

Newsletter Update

Friday 21st February 2014

Stats

2,187 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
220,887 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
524,880 People living there (240 per street)

****Click here to see our research sources.**



Dear Carl,

Our prayers continue for all of you still affected by the bad weather. Thanks for your feedback about our Extreme Weather Guide written with UCB Prayer. Thank you for praying! To download this resource, [click here](#)



Reflecting on my own neighbours this week, I live on a street where there are very few Christians. I am praying that in the coming months and years many of them will become Christians and the same will be true across the UK on every street. I believe this can only happen through prayer. If we see many more coming to Jesus, I am convinced we will see our nation transformed for the better. Please help us to get many more praying for their streets so we can see this vision realised. [Click here to register your street.](#)



This week, we share the testimony of someone who has had a vision for their community from God and how they have followed God's leading.

What vision has God given you for your Neighbourhood? What are the barriers to seeing that vision realised? Please share with us your dreams for your Neighbourhood and we will try to encourage you and help where possible.



*in our villages,
towns and cities*



Heart of Community Events

On Saturday 8th February, we took part in a Heart of Community Day at Wirral Christian Centre run by Fusion, but working with many other organisations. It was such a privilege to attend this day. Our only regret was that in running our session, we felt we missed out on being able to attend the other great sessions on offer. There are many more of these days around the country and sadly due to limited resources at



the moment, we are only able to attend another 3. We will be running sessions on Neighbourhood Prayer Network on 1st, 15th and 29th March. They offer great opportunities to learn about many things going on around the UK with a very local focus.

Marty Woods from Fusion Youth and Fusion community Europe, Lucy Moore from Messy Church, Roy Crowne from HOPE, Andy Frost, Crossing London, Rebekah Brettle, Neighbourhood Prayer Network and many others will be part of this day on 1st March 2014.



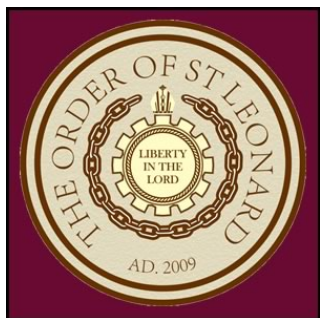
Other members of our team will be representing Neighbourhood Prayer Network on the Saturday 15th March and Saturday 29th March. [Please book here](#)

Thank You

Praise God! Thanks to your generous support and God's provision, we have been able to meet our bills for this month (wage for Lisa for two days a week, payroll, insurance, phone & equipment costs, postal costs, we have no travel costs this month). We are also grateful to Ivy Manchester church for allowing us to use some office space one day a week. As a result of this provision, we have been able to employ Lisa and get more up to date with admin and start to build a strong foundation for our future work. We make every pound count and we value every single gift!, Thank you for your support in prayer, in financial donations and possibly most importantly, your prayers for your neighbours!



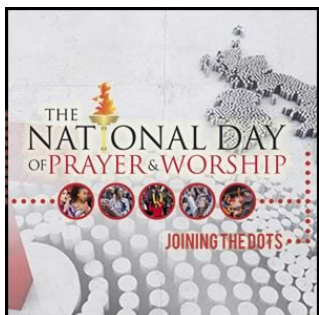
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I am still planning to do a sponsored Swim, but have had a setback the last few weeks with a virus and asthma attack, more on this next week.



Testimony

A Vision for Local Community

I contacted you just over a year ago, when you had sent me a copy of your book, Neighbour Transform Your Street, and it confirmed a vision God had given me to pray for our community as lighthouses of prayer. When I last wrote to you, I was to approach those houses God had highlighted to me as Christian homes, (which was a scary thing to do). God has been so good!! I knocked on the door of 5-6 houses of people I vaguely knew, but knew



were Christians, encouraging people to pray for the village and for the local minister

Praying For Our Minister and village In Unity With Other Churches

We live in a village with about 200 houses and many Christians travel out of the village to other churches and we felt it was important to get behind the minister of the local church in prayer. We felt it was important to form a nucleus of Christians praying for those who are not yet Christian. There is a core group of about 12 of us who now meet every 4-6 weeks to pray together. We chose a Sunday for our meetings because that was the day when most people are around. Most of the people who are part of the group, I didn't know well before, but now we have got to know each other really well. The meetings last 2 hours and there are many different prayer styles. We have also been influenced by the work of Ffald-Y Brenin and we pray a blessing over our village and neighbours. We are from about 7 different churches, uniting to pray for our community. There is a church and a school in the centre of the village and the minister and his wife join us when they can and we also have the headmistress and one of her staff who are also Christians. We have felt so blessed in coming together and have a real sense that God will bring transformation to our community, if we remain faithful in prayer.

Caring For Our Neighbours

We are about to send a letter to our local farmers acknowledging their hard work and commitment to our community. We want to let them know how we had been praying for them over the harsh winter and are praising God for the bountiful harvest that unexpectedly followed in the autumn of that same year. We will also let them know we continuing to pray for them.

We have also sent cards to people who have moved into the area, welcoming them to their new home. We have sent these to five people and they have been shocked that we would send them signed in my name, but on behalf of our prayer Lighthouse.

We met on 5th jan and during our prayer time a non Christian couple had an attempted break-in. We were able to send a wee card to let this couple know that we had been praying for protection for the village that afternoon and that subsequently we were praying they would know God's peace Amazing really!!

Sharing Faith With Neighbours

I have such a sense that this is God led that it encourages us to keep going. At Christmas we used Bags of Hope and made up a Christmas letter and enclosed a tea light and

sweets for each home and had some great conversations with neighbours I've only ever waved to from the car. We knocked on each house and personally gave them the Bag of Hope.

For 18 months now we've been distributing the UCB Word for Today. The UCB Word For Today

"Is a great way of getting the Bible into people's homes without actually giving them a Bible."

3-4 people of the 200 houses we deliver to, say that they are waiting for the new version as they find them really helpful.

Northern Ireland (author wishes to remain anonymous)

Father's Love Letter & Gift Edition of the Word For Today over Lent

We are encouraging people to give out the Father's Love Letter with a gift edition of the Word for Today during Lent and Easter to neighbours on your street. The theory behind this, is that if people read the Father's Love Letter and respond well to it, isn't the UCB Word For Today a great opportunity to read more of the Bible and get more inspiration? Details of how to order copies are in our Neighbour Friday just below. Last year through our network we were able to deliver 103,000 Father's Love Letters in partnership with UCB.

Neighbour Friday

PRAYER

Psalm 119:1

Lord, I pray for my neighbours who are bringing up teenagers; for wisdom as they help their children to navigate the complex business of rules and freedom. May every child in my neighbourhood grow up to reach their full potential.

CARE

Write to a local farmer, telling them that you are praying for them during the harsh winter weather and thank them for all their work.

SHARE

Order the Father's Love Letter & Gift Edition of the Word For Today from UCB. [Click here to order](#) to give out in your street or streets near you.

Please note that the prices listed at present are incorrect and that ordering copies will be free. We would ask that you would make a donation towards postage and packaging in recognition of UCBs service to so many ministries and people across our

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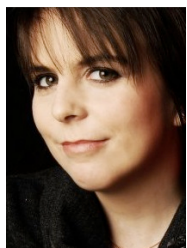
Sharing Jesus Resource: This is a fantastic short resource, explaining how to share your faith naturally with the people you meet. Even if we hadn't made a contribution to it, I would be encouraging as many people as possible to buy a copy. It really is excellent and I will be trying follow some of its guidance in the coming months and possibly years.

If you buy our book, Neighbours, Transform Your Street, in the next four weeks, we will give you a free copy of the Sharing Jesus Resource. This offer is only while stocks last. [Click here to buy Neighbours Transform Your Street](#)

You can buy the Sharing Jesus Resource separately for £3 plus postage from Wednesday next week on our website.

If we can sell 120 Neighbours Transform Your Street books this month, this will help us meet our running costs in the coming month and also share our vision with 120 new people.

Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

P.S. Don't forget to click on the block advert links to some of our great partners (on the left).

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