

May 2023 Prayer Focus - Rachel Spencer

Rachel came to visit the church on 23rd April, to share news of her work on the mission field in Paris, with GEM (Greater Europe Mission). She works in a very multicultural suburb of Paris, where there is a strong Muslim community. She and the team at GEM run various projects aimed at building up strong community relationships, and providing a platform for sharing the gospel with all those with whom they are in contact.

Please pray for:

- A new project entitled Xenia, (which means ‘stranger-friendship’), which aims to create an environment of friendship and welcome among different cultures, validating and celebrating the diversity of the town, and working together for the good of the community.
- Relationships within the team, as they seek an agreed approach in moving forward in mission.
- Rachel as she embarks on a PhD in Missiology at the Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam, which she will do this part-time and anticipates it will take six years.
- For those who have heard the gospel - Rachel shared about one Muslim lady who has been very receptive to the gospel, but is fearful of the consequences making a commitment would have on her relationship with her devout Muslim husband and her family.

Rachel sends out an update and prayer letter around every six weeks. If you would like to receive this letter, please email Rachel at rachel.spencer@worldteam.org and ask to be added to the mailing list



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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 – ‘Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.’ Joshua 1 verse 9

Notice Sheet - 21.5.2023

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Member of the Leadership Team responsible for today is Jason O’Dell. Please refer all queries to Jason.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS - Topsoil is available in the corner of the car park - help yourself or speak to Keith.

We welcome you to our service this morning. This week we are continuing our series on 'Is Heaven for real?' Today we will be thinking about 'Will we enjoy heaven?', looking at Revelation 21 verses 1-8.

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. We are having some technical issues with our live streaming so please bear with us while we try to resolve them.

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- May 21st - Church Meeting - 12.30p.m.
- May 22nd - Roots Community Café @ WBC
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
- May 23rd - Rosedales Bereavement Course - 10.00a.m.
- May 23rd - POWER HOUR in the Prayer room - 10.00a.m.
- May 23rd - Thrive@Roots - 2.30p.m.
- May 24th - ECO Group meeting - 7.00p.m. at 3 Jackdaw Close
- May 25th - Alpha Course - 6.30p.m. - 8.00p.m.
- May 26th - Roots Community Café @ WBC
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
- May 28th - All age Worship at 10.30a.m. including baptism
- May 30th - Rosedales Bereavement Course - 10.00a.m.
- May 30th - POWER HOUR in the Prayer room - 10.00a.m.
- June 1st - Alpha Course - 6.30p.m. - 8.00p.m.
- June 2nd - Roots Community Café @ WBC
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
- June 4th - POWER HOUR - 9.00a.m. - 10.00a.m.
- June 4th - Worship at 10.30a.m. including communion

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Remember in your prayers, thoughts and actions:- Jenni and family, Christine as she continues her treatment, Jane, David Fisher, Chris and Ann Flaxman, Cathy and family, Marj Norman, and Bob and Susie Morrish. Please continue to pray for the Alpha Course being held on a Thursday evening.

ROOTED LIFE - Your contributions are needed - please let me have these by 28th May. What you can contribute is valuable so please let us have it.

Home from Home meeting has now finished as a Warm Space. We will be re-commencing Home from Home on Thursday, June 8th and plan to hold this group on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. If you would like to come along and share in this social time together, please speak to Cathy or contact the Church Office.



We have a working party set up for Saturday, 27th May from 9a.m. - 12 noon. The plan is to start laying the path in the rear garden - if you are able to come along and help, please contact Cathy in the office or speak with Keith. Many hands make light work, so come and share and the job will get done quicker.



Come and share in our **POWER HOUR** each Tuesday morning in the Prayer Room from 10.00a.m. - 11.00a.m. Also on the first Sunday of the month in the church lounge from 9.00a.m. - 10.00a.m.

CORONATION GOSPEL - Copies of this booklet are available at the rear of the church - Please take a copy - if you are able to make a donation of £2 we would be most grateful.

SUMMER SUPPER - 7.30p.m. on June 2nd. Light supper and dessert and after supper speaker, Hannah Gray from A Rocha. Come and hear about the work of A Rocha and Eco church. There are a few tickets still available so get yours today from Nicki, Robbie or Cathy, before they all go - cost £7.

CHURCH MEETING - We will be meeting together after our worship service at 12.30p.m. We encourage all church members to attend if possible. If you are not a church member please feel free to join us.