

PRAYER DIGEST

February - May 2005

Dear friends

At a time when the world is still shaken by the effects of the SE Asia earthquake, Iraq is preparing for elections and here in British Isles we are seeing prayer being mobilised as never before, let us remember 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble... I will be exalted among the nations' Ps 46. Jane Holloway, Prayer & Evangelism Co-ordinator, Evangelical Alliance

GLOBAL PRAYER DAY AND PRAYER WEEK

8-15 May Prayer Week As we prepare for the next Prayer Week we have been blessed to receive words of encouragement from a number of denominational leaders. Dr. Yonggi Cho from Korea, writes "... Every Christian should participate in Prayer Week and expect to see lives changed, families changed and nations healed." This message is a great encouragement for us all to stand together in prayer in this the sixth Prayer Week. Godfrey Birtill will do a Prayer Concert tour. Prayer Week will culminate on 15 May by standing with the Global Day of Prayer. Details PrayerWeek@aol.com - www.PrayerWeek.com *Derek Riseborough*

8-15 May Faithworks and 24/7 Prayer have combined to produce a unique guide linking prayer with community involvement. *Prayerworks*, published by Spring Harvest, is a manual to help churches run a 24/7 prayer week leading up to Pentecost Sunday, as a launchpad for community involvement. The book will be on sale from Easter onwards. Details www.faihtworks.info *Dave Hitchcock*

15 May Global Prayer In the UK we want to encourage involvement at whatever level is possible – anything from a small group at home, to a special prayer focus within Sunday services, to joint church events, to larger citywide gatherings. There are three elements:

- **Ten days** of prayer and fasting around the world with the church invited to participate around the throne, around the world, around the clock. In the UK we are asking people to link in with Prayer Week (see above)
- **The Global Day of Prayer** itself will be transmitted by satellite and be available through television, radio or the internet, with up to six hours of transmission being available at a time convenient to every time zone and with locations on each of the five continents
- **90 Days** of mercy ministry when feet are put on our prayers to take the gospel to the poor. This will take place particularly in Africa where they are already into year 5 of this vision

For the vision and global resources go to www.globaldayofprayer.com. Information relating to the UK go to www.globaldayofprayer.co.uk **operational from mid-February**. If you are organising events, please let UK Co-ordinator, Jane Holloway, know at j.holloway@eauk.org There will be no formal registration. Pray for those organising the transmission side of this from S Africa and USA and for release of finance. *Jane Holloway*

PRAYER DAY EVENTS, SUNDAY 15 MAY

Stormont Estate Belfast 3-5.30pm, calling the nation to pray as we take part in the first Global Day of Prayer. Organised by Transformations Ireland. Details 028 9045 6463 - Info@transformations-ireland.org - www.transformations-ireland.org

Lincoln 2-4pm A great opportunity for the churches across the East Midlands, and beyond, to join together at Sincil Bank Stadium (seating for around 9,000) to worship together and to pray with Christians all over the globe for our communities, region and nation as well as for our world. Worship will be led by various bands including the Salvation Army and Godfrey Birtill. To join in with the theme for Pentecost, we encourage you to wear something red and white. Admission is free but by ticket only. A freewill offering will be taken. Further information contact Joy Liddle 01673 862542, or to book your tickets Judith Kennedy 01673 861163. *Stuart Darlinson*

Sheffield 12noon-9.30pm. Since May 2003, 1,000 children, teens and adults have called on the Lord throughout England in day long prayer and praise events called J2. We at J2 are joining millions of Christians around the world for a day of prayer on 15 May at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheffield. With interactive prayer stations, lively praise and worship, and hundreds of young prayer warriors there won't be a dull moment. Details John & Maria O'Brien J-2-1000@obriens.org.uk - 0114 2550643

S Cumbria - Eden Valley From our central position on the 'backbone of England' we are calling those we're networking with north, south, east and west of the Pennines together for worship and prayer. Sunday 15 May will be preceded by two full days of prayer and worship on the same site. Details saints@winbow.plus.com *Sarah Winbow*

THE NEXT 6 MONTHS...

24-7Prayer On 12 February 24-7Prayer is celebrating five years of unbroken, global night-and-day prayer with a huge party, called (imaginatively) 'IAM5', taking place in Central London (check <http://www.24-7prayer.com/iam5>). In the UK alone, 24-7prayer rooms are multiplying faster than we can work out how to best support them? A growing number of city-wide networks/relationships are experimenting with night-and-day prayer, and others are considering working towards Boiler Rooms, centres for prayer and creativity, pilgrimage and community, mission and justice. We are hoping to launch one of these Boiler Rooms in the City of London before the summer, ...a new Boiler Room launched by the Salvation Army in Wandsworth? ...a 24-7prayer week across Parliament and Whitehall shortly after the National Election? Years of 24-7prayer amongst Surrey Churches Together, the Pioneer Network, the Methodist Church, and more? Prayer and Mission and Justice. Come on! *Phil Togwell*
MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY 2005 is a year of incredible opportunities to make a difference for the millions living in desperate poverty in our world. The UK government will be

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in a unique position to challenge the unjust structures that keep millions of people trapped in poverty this year with our leadership of G8 and EU. Let's take advantage of this and other opportunities throughout the year to pray and join in asking the government to do everything in their power to

MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY. www.makepovertyhistory.com

Julia Wensley, Evangelical Alliance

28 February-2 March British & Irish Prayer Leaders

Conference, *The Gathering* It is just over two years since all the nations met together and we need to hear from the Lord about this strategic year. We want to stand in the gap (Ezek 33:1-9); Watch on the walls (Isa 62:6-7); Listen to the Trumpet (Num 10:1-10). Pray for Godfrey Birtill, Martin Scott, Dennis Wrigley and the team hosting and leading this. If your network is not yet represented there are spaces. Contact

t.killock@eauk.org *Jane Holloway*

5-19 March Scotland: *Mending the Nets* is a nationwide focus for prayer and action leading to two weeks of prayer. Mending the nets of broken and damaged relationships of the church; for wrongs to be put right, hurts to be healed and Jesus' love to be known. Details admin@prayforscotland.org – 01786 823430

?May 2005 UK Election There are initiatives being planned by a number of organisations that will start once an election is announced, but we need to be preparing the ground by prayer. Prayer Points have been written for each month and can be found on www.worldprayer.org.uk *Jane Holloway*

18 June Trumpet Call, NEC Arena We plan to go back to the NEC Arena for a National Trumpet Call Day of Prayer on Saturday 18 June 2005 between 11am and 6pm. We believe God is calling us to call forth His praying, worshipping army, that as we pray and declare His Truths across the lands, He will continue to lift the oppression over individuals, families, churches, communities and nations so that the glory of Christ can be seen in the land. Make sure the date is in your diary - publicity will be out soon. *Ian Cole* www.worldprayer.org.uk

6-8 July G8 Summit The Group of 8 forms the most powerful annual gathering of Heads of State. They represent the majority on the UN Security Council, are the main financial givers to the World Bank and International Monetary Fund and control 95% of the world's nuclear arsenal. They are USA, Russia, France, Germany, Italy, UK and Japan. The annual summit in 2005 will be held in the UK (Gleneagles, Scotland) from 6-8 July, with at least 6 mini-summits in different venues in England. Planning and prayer mobilisation is already well underway in Scotland at a number of levels, from historical research to mobilising prayer in churches in key towns across Scotland and a weekly prayer event in Edinburgh. Prayer Guide is available on www.worldprayer.org.uk More information concerning prayer events during the G8 summit on this website in due course.

Regular prayer updates available from anne.pps@btinternet.com *Jane Holloway*

Update on the Prayer Magazine that many of you received last time: The latest project undertaken by Media Support Services based in Wales is *Prayer.TV*, which includes a number of facets to provide and encourage prayer resources being used in church. The magazine, launched on 30 October, is a 36 page full colour publication produced quarterly, containing news, updates, events, teaching and inspiring biographies. The first print run of 10,000 copies has all been allocated, and so far more than 50 churches have signed up to receive bulk church packs every quarter. The magazine is available for subscription from £9.99 per year and from just £1 per copy to churches and Christian Bookshops and retails at £2.99 per issue. ***The next magazine is out on the 16 February***, so you can order now from Media Support, either on the website www.prayer.tv, by post to Media Support, PO Box 154, Dinas Powys, CF64 4WX, or by phone with a credit card 029 2051 2126.

GENERAL REPORTS

Wales The Prayer Movement in Wales continues to meet to discuss the future and the best ways of networking prayer across the nation whilst perpetually involving younger people and new prayer projects and ministries that begin each year - a constant challenge. Across the nation, prayer seems to be deepening in the life of the church and there are more and more opportunities from secular society to involve prayer in one shape or form. Last October Wales remembered the 100th anniversary of the last great revival in the nation, meetings were held in most regions, some still to be undertaken in 2005. In Cardiff over 45 churches worked together under the banner *04TheCity* to put together a weekend of events in the Cardiff International Arena. The culmination of events was on the Sunday evening where 4,500 people gathered to hear Selwyn Hughes, the Welsh Man behind CWR, address and inspire the crowds. The events were broadcast live on UCB TV, across Britain and Ireland.

Prayer Shield, City of Belfast & N Ireland The vision of David Jardine of Divine Healing Ministries was originally for individuals and churches to pray for Belfast for 12 hours a day throughout 2003 and it was extended to N Ireland in 2004. Now through 2005 he is looking for the prayer to be raised to 16 hours a day. Christians of all traditions throughout the province are deeply involved, but David is also exploring ways of involving Irish people in the rest of the British Isles and those in America. More information divinehealing@lineone.net – www.divinehealing.org.uk

Cornwall Prayer Initiative Five years ago Cornwall Prayer Initiative was born of the Holy Spirit. As more and more groups have joined in CPI has become the link between 100 prayer groups, varying in size from 3 to 18, meeting in their local areas, praying for local and county issues. Many are being encouraged and inspired by keeping in touch with others across the county. God is answering prayers - raising up Christian mayors, changing the spiritual atmospheres (local evangelists are reporting a 'softening' of attitude towards the Christian message) and Christians from different backgrounds are being drawn together to praise God as well as to intercede for people, places and issues. *Jenni Crozier*

Trumpet Call, 30 October 2004 From the response from the National Day of Prayer at the NEC at the end of October, we realise that this was a God moment. As we worked our way through the day, from preparation of heart with Lloyd Cooke in the morning through the calling forth of the sleeping giant, on into the Trumpet Call to end with declaration in the afternoon, to praying and declaring over children, young people, generation X and prodigals with Tim Fellows and the rousing of the warrior with Steve Uppal in the evening - we were very conscious of God's presence with us in, at times what seemed like overwhelming waves. As Laurence Sharman led worship and the Trumpeters blew their trumpets, we knew that things were happening in the Heavenly realms and that God's Word of release was over our lands. *Ian Cole*

Deborah Arise International The vision of Deborah Arise Europe, a call to women to cry out to God for this current generation of young people, has continued to grow steadily over the last five years. There is now Deborah Arise in North America, Australia and Deborah Arise Africa is up and running in seven African nations. Therefore, with leaders in 17 nations and contacts in over 30, it was felt that the ministry should now be known as Deborah Arise International. *June Richards*

Million Hours of Praise is a call to the global community of believers to praise Jesus and together we will reach our

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initial target of one million hours of praise. It's not an event, but an encounter on a global scale with the Beautiful Man Jesus. On a practical level, Million Hours is asking each individual believer to give just one hour of praise as a gift to Jesus, and add his or her total to the world cumulative total. People will be able to make their pledges by logging on to www.millionhoursofpraise.com. The system will remind them once a week of their pledge. *Catherine Brown*

Prayer Week in Sutherland, 6-13 November 2004 A small team met for a 24/7 residential week of prayer, the focus of which was Prayer and Repentance for the Nations - England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales - whilst praying for the unity of the Body of Christ. Organised by the Maranatha Community which brings together those from Protestant and Roman Catholic traditions reflecting the prayer of Jesus that his people would be one. Details of forthcoming prayer weeks in May (7-14) and November (5-12) from Andrew J Robinson 0161 748 2324

The **International Prayer Council** met in Pattaya, Thailand, in October 2004. Over seventy leaders drawn from the committees of the IPC and from the various regions of the world, and from those representing youth and children's prayer movements, shared some of the remarkable stories of how prayer initiatives had progressed in the past two years. We committed ourselves to planning for the Global Day of Prayer not only in 2005, but for every year to 2009. *Brian Mills*

Brussels:Worship 48, 18-21 November 2004 As we worshipped God and welcomed Jesus the King into the heart of Europe, we sensed a lifting of ancient doors in Brussels for the King of Glory to come in. As we stood early on the Sunday morning in the heart of the City, we blew the shofars, sang and declared the victory of the cross and the Lordship of Christ over the City, over Belgium and over the Continent. With our colleagues at IPC Europe (formerly European Prayer Link), we have agreed to go to Strasbourg probably later in the year for another prayer/worship event. *Ian Cole*

EVENTS, FEBRUARY-MAY 2005

1-2 February The Cinque Ports and England's Identity, Hastings Discovering God's purposes for England in the South-East, with Julie Brown, Keith Hayden and the Mayor of Hastings, Cllr Pam Brown OBE. Details Keith Hayden keith@spi1066.co.uk - 01424 715327 *Keith Hayden*

11 February NorthWest Leaders Forum, Salford A new quarterly forum for civic and church leaders organised by City Links with guest speaker Steve Chalke from Oasis Trust. Bookings 0161 946 2373 - info@citylinks.org.uk Details www.citylinks.org.uk *Debra Green*

25 February Five Hours of Prayer Lincoln ahead of Just10 mission, Lincoln Cathedral, 6 April-8 June This will be a countywide mission which will have four regional centres showing a DVD presentation of the Cathedral service in addition to Lincoln Prison. We have been hosting citywide prayer meetings for the past five months. During the mission we are having '70 days of Prayer with fasting', to give prayerful cover to all which the mission encompasses. brian@newlifelincoln.org.uk *Brian Keel*

11-13 March EU Worship & Intercession Gathering, Amsterdam The first of these was held end April 2004 in Dublin, during the accession of 10 new nations to the EU. A group received a vision from the Lord to have regular gatherings of intercessors in each EU nation in turn, as their National Prime Minister takes their 6 months of leading the EU Council. So in Dublin, a torch was handed to me (Nella

Niesing) as representative from the Netherlands. In Amsterdam we will pass on the torch to the UK, as they have the leadership for the last half of 2005. More details hbprayerteam@ywam.nl *Nella Niesing*

16-18 March WPC Prayer Conference, Intimacy & Warfare, Swanwick This year's WPC Conference continues the Heaven to Earth theme of the past two year's Conferences. Spaces still available but book soon to avoid disappointment! Details office@worldprayer.org.uk - www.worldprayer.org.uk

17 March Pray on St. Patrick's Day affords an opportunity to stop and reflect on the life of Ireland's patron saint and what he stood for; for all who have any affinity to the island of Ireland or love for her, to pray to the God of St. Patrick for her future, that God would bless the people of this island wherever they are and that they would know in a deeper way the God who inspired their patron saint so many centuries ago. *Richard Treacy* richard.treacy@prayonstpatricksday.com - www.prayonstpatricksday.com

19 March Launch of 2005 - a year of 24/7 prayer for Surrey Supported by Churches Together in the county, and with a planning group including Methodists, Baptists, New Churches, Roman Catholics and Anglicans, the event is to be launched at Guildford Cathedral on 19 March. Churches across Surrey are invited to sign up for a week of prayer for their local communities and county. At the end of the year the aim is to pass the baton onto neighbouring Hampshire and Kent. *Tim Woolley*

14-17 April Target Europe - Cibler L'Europe, Portsmouth This "event for Europe" follows on from 3 similar events over the past three years, hosted in France by Cibler L'Europe. Representatives of Cibler L'Europe (France) and Building Together (England) will jointly host the event within the Target Europe vision and representatives from many European nations have already indicated their intention to come. This event is not a leadership seminar, a ministers' convention, an intercession movement, or an attempt to network, compete with or take over existing networks and works! It is for those present or future leaders, intercessors, worshippers, and all disciples of Christ burdened with a vision for Europe or ready to get one! Details te@passion.org.uk *Marjie Sutton*

16 April; 14 May World Prayer Centre Prayer Days They have moved from Cornerstone House to Birmingham Christian Centre, The Parade. Check out www.birminghamcc.co.uk for directions. Come and join us as we build towards another national prayer day. Future dates are: 16 July; 10 September; 19 November; 10 December. All the Prayer Days start at 10.30am and end at around 3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. *Ian Cole*

LOOKING AHEAD THROUGH 2005

4 June J-2 Oxford, 12-4pm, Oxford Community Church, Kings Centre, Osney Mead, Oxford, hosted by Oxford churches together for you.

4 June World Wide Day of Prayer for Children at Risk It is the tenth anniversary of the Day of Prayer. Prayer materials will be available to download at www.viva.org/wwdp. We are also providing a colour booklet on the prayer needs of vulnerable children in different regions of the world for use throughout the year to inform prayer and raise awareness of the need to intercede for children at risk. Contact Cathryn Hall, Prayer Mobiliser, Viva Network on chall@viva.org

August 2-9 Fire from the North, Prayer & Worship Conference, Shetland During a gathering of Scandinavian intercessors in 1996, God spoke through a prophecy that He wanted a conference to be held in Shetland that would link Christians from the UK and Scandinavia to pray together for

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Europe. Read the story on www.ruachministries.org/fire and ask God if you should join with Mark Stibbe, Patrick Sookhdeo, Roger Mitchell, Chris Larkin, Martin Scott, Godfrey Birtill, Francis Cummings, Robert Weston, Michael Ross Watson, Jennifer Rees Larcombe, Bjorn Olav Hansen and others in praying for an outpouring of mercy on our God-provoking continent. Enquiries 01950 477412 *Robert Weston*

4-21 August Merseyfest, Merseyfest is gearing up to be Britain's largest urban mission for 2005. We urgently need YOUR help. Please pray for: Team - wisdom and continued favour with those in authority; Church to arise to the challenge; necessary financial breakthroughs; people to register early; church across the nation to help us through prayer, giving and serving. Details www.merseyfest.com *Sue Sinclair*

Lifeline Expedition The Lifeline Expedition in USA in 2004 received wide coverage in the media, partly because of the opposition of right wing white supremacist groups. Having journeyed in Europe and USA, we now hope to come to the Caribbean in 2005, move on to West Africa in 2006, before finishing in England with the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in 2007. Our provisional dates for the Caribbean are 22 October-5 November. The plan would be to have a 4/5 day conference about the legacy of the Atlantic slave trade especially as it effects the Caribbean area, then have two days of modelling how we do the Lifeline Expedition, before teams go out for one week to a variety of locations. More information www.lifelineexpedition.co.uk *David Pott*

www.eauk.org/prayer The Evangelical Alliance website Prayer pages contain many resources/information, including the full edition of this *Prayer Digest*, the monthly prayer sheet *Prayer Watch*, as well as links to our prayer sheets on Parliament, Religious Liberties and Europe. The Prayer Links section will put you in touch with many of the ministries mentioned in *Prayer Digest* and more besides.

Let the Sea Resound: Video, £13-50 (inc p&p) This 79 minute documentary covers the astonishing revival that is currently sweeping through the nation of Fiji from The Sentinel Group. To obtain copies contact

gateway@dircon.co.uk - www.gatewaymedia.org.uk

When2Pray: Barrie & Eileen Jones; £2.99 The aim of this book is to help couples pray together for the first time, encourage couples who've stopped to start again, to inspire those already praying together. A timely resource for a very important area in helping to make a marriage work and survive in today's society. There is also a new prayer initiative formed to facilitate this www.oneaccord.org.uk Book can be obtained from bookshops or direct from admin@oneaccord.org.uk

Pocket Prayers for Work. Mark Greene, is one of a new series put out by Church House Publishing. This one on work comes right from the coalface of working life from a wide range of people covering prayers before work, through the day, through the week; issues facing workers today; biblical reflections; congregational prayers.

Fountains of Tears: Brian Mills, Sovereign Books This book tells of the amazing story of the healing of some of Australia's deepest wounds. It shows how prayer, repentance and reconciliation by a representative group of English intercessors led by the author brought about national change. *Fountains of Tears* demonstrates how historic sins, which leave a legacy of pain, antagonism, hatred, and suspicion, can be dealt with before God when

representatives from each side agree to be reconciled together. This book will move you deeply... It speaks to us of the faithfulness of a man who listened to God and did what he was asked to do.... Of a small group of men and women who responded to the call of God and travelled from one side of Australia to the other..... I recommend this as a must for all intercessors. *Molly Osborne, European Co-ordinator Lydia Fellowship International*

WEBSITES

Every *Prayer Digest* we will add websites to the full list which can be found on www.eauk.org/prayer
Artisan Initiatives - www.artisaninitiatives.org
Divine Healing Ministries - www.divinehealing.org.uk
Stockport Prayer Network - www.stockportprayer.org.uk
Vineyard Prayernetwork - www.prayernetwork.southliverpoolvineyard.com

DIARY DATES

February

1-2 Cinque Ports Conference, Hastings
7 NW Prayer Leaders (England), Hoole
9 *A day with John Maxwell*, London
www.eauk.org (conferences/events)
9... 40 days for France start www.objectiffrance.org/UK
11 NorthWest Leaders Forum, Salford
12 24-7 IAM5 event, London
25 Five Hours Prayer, Lincoln
28... *The Gathering*, Swanwick begins

March

...2 *The Gathering*, Swanwick ends
3 Hope for London Prayer Breakfast, Westminster Chapel
5-19 *Mending the Nets*, Scotland
11-13 EU Worship & Intercession Gathering, Amsterdam
16-18 WPC Prayer Conference, Swanwick
17 Pray on St Patrick's Day initiative
18 Watchmen, Black Country
19 Launch 24-7 Prayer Surrey, Guildford
...20 40 days for France ends

April

6... Just10, Lincoln begins
14-17 Target Europe event, Portsmouth
16 WPC Prayer Day, Birmingham

May

8-15 Prayer Week; Prayer Works; Marantha Prayer Week
14 WPC Prayer Day, Birmingham
15 GLOBAL PRAYER DAY
15 Global Prayer Day event, Lincoln
15 Global Prayer Day J2 event, Sheffield
15 Global Prayer Day event, Belfast
15 Global Prayer Day event, Eden Valley

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