

# PRAYER FOCUS

September 2013



Information from Member Churches  
of the Union of Evangelical Churches  
with suggested items for prayer



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sharing God's love and truth where we are

# WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Brian Wood

During the summer months we at Waking have been looking at the letters from the risen and ascended Lord of the Church to the seven Churches in Revelation 2 and 3. It is generally accepted that they not only describe situations prevailing in distinct locations towards the end of the first century AD, but also that they have application to the Christian Church down through the centuries since - and even to ourselves today.



All the letters are instructive and challenging, and the one that has stuck in my mind is Philadelphia (Revelation 3 v 7-13). This small Church is commended for its endurance and spiritual integrity in the face of opposition and the general impression is that, unlike the other six Churches, they have no shortcomings. Yet as I see it they do have a weakness: the door of opportunity provided by their Lord has yet to be acted upon.

In recent years the Union has faced restructuring and related challenges that have absorbed much of our collective energy and we are grateful to those - including Bob, my predecessor, and John Pease, the previous Administrator - who steered us through the somewhat bumpy process. It is now time to move on.

In February the Ministers of the UEC devoted an evening exclusively to airing and discussing the challenges faced by individual Churches and the Union as a whole. As a consequence through our three committees (Finance, Ministerial and Promotion), we are working on a number of initiatives including ways of helping struggling Churches to return to growth, supporting ministry, improving our public image and encouraging fellowship between member Churches.

Through the careful stewardship of previous generations, the door of opportunity is open for us today. The question is: will we use it or lose it? - for that is the message that runs through all the seven letters to the Churches.

Every blessing in your ministry and service. If I can be of help please be in touch.

# CAMBERWELL

Fred Hintze

Since the previous edition of Prayer Focus, our life and activities have continued much the same. We have much to thank God for.

The young peoples' work continues to flourish. We have five midweek clubs for teenagers, as well as the Sunday School for young people and children. The Sunday School is well attended.

Our door to door work continues, and we have regular open-air meetings. I am privileged to continue a 15-year commitment of visiting a local school, conducting assemblies each Thursday.

One of the couples in our fellowship has married. Two couples have had babies. Another couple has moved away – to Daws Heath Evangelical Church. And Mick Powell, a member (with his wife and family) for some 45 years, sadly passed away. He is remembered as a faithful servant of the Lord here.

We continue to uphold other UEC Churches in our prayers. We share with you some specific points for the life of our fellowship here at Camberwell:

- Camberwell continues to be a difficult area to live in. Some members consider whether to move to a “safer” place but we are glad they decide to stay. Please pray for the safety of all our members, especially the young people.
- Although we are a busy Church, we realize the need we have for God to use what we do. Please pray that seeds sown will in due course bear fruit.
- We are privileged to have active and committed older Christians. Please pray that God will raise up younger Christians who will be as active in the Church as this older generation has been.

# CANNING TOWN

Jonathan Findlay

Things to praise God for:

- His constant love and grace towards us as a Church.
- Two people recently gave their hearts to Jesus. Both were contacted through a special coffee morning we have once a month.
- One of these, Sandra, was baptised, and it is a joy to see what Jesus means to her now.
- More people are getting involved in our evangelistic programme.

Things to pray for:

- We face many new challenges and we need God's wisdom daily.
- For spiritual growth and an openness to the purposes of God.
- More commitment to the work of the Lord.
- For the leadership to discern the way forward and to lead the Church wisely.
- For the power of God to move and unite and convert.

Our God is a faithful God!

## UEC Family Day

See pages 11 to 14 for more details about  
this exciting day.

# CHELMSFORD

Mark Parrott

We give thanks to God for:

- The completion of our new website.
- We have now had four sessions of our 'Contenders' series. This has been well supported by the Church and our friends from Wickford EC. Each meeting is available on our website. All are welcome to come to future sessions.
- The visiting speaker at our 'away-day' at Mulberry House was Ray Borlaise (former director of Intercessors for Britain), who spoke on intercessory prayer. The following Sunday, our preaching service was replaced by a time of open intercession involving the whole Church. We plan to repeat this, by dedicating a Sunday service to intercessory prayer every quarter.
- We hosted three consecutive evenings, where an American evangelist and Bible teacher, Richard Green, shared his powerful testimony and gave challenging teaching - available on the website.
- We are holding regular 'film nights' to show films with a Christian theme to our friends and families.
- Pray for positive results from our ongoing street witness and leaflet drop.
- Pray for the work of Phil and Simone. They have an outreach ministry in Normandy. You can contact them direct at: [www.normandyvision.org](http://www.normandyvision.org)
- Pray for Jill undergoing a stem cell transplant. She may need to stay in 'Barts' for six to eight weeks.



*Church members and friends at the Contenders Course*

# CORRINGHAM

June White

'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.' Psalm 150 v 6

As a fellowship we have much to praise the Lord for:

In March we held our annual Quiz Evening which is always well attended. On Good Friday evening Daren and Hollie held a Truffle-Making Evening which had a twist: you could only attend if you brought a person who did not usually come along to the church. A good evening was had by all, plus taking home some tasty chocolate truffles; the evening was also used as an outreach.

On 11th May we looked forward to a visit from Doug Horley, who held a Youth Training Seminar in the afternoon and a Praise Party in the evening for children aged 2-15yrs. These meetings were held in the local Junior School. Doug told the Gospel through science experiments. There was singing, dancing and puppets, and the leaders of TJC (The Junior Church) and Tot Spot worked the puppets for the final song of the evening. The event was widely advertised in the local area and was well attended.

In June we held a Summer Party at the church. There were different craft activities taking place in the church, with tea, coffee and a barbecue in the back hall, also crafts for children. The event attracted many people and it was good to see many families come along and take part.

On the 6th July we joined in celebrating the marriage of James and Cheryl. We pray that God will bless them in their life together.

The building of the new porch is in progress.

Please continue to pray for Richard and Jeremy who have continuing health problems.



*Crazy Science Party led by Duggie Dug Dug*

# CRESSING

Dennis Ivey

Looking back at the previous Prayer Focus, we said we had a major building project planned. It is now has finished and we are delighted with the work! Firstly, we now do not get flooded with every heavy rainfall, secondly, it has dealt with a number of other underlying building issues, and finally, it is a statement to the village that we are very much alive!

Over the last year we have spent much time and effort in building bridges with local groups, for example the church is used by the Ark group, parents whose children have autism; we also work closely with Cressing Volunteers Group which puts on lunches and events for local people often using our church hall. The Church also runs: fellowship walks, beetle drives, card making lessons and the Christmas tree festival. Also this year we plan to hold a Wii evening (ten pin bowling on the large screen)!

The Church still maintains two Sunday services, Bible study and weekly prayer meetings. We have been blessed with five more regular attendees, and children. The work still continues with its regular school assemblies in two local schools and the Chaplaincy work still continues at Freeport. Also we support the local Food Bank.

Please pray for:  
The numbers of children to increase, so the Junior Church and Youth Clubs can start again.



*Building the building for building the Kingdom of God*

# DAWS HEATH

Chris Banks

We give thanks to God for His continued goodness towards us as a fellowship over recent months and have the following items to thank Him for:

- The birth of Phoebe to Jordan and Kelly Barnard at the end of April. Her dedication service was held on August 11th when a number of visitors came who heard a Gospel message on the subject of the new birth. Please pray for Jordan and Kelly that they may be given great wisdom as they seek to bring Phoebe up.
- Our brother Samuel Fadiya was baptised at the beginning of April.
- We now have a small group of very young children (belonging to people in the Church) who meet in the crèche or for a Sunday School lesson during the morning service. This is a real answer to prayer as for many years we had no children's or young people's work at all.
- Evangelism continues as we distribute tracts and copies of John's Gospel in the neighbourhood and High Street. We are currently seeking permission from Essex County Council to set up a book table in Rayleigh High Street to give away free Bibles and other evangelistic literature.

Your prayers are requested for the family of our sister Jean Gilbert, a very faithful servant of the Church, who recently had a heart bypass operation but sadly has since passed away.

# EASTWOOD

## Malcolm Richards

During the past six months God has continued to show us His goodness as we seek to honour Him in our service in the Church and in our outreach into the community.

During this period, all our mid-week activities have continued. The Kids on Monday Club has between 15 and 20 children on the register. The Leighfields Ladies group has new ladies coming, some as a result of involving local ladies who work in the community coming and talking about their work. The work with the younger people, namely the Mums & Tots Group and The Ladies Contact Group, is also well supported and Pastor Graham takes the opportunity to share the Gospel.

We are having ministry from our Ministry Team, and Simon Werrett is leading a of Bible Studies entitled “investing in times of austerity”. We have included a “prayer and share” time on some Sunday evenings which encourages good attendance and participation.

We have maintained our published Prayer Line which includes items for praise and thanksgiving and specific prayer for those of our fellowship that are in need, as well as world and country matters.

Our work with the Rainbow group has continued over this period and they have been invited to our Harvest Festival Service and Lunch and also to our Christmas Sunday Specials.

For Harvest we will involve ourselves with collecting for the London City Mission and also the Local Homeless Action Resource Project. Later in the year the Kids on Monday Club and the Church will again collect items for Samaritan’s Purse Shoebox Appeal.



# GREAT WAKERING

Brian Wood

The highlight of our 168th Church Anniversary weekend in June was a Service of Adult Baptism. There was panic a few days before when during a test fill of the sizeable pool located beneath the church platform, ceramic tiles came off the side walls, and so for the sake of safety we had to remove them all except for the floor.

The photograph is from our Junior Church Anniversary and Prize Giving held on the first Sunday in July. The youngsters ranging in age from five years to late teens gave a presentation on the life of Moses the Bible character who led his people from slavery to freedom, then sang to family and friends before receiving their prizes.

With many of the youngsters reaching High School age, and older teenagers continuing to attend, we have been faced with the pleasant challenge of reorganising into three groups. 'God is good!' We would value your prayers for a smooth process and the success of a special recruiting effort at the younger end.

Several of our older members are struggling with poor health, and we continue to pray for all such that Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 4 v16-17 ring true for them.



We appreciate this opportunity to share news and concerns and assure you of our prayerful interest in each of the Churches in the Union both on Sundays and at our midweek meeting.

# UEC Family Day 2013

We warmly invite you to come along, whatever your age, and join in this exciting day!

First Aid

Icing

Music



Up-to-date Teaching

Worship



Children's Programme



Fellowship

Media relations

Puppets

Teaching

**Saturday 30th November**

**9.30am—4.00pm**

**Rayleigh Evangelical Church**

**36 Eastwood Road, Rayleigh SS6 7JQ**

For more details, please contact the UEC office on  
01268 742293 or email [admin@uec-churches.net](mailto:admin@uec-churches.net)

# FAMILY DAY PROGRAMME

Saturday 30th November 2013

The Family Day programme has been designed to be varied with something of interest for everyone. There are a range of Workshops to choose from:

**Quiet Worship (optional):** listening to God, silence, music, readings, led by Revd Robert Winston – just right to start the day.

**First Aid:** ever wondered how your body works, or how it restores itself after an accident? Come, learn and practice. Led by Jayson Woon, first aid specialist with the London Fire Brigade.

**Sugar Craft:** want to know how to put sugared flowers on to Christmas cake? Ro Wood has the answer. All you need to know, very hands on, and all fun!

**Music:** learn new worship songs, rework traditional hymns for contemporary singing, play an instrument, form a worship band. Led by Sheila Poole and Gill de'Ath from Colchester.

**Puppets in worship:** learn from SMILE, professional Christian puppeteers, how to use hand puppets as a fun way of making a point of teaching.

**How to handle the media:** a helpful way to respond to questions from the media, and how to publicise what your Church does. Led by Bob Werrett.

**Teaching session:** led by Revd Robert Winston on a challenging topic of the day. Come and ask the questions you've always wanted to ask!

**Children's programme:** this operates throughout the day, led by Yvonne, Rachel and Sarah-Jane. Let your child take home something from the day.

**Closing Worship:** an opportunity to share together what we have learned during the day, and give thanks to God for the fun we have had.

9.30am	Registration
9.45am	Quiet Worship or coffee in the chapel
10.30am	Workshop 1
11.30am	Tea & coffee
12.00pm	Workshop 2
1.15pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Workshop 3
3.15pm	Closing worship
4.00pm	Close

# FAMILY DAY BOOKING FORM

Please detach this form and send it to the UEC Office

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details (postal address): \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

I/We enclose our donation for £5.00 per person, made out to the UEC

I/We plan to attend and will pay on the day

I/We would like to make an additional donation towards the Family Day

I/We are UK tax payers and would like to Gift Aid our donation(s)

I/We will be bringing the following children who are under 16:

\_\_\_\_\_ (age). Dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (age). Dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (age). Dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Safety:** the UEC will take every reasonable step to ensure the safety of you (the adults) and any children that you bring. By signing this form, you will be accepting ultimate responsibility for the safety of yourselves and them.

**Prayer:** The Revd Robert Winston, our guest speaker, will be on hand throughout the day, to help you with any prayer needs or requests.

**Deadline:** please be sure to book in by Thursday 21 November at the latest, even if you bring your donation on the day.

**Creche:** we are not able to provide creche facilities, but babies are just as welcome to attend with their mums and dads! There are changing facilities available.

**Booking Form continued overleaf**

# WORKSHOP DETAILS

## UEC Family Day

To help us with planning the programme, please indicate your choices for the Workshop programme:

		1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice
Workshop 1	First Aid			
	Sugar craft			
	Music			
Workshop 2	Puppets in worship			
	Teaching session			
	Music			
Workshop 3	Puppets in worship			
	First Aid			
	How to handle the media			

The **Children's programme** will run at the same time as the workshops. They are designed for those aged 5 to 12 and will be led by people who have appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB) checks.

**If you play an instrument** and plan to attend a Music Workshop:

- I can bring a music stand with me
- My instrument is: \_\_\_\_\_ (beginner/intermediate/advanced)
- I sing
- I would prefer to "watch and learn"

**Car parking:** There is plenty of free car parking.

**Buffet lunch and drinks** are provided free. Please tell us if you have any dietary needs.

# LITTLE TOTHAM

Peggy Shelley

Greetings once again to our Churches. We hope like us you have enjoyed the lovely summer we have had.

Our Church is ticking over, longing and praying for more folks to come and join us.

Our Sunday Village Teas seem to be going well. Lionel Clarke (Brenda's brother) came to demonstrate flower arranging, coming up with Scripture verses to go with each demonstration. He makes it look so easy that he puts the ladies to shame!

The time before we had Jo Wright from the Witham Methodist Church, who came to talk about sheep. We didn't think it could be so funny. They always say sheep are foolish, so it just confirmed what we have always thought!

The guest speaker for our next Village Tea, on November 10th, is going to be our Rector from Little Totham CofE, who is going to talk about wild birds, so that should keep us glued to our seats.

One of our very dear friends, who attended with his wife, has been called home. Mr and Mrs Spreadborough came many times to our Dinners when we were doing them. We shall miss him greatly, and his dear wife as well. He also came to our Sunday Village Teas.

Many of our sister Churches will know Lester Shelley. Would you remember his family, please. His oldest son is fighting cancer, and his daughter has MS. She is very limited in what she can now do.

Pray for David, his wife and Brenda, who lead our Church now. Keeping a full-time job going as well is very time-consuming, and having the responsibility of the Church is keeping him very busy.

God bless you all in this coming time. Do we mention Christmas?

# RAYLEIGH

Chris Banks (Moderator)

The Church here at Rayleigh is grateful to the Lord for His goodness to them.

In June they celebrated the 90th anniversary of the opening of the chapel, when James Mansfield preached on the words of Christ 'I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'

Your prayers are requested for Harold Fossey as he recovers from an operation. Pray also for the Church as a whole, that as just a few of them meet together week by week they may be very conscious of the Lord's presence with them. May He indeed build His Church to His own glory in the coming days.

## Forthcoming UEC Prayer Meetings

Thursday 3rd October (8.00pm) - Shoebury

Wednesday 20th November (7.45pm) -  
Valley Church, Guithavon Valley, Witham

Tuesday 10th December (7.45pm) -  
Corringham

# 2014 Week of Prayer 16th-23rd March

# SHOEBURY

Tony Nix

The Lord has been very good to us at Shoebury as we seek to worship Him and promote the Gospel locally. Here is our latest news for your prayers and thanksgivings.

On Bank Holiday Monday 26th August shops near the church closed the road and held a fair. We took the opportunity to have an Open Day at the church for refreshments and a historical exhibition (see photograph). A lot of people came in and saw the exhibition, had a drink and a chat and bought cakes! On 7 September, the REVIVE group of Churches in the Southend area held a "church tour". We kept our exhibition for the afternoon, and visitors were welcomed from 1.30pm until 5.00pm. The exhibition will probably be kept up until the end of September, so if anyone wishes to come and see it, please contact Bob or Yvonne to arrange a visit.

An exciting development has been the offer from Leigh Elim Church to assist us by providing musicians and ministry once a month on a Saturday evening for an evangelistic event. Plans are coming together for September, October and November.

We have an arrangement with Shoebury Methodist Church whereby we share an evening service alternately once a quarter. In addition, we hold a monthly service together at a local Care Home, Kathryn Court. One Church member is resident in a Leigh Care Home now and unable to worship with us. Please pray for her and her family.

Please join us in prayer for all the means of outreach.



# SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Irene Larkin

Greetings from the fellowship in Southend.

As I write these words, we as a Church are living in holy anticipation, waiting to see how the Lord will lead us in the next few days. Derek Daines, who has been our figurehead for the past 15 years, has now officially retired, and we have been looking forward to meeting with the applicants (two sets of couples) for the leadership post of Church Workers.

The first couple came on Tuesday 27 August and met with the leaders. We then shared a meal together and had a time for informal questions and answers - from both sides - before the couple led us in a time of closing worship. This was the format for both couples attending. The second husband and wife were with us on 12th September, after which the decision was made by the UEC Ministerial Committee.

Our fellowship continues to flourish with new people coming in from time to time. Some become regular worshippers with us, other attend less regularly, but all are made welcome. We do not see much growth in Sunday School numbers, but those who do come are consistent in their attendance and are ably led by Philip South and Ana Clark.

Several of our congregation are quite poorly at the moment, and I would ask you to pray for them, as well as for the changes that are happening in our Church.

God bless you all.



# STANWAY

Eric Blowes

Warmest greetings from all at Stanway Evangelical Church! We have seen much blessing here over recent months and give praise and glory to our Lord for the following:

A beautiful Christian wedding held on Easter Saturday between Lewis and Beccy.

April 13th saw Adam Blowes inducted as Pastor at Horham Baptist Church in rural Suffolk. A touch of sadness that Adam, Vicky and Joshua have now left us, but rejoicing that this family has been called to serve in this way. On April 27th we attended the Stanway Village Fayre, and displayed the life of the fellowship and gave out Christian literature. June 1st was our second Ladies' Breakfast - very popular - followed a week later by the Men's Breakfast. On June 9th we saw Bob and Dawn pass through the waters of baptism - a truly joyous event!

On June 16th we hosted the Civic Service on behalf of the newly appointed Mayor of Colchester. Pastor Eric acts as his Chaplain for the year. And then on July 28th we held an evening meal for our Parent & Toddler Group members with 28 enjoying a three course meal. This is an event that is likely to feature on an annual basis.

As we give thanks for these events and opportunities we value your prayers for the following special occasions:

August 31st we celebrated the wedding day of two of our young people. Several will be leaving us to go to University and one going to Music or Bible College. Our Harvest Thanksgiving weekend is



*The Dell: an investment for the Gospel awaiting development*

planned for the 21st and 22nd September, and we celebrate our 127th Church Anniversary on the 20th October.

A Christmas Tree Festival is being arranged for the last weekend in November when we hope to involve local schools and groups. Please pray that this will generate interest from the local community. As in previous years we are planning to sing Christmas carols at our local Sainsbury's store—always popular with the customers and staff alike. Plans for the ongoing development of “The Dell” (see photograph) are well in hand, and we are continually looking to the Lord for His guidance and provision for its future.

We do appreciate your prayer support and the contact we have through this Prayer Focus magazine, and assure you all of our prayers.

‘Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the Church of God which He bought with His own blood.’ Acts 20 v 28

## UEC on Social Media

### New website, Facebook and Twitter

The UEC now has an updated website as well as a presence on Facebook and Twitter. All of these ventures are in their early stages. We need assistance from you as Church members to keep us up-to-date with what is going on throughout the UEC, as well as what is going on in the wider Christian community. We are trying to build a virtual UEC community through which we can support and encourage others so please connect with us!



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# WICKFORD

Keith Britton

Greetings from Wickford to all our sister Churches.

By His grace, the Lord's work is continuing in this corner of His vineyard.

A children's holiday event was held at the church, using a jungle theme, as the picture shows below. The Bible stories were naturally based on animals – Creation, Noah, Daniel, and the lost sheep.

Numbers were disappointingly low but those who did come enjoyed it, and turned up every day. It did mean though, that we were able to get to know them better - and their parents, some of whom came to the Family Service on the Sunday morning.

Please pray for each one contacted – and for any others who took an invitation but didn't turn up.

We also thank God for the continued opportunity of giving the Word at the local school assemblies, as they have booked Keith again for the coming term.

We are looking ahead to further outreach in the form of a Harvest meal, a quiz evening and, of course, Christmas. We would value prayer for these events as we also lift you up, in your work for the Lord.

We look forward to sharing fellowship later in the year at the UEC Family Day at Rayleigh. In the meantime, be encouraged.

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.' Galatians 6 v 9



# WITHAM

Will Abbott

Four months into our new pastorate, the Church and local community are getting to know us as a family and we are getting to know them too. Building relationships is central to our ministry as we seek to join God wherever we see Him at work.

We are exploring together how mission can become more central to what we do and are as a worshipping community. Hosting car boot sales, leading worship in residential homes, and developing a youth football ministry are just three areas where we see the Lord at work.

We are enjoying a renewed relationship with the Boys Brigade through chaplaincy work, leading devotional times and joining them in their activities. A new music ministry involving both boys and leaders is also planned.

Our new monthly family-friendly service called Toybox started over the summer. Please pray as we engage with those who attend the well-established group Valley Tots, that some of these families might also attend Toybox.

Coffee & Chat on Mondays, and Ladies' Fellowship on Wednesdays provide important opportunities for worship during the week. In our weekly homegroup, we are currently exploring what it means to be Church: centred on Jesus, committed to one another, and seeking to encounter Christ through worship, discipleship and mission. A retreat day in October will provide the Church with an opportunity to meet and reflect further on these areas of ministry and outreach.



*Will and Fiona Abbott*

# FRESH HOPE COMMUNITY

John Guest

The chapel on Victoria Road is as much a part of the Stanford-le-Hope landscape as the pub, the local park or one of the many schools. Decades back it was the focus of revival in the community and its Sunday School alone boasted many scores of children.

Today the chapel has a different congregation thanks to a creative partnership between the UEC and the local parish church of St. Margaret's, brokered by the UEC's administrator, Howard Gardner. A congregation known as Fresh Hope Community meets there and is beginning to breathe new life into the old building. ALPHA has been run there and Freedom in Christ as well as activities for young and old alike. A congregation that had shrunk to a few older saints is now growing again as Fresh Hope Community, and this past Easter saw five new believers pass through the waters of baptism.

I was with VRC's last pastor, Percy Outen, just minutes before he passed to glory and it was my privilege to sing to him the words of the great hymn "I know whom I have believed". That same Faithful and Almighty Father is still at work... in the UEC, in the Church of England and – praise God! – in Stanford le Hope!

# CHURCH ON THE ROCK UK

Abi Popoola

When we started eight years ago, the battle to win souls has never been easy, and even now, the battle rages on!

But this is the good news: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience..."

The Church at the former UEC chapel in Wallis Avenue, Prittlewell, is increasing steadily and forcefully. The Church is being built upon the rock, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Regardless of the storm, the neighbourhood shall be saved.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Forthcoming events for you to pray about

## **3 October (8.00pm) at Shoebury—UEC Prayer Meeting**

An opportunity to meet with local UEC members to pray about the Gospel work we're involved in.

## **12 October (10.00am) at Rayleigh—UEC Training Day with Alistair Hornal**

Alistair Hornal will be speaking on The Talking Book—how the spoken teaching of Jesus, written in the Gospels, can be heard today—through us!

## **13 November (7.30pm) at Corringham—UEC Board Meeting**

The Board of the UEC meets to discuss the forthcoming strategy of our family of Churches.

## **20 November (7.45pm) at Valley Church, Guithavon Valley, Witham—UEC Prayer Meeting**

An opportunity to meet with local UEC members to pray about the Gospel work we're involved in.

## **30 November (9.30am) at Rayleigh—UEC Family Day**

An exciting day of activities, teaching and fellowship for all the UEC family, whatever your age.

## **10 December (7.45pm) at Corringham—UEC Prayer Meeting**

An opportunity to meet with local UEC members to pray about the Gospel work we're involved in.

## **16-23 March 2014—UEC Week of Prayer**

A focussed week of prayer for UEC Churches to pray for other Churches and the Union as a whole.



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