

November Prayer Focus – TEARFUND

Tearfund are asking us to pray for 'forgotten' crises, in parts of the world that rarely make the news:

5 million Venezuelans have made journeys, through dangerous terrain, to flee the economic and political crisis that has devastated their country. Nearly 2 million people fled to neighbouring Colombia.

Tearfund is working with local churches in Colombia to welcome Venezuelan refugees and to help them to rebuild their lives.

In the last few years in the Sahel region of West Africa, thousands of people have been killed and more than a million people have fled their homes due to the growing insecurity. One of the main factors behind an increasing level of violence is hunger. From landmine explosions to ambushes, kidnappings and carjackings, the risk of violence towards the people we serve (as well as our local staff and partners) is high. 'Without faith and a firm conviction that Christ died and rose again, it is impossible to survive in such an environment,' shares Seid Zebe, who leads Tearfund's work in Mali.

When disasters strike it is people living in poverty who are hit the hardest - in areas prone to flooding, landslides and cyclones, and in houses that cannot withstand these shocks. And all through no fault of their own – they cannot afford to live anywhere safer. These families often did not have the income to meet their basic needs before the disaster hit, they have no savings and are desperate.

Violence against women and girls is an affront to God. Through our *Transforming Masculinities* work, Tearfund is equipping church leaders around the world to help change attitudes about women and cultural norms, which are often the cause of violence.

We often hear about crises in the news when they happen, but rarely about the solutions; these take time and are difficult to report. But God is always moving and there are countless stories of answered prayers and of God's goodness that we can delight in. In one year alone more than 200 children in the community of Matana were sick – all due to malnutrition. This was in part due to the climate crisis changing weather patterns, meaning even less food to go around. The Anglican Diocese of Matana, working with Tearfund, turned this around by offering support and training in farming techniques. Through this, the community of Matana has completely eradicated hunger.



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Vision Verse: 'Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes' – Isaiah 54:2

Verse of the Year - "If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." Romans 14:8

Notice Sheet - 27.11.2022

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Member of the Leadership Team responsible is Ray Finch. Please refer all queries to Ray.

We welcome you to our service this morning. This week we are starting a new series entitled 'Christ BC', this week we are considering 'In the beginning', looking at Genesis 3 verses 1 - 15.

As well as joining together in the church building we also live stream our service through Zoom and the log in details are:-
Meeting ID - 81280104638 Passcode - worship

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- Nov. 28th - Roots Community Café at WBC
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
- Nov. 29th - Thrive@Roots - 2.30p.m.
- Nov. 30th - Home from Home - 2-5.00p.m.
- Dec. 1st - Home from Home - 2-5.00p.m.
- Dec. 2nd - Roots Community Café at WBC
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
- Dec. 2nd - Friday Night Youth
- Dec. 4th - WYNTERFEST - 12 NOON TO 5P.M.
- Dec. 5th - Roots Community Café at WBC
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
- Dec. 5th - Finance Team meeting
- Dec. 6th - Thrive@Roots - 2.30p.m.
- Dec. 7th - Rosedales Monthly meeting - a.m.
- Dec. 7th - Home from Home - 2-5.00p.m.
- Dec. 8th - Home from Home - 2-5.00p.m.
- Dec. 8th - Rosedales Remembrance Service - 7p.m.
- Dec. 9th - Roots Community Café at WBC
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
- Dec. 11th - Worship at 10.30a.m.

OUR VISION - To be 'An authentic church with a place for everyone'



Remember in your prayers, thoughts and actions:-
Jenni and family, Vernon and Daphne, Penelope, Christine, Katherine, David and others who are facing difficult health issues at this current time. Remember also the fellowship at Beacon Community Church which is situated between the villages of Bacton and Walcott. Pray for them as they seek a new pastor and worship leader.

Home from Home meeting - Invites everyone to come along and share in our Warm Space on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon 2-5p.m. Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits are available and a warm welcome, puzzles to do, games to play, newspapers to read and people to chat to.



[WWF Footprint Calculator](https://footprint.wwf.org.uk) - The planet is in crisis - from climate change to the pollution in our oceans and devastation of our forests. It's up to all of us to fix it. Take your first step with our environmental footprint calculator. We encourage you to check your carbon footprint, by using this easy calculator and then consider how you might improve it. footprint.wwf.org.uk

WYNTERFEST- Please sign up if you are able to help on December 4th at Wynterfest.

If you are planning to do any **Christmas shopping** through Amazon and would like to support the church finances at no extra cost to yourself – follow this link (before you start shopping) <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1199302-0> and then carry on to do your shopping and WBC will receive a 0.5% of your shop value at no cost to yourself.

The Rooted Life - All contributions for the next issue of The Rooted Life should be with Cathy in the Office today or very early next week.



WBC has achieved the ECO Church Bronze award - more information in the next issue of The Rooted Life.

CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING follows our service today at 12.30p.m. - bring your lunch and share in fellowship together before the service. All welcome even if you are not a church member.

We are pleased to tell you that Paul's interviews went well and he is now an officially recognised minister. His is waiting to hear the next steps. Congratulations Paul.