

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

### **1 Aim of the magazine**

The *Prayer Focus* magazine is our “in-house magazine, designed to inform all members of the UEC Churches of the activities of each Church. The intention is that all Churches pray for each other.

### **2 Rationale**

Prayer has been described as the “oxygen” that enables and encourages Christians and Churches to flourish. Prayer also unites us. Further, it gives everyone – writer and reader alike - an opportunity to stand back and reflect on what God is doing in the Churches: there is always something going on for which we can both intercede and give thanks. Thus *Prayer Focus* gives opportunities to pray more effectively, not only as part of the intercessions prayed during a Sunday Service in church, but also for personal and private prayers before the throne of Grace.

### **3 Publication cycle**

The magazine is published twice a year, Spring and Autumn. The Promotion Committee discusses the style and detail of the next edition, including what different articles to include (for example a book review). They instruct the Company Secretary to gather articles and photographs from each Church, which are printed and distributed by hand or by post.

Articles and photographs can be written by the Minister or delegated to a suitable person who is a member of that Church. We try to ask for articles and photographs at least a month ahead of the copy deadline, to give writers time to consider and write good text. It would be very helpful if the Minister can advise the UEC office of the person responsible for writing your Church’s article, and give their contact details.

### **4 Practical ideas for you**

As you read the article, it may be that are doing work and ministry that you could copy or adapt in your own Church setting. Sharing ideas across the UEC could benefit everyone.

### **5 Circulation**

Besides being distributed to all UEC Churches, and to past UEC Ministers, *Prayer Focus* is sent to anyone else who might be interested in the work of the UEC. From time to time, the office receives emails or letters from readers who have appreciated being kept in touch with the life and ministries of the UEC, particularly when there is vision and growth to report.

Copies are also made available to anyone who enquires about the UEC. This could be relatives of previous Peculiar People members, or enquiries for using premises, or guest speakers about to attend a UEC event. Copies also go to all the various Churches here in Rayleigh; they are themselves encouraged to see what God is doing among us, and they in turn encourage us.