

Newsletter Update

Friday 7th January 2014

Stats

2,159 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
 218,059 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
 518,160 People living there (240 per street)

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



Dear Carl,

This week, my family has officially become a one car family (*partly because now I am no longer a GP we cannot justify having two cars*), but also because the two cars we did have both had serious faults. While we love our new car, practically in the day, I have found myself using public transport and walking around my local streets a lot more. Rather than this being an inconvenience, it has been rather enjoyable and I have bumped into far more people than I would otherwise have done in my car. As I have walked around, I have seen things I would not have seen and been able to say a quick prayer to bring about change where positive change is needed! This week we bring you a testimony from Plympton about how twelve churches are praying together on prayer walks. We also ask you to remember the people in the South West, especially Somerset, Wales and Ireland affected by the floods. We are also including a brief update from HOPE at the end of our newsletters for this year of HOPE.



Prayers for Flood Victims

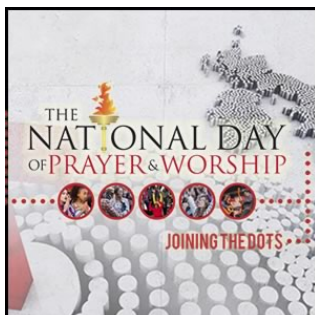
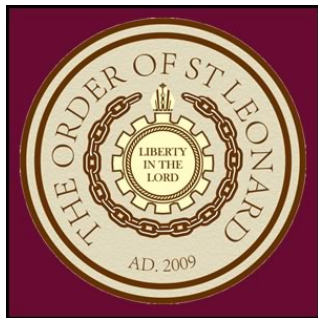
Lord, Bring quick relief from flood waters across the UK and protection from loss of life or injury as the bad weather continues. Give wisdom to the government to ensure that flood defences are improved for future years. For all those affected by loss of electric power or disruption to transport, bring peace and a quick resolution of difficulties. Let this also be an opportunity for a sense of community Spirit to flourish in communities very badly affected. Help the church to know how to respond well to the needs of surrounding areas. Amen



Plympton Prayer Walks

Hi there my name is Kerry Gibson, and I organise monthly prayers walks in Plympton, always starting at different places. So, how did this start? God gave me a vision August last year that I should have a prayer map in my bedroom, I was to put my Christian friends name on the map and the street they lived in and asked them to give me a non - Christian neighbour / friend / or members of their family that were not Christians they were praying for, and I promised I would stand with them in prayer and





pray for them, their street and the non-Christian person they were praying for, I also made sure I highlighted all the little places the 12 churches in Plympton have connections with, also the 12 churches. Now things have happened since this, conversations have been started, some going to church over Christmas 2013 for the first time, some asking about God and others asking for prayer personally! In September 2013 I was out prayer walking my area on my own and on returning I looked at that map and I heard God speak very clearly He said 'Kerry, I want you to raise up an army of prayer warriors for this town' and I simple said 'Ok Lord show me what you want me to do' then the vision of organising monthly prayer walks came to my head. So I contacted all 12 churches in Plympton and organised the first one for October, 5 people turned up, we split into 2 groups with different locations to pray for, such as the local churches, school, care home. Then I organised one for November, there was only 3 of us but I remembered - where two or three are gathered in His Name, He is in the midst, (Matthew 18 verse 20). On 30th January 2014 we are prayer walking a local council estate where God is moving, it is an estate with single parents, broken families, people in debt, so much need for one estate and Christmas 2013 saw the 12 local churches deliver a few food hampers on that estate. People on there are being more open to God, they are asking questions, letting us pray with them, allowing Christians to support them. Years ago a vision was given on that estate, it was a heart beating over the school on the estate, Gods heart beating, that school was a church for many years, sadly the church is no longer there, but quite a number of us are still committed to those people, that community and that estate. To finish with I want to say this, we can win our towns / communities back for Jesus, starting with one person at a time, by being faithful in prayer, because what we sow and reap here on earth will stand with us in Heaven and through all eternity.

The scriptures close to my heart are these - I will give you every place where you set your foot, Joshua 1 verse 3

Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request, 1 Chronicles 4:10

Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest, John 4:35

Now imagine what your town / community would look like if the Kingdom of God came to it!!

Prayer Walking Your Neighbourhood

We have two Prayer Guides available at www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/pray to help you pray and also



on page 162-170 [Neighbours Transform Your Street](#)

Neighbour Friday

PRAYER

ROM 12:17 - Think about the times you have been less than honest, and ask God for forgiveness. Lord, I want to be someone who always speaks the truth, who speaks words of encouragement and healing. I pray that my neighbours will know me as someone who always tells the truth.

CARE

Sign up to Streetbank & see if you can donate something to a neighbour living close by, or use it as an opportunity to get to know a new neighbour.

OR

If you live in a flood affected aid, get together with people from your church and discuss how you can best help your neighbours.

SHARE

Start considering if you could distribute a copy of the Father's Love Letter together with a gift edition of the Word for Today for your neighbours over lent.

Upcoming Events

Prayer Culture Conference, Manchester, 21st Feb.

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*in our villages,
towns and cities*

Please note, Neighbourhood Prayer Network, wholeheartedly supports HOPE's work, but we are a separate organisation. We continue to support their work and contribute where we can.

Use it and lose it - evangelism that relies on God to answer prayer

Not everyone feels confident to talk to others about Jesus - but a simple question could help every Christian put faith into words: 'Have you tried praying?'

Join churches throughout the UK during Lent and Easter in a nationwide [try praying project](#) as part of Hope14. It's available for every town, village and city: thousands of people, hundreds of churches in scores of places, uniting to invite people to trypraying and to begin to explore life with God. Find out more and order copies of the trypraying booklet here. The try praying booklet is a 7-day prayer guide develop Christians are encourage to 'use it and lose it' - to pass the booklet on to

friends with a few words of encouragement - 'Why don't you try praying for a week and see what happens in your life?' Trypraying is that simple!

Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

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