served and still serve to keep our country free.

**Residents of Anson Road**

27 Sunday

**Pentecost** As Christians around the world remember again the coming of the Holy Spirit may His power again be seen giving boldness in our witness to Jesus.

Holy Spirit, you empower Christians across the world to witness for you in the face of great persecution, give us the power to fight against apathy.

**Barbara Gunshon**

Pray for church members who are not able to worship with us. May they still feel part of our church fellowship today.

**Residents of Bankside Close**

3 Thursday

Give thanks for the thousands of Tearfund supporters of all ages whose lives have been *transformed* by their visits to Tearfund projects. Pray for those currently on visits.

Pray for the leaders and members of our Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. May the promises of service which they make take on deeper meaning in this Jubilee year.

**Mark Fox**

Give thanks for the nursing care provided at the Woodlands Nursing Home and pray for all the staff and residents.

**Residents of Wadebrook Grove**

8 Tuesday

Give thanks for a peaceful transition in the Presidency of Senegal and pray for the President, Macky Sall as he appoints a new government and leads his country.

Pray for this evening's PCC meeting, the first time since the APCM. Pray that new members will feel that they are part of a spiritual team with a common purpose.

**Bob & Margaret Garner**

Give thanks for the many excellent agencies, charities and groups, that provide support for older people.

**Residents of Weaverham Way**

13 Sunday

**Christian Aid Week** Pray for street collectors, that they may be filled with a spirit of grace and cheerfulness and be a blessing even to those who do not give.

Pray for those in your street, or the streets where you are collecting, that they will show thankfulness for all they have and generosity towards others.

**Muriel Grant**

Pray that we may endeavour to walk more closely to the Lord Jesus, who died to save us and assures us of eternal life.

**Residents of Wilmslow Court**

18 Friday

Many years of Muslim and then Communist rule have tried to erase Albania's Christian heritage. Give thanks and pray for Bible extracts now published alongside Sixth Century Christian texts.

Pray for the ministry of Tuesday and Friday morning coffee sessions., also for the ministry of flowers in Church.

**Zee & Jon Hardisty**

Give thanks for those who keep our village tidy and pray everyone will act responsibly and not drop litter.

**Residents of Woodlands Road**

23 Wednesday

Pray for the congregation of All Saints, Cheadle Hulme, that they may maintain a lively spirit as they await the coming of their new vicar.

God teaches through Micah that we are to act justly and love mercy. Lord help us to do this as we support Tearfund as a church and by our personal concern.

**Gene Holt**

Give thanks for our village shops that supply our daily needs and deserve support for the services they provide.

**Residents of Appleton Walk**

28 Monday

The final meeting of Handforth Jubilee Committee is due to take place today. Pray that the Jubilee Service in the Paddock will highlight God's presence.

Pray for the Pastoral Care team, that they will have wisdom and sensitivity as they review the needs of many who look to St Chad's for support in different ways.

**John & Jenny Ithell**

Pray that sellers of adult books and magazines will ensure that such material is kept out of the reach of children.

**Residents of Barton Close**

4 Friday

International Firefighters Day (CARE). Give thanks for the protection we have through our Fire Service. Pray for their work in prevention of fires and in Road Safety.

Pray that members of our congregation who are active in Spath Lane Residents Association and other community groups may act as salt and light in the work they do.

**Jal Framji**

Pray that vulnerable people will not fall victim to bogus callers and will be very careful when answering the door.

**Residents of Wadsworth Close**

9 Wednesday

Many mission agencies and charities rely on legacy income to supplement regular funding. Pray that Christians may be wise and generous in their wills.

Pray for those at this morning's Communion service. Pray that at Ian Bishop's Archdeacon's Visitation this evening the focus will be on building God's Kingdom.

**Bill Gerrity**

Pray for the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of those who are housebound through disability or age.

**Residents of Welland Road**

14 Monday

Christian Aid's focus this week is on their partners, the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone. Pray for the restoration of Sierra Leone ravaged by a decade of civil war.

Handforth Jubilee Committee is meeting today. Pray for them and all our community, that these celebrations will draw us all together, giving thanks to God.

**Stephanie & Katherine Hull**

Give thanks for the Christian Aid collectors in our area this week. Pray for generous giving for this worthy cause.

**Residents of Wilmslow Road**

19 Saturday

The Rainbow Playgroup is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Give thanks for all the children who have been in their care and pray for the present staff and children.

Pray for the PCC as they spend a study morning away together and for all who will be at Messy Church. May Jesus be at the centre of both activities.

**Ellen, Edwin & Henry Hardisty**

Pray for those who have drifted away from the Lord. May they, like the "prodigal", return "home" to the Father soon.

**Residents of Woodstock Court**

24 Thursday

Give thanks for the link the Grange School has with a church primary school near Kampala, Uganda. May the link be a blessing to children in both schools.

Give thanks for the team who run Ignite Club at the Grange with Andrew, pray for deepening contact with the children including those who are now at Secondary.

**Arthur & Margaret Holt**

Give thanks for the very necessary work of the St. Ann's Hospice. Pray their financial needs will be met in the future.

**Residents of Ash Grove**

29 Tuesday

The Spirit gives power not only to preach the Gospel but to demonstrate its power by helping those in need. Pray for Tearfund partners acting out God's love.

Pray for Mission and for Children & Young People's Committees meeting today; especially pray for the appointment of a worker with children and families.

**Nick & Christine Jackson**

Give thanks for the local tennis club and park courts that provide facilities for those who wish to exercise in this way.

**Residents of Beaufort Chase**

5 Saturday

Pray for missions festival, Go2012, this week-end. As many agencies cooperate in this, may many of those who visit be inspired with a vision for Christian service.

Pray for those in our congregation with big commitments at work or elsewhere; may the service they give at St Chad's be an encouragement and not a burden.

**Stephen & Valerie Furber**

Give thanks for the relative peace and prosperity we enjoy but remember those who are in less fortunate situation.

**Residents of Wallingford Road**

10 Thursday

Give thanks for Archbishop Rowan Williams' ten years of dedicated service. Pray that those responsible for choosing his successor will have godly wisdom.

Pray for the visit of Chinese scholars to MCC today, pray that members and visitors will be able to relate well together building mutual understanding.

**David & Valerie Gilbert**

Give thanks for the care provided by doctors, nurses and our other health professionals in the Handforth Health Centre.

**Residents of Wheelock Close**

15 Tuesday

This week's 'Rogation days' are traditionally a time to pray for God's blessing on the harvest, and, if needed, pray for rain. Pray for wise use of our water resources.

There will be a prayer time for Jane this evening. Our mission links do rely on our regular prayer support. Pray that we may know how best to maintain this support.

**David & Hilary Hull**

**Barbara Gunshon**

Give thanks for the Lindow Singers, our own singing group and other local groups that enhance our musical experience.

20 Sunday

Pray for Sue Mayo, Andy, Jonathan and Linda in their work with Christians in Schools Trust. May the Lord keep them fresh and a blessing to children and staff.

'Wait for the Spirit' Lord, thank you that your Holy Spirit is now with us at all times but make us ready to receive a new infilling with His power as we come to Pentecost.

**Alec & Anne Harris**

Pray we will communicate the gospel with humility and grace, not just with our words but also by our example.

**Residents of Anderton Way**

25 Friday

The President of Malawi has recently died, pray for a peaceful transition in leadership and a reversal of a recent rapid decline in the nation's prosperity.

Pray for all the groups who meet in our church buildings, including Handforth Parish Council. With greater use sometimes cleaning can be a problem. Pray!

**John & Denise Horrocks**

Pray the damaging increase in the sexualisation of young children, by the media and fashion industry, can be halted.

**Residents of Ashford Close**

30 Wednesday

Pray for Christians in South Kordofan, on the South Sudan/ North Sudan border; as war rages around them may they be kept physically and spiritually safe.

Pray for all congregations in Handforth that, as normal patterns of worship are changed, we will help our whole community to praise God in this Jubilee.

**Maddie & Imogen Jackson**

Give thanks for all our local school teachers soon to be enjoying some well earned rest over the half term holiday.

**Residents of Beaumont Court**

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