

# Newsletter Update

Friday 31st January 2014

## Stats

2,149 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)  
 217,049 Houses on those streets (101 per street)  
 515,760 People living there (240 per street)

**\*\*[Click here to see our research sources.](#)**

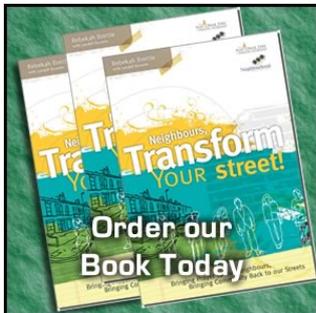


**Dear Carl,**

As winter is getting colder, the weather harsher and the tax bills are all looming, you could be forgiven for feeling a little down post Christmas. As Christians we have the opportunity to support each other in times of difficulty and pray together through those difficulties. This week we bring you a testimony of someone who has prayed for over twenty years in his community where he lives and who more recently has found the joy of praying with other Christians, to bless his neighbours. You might not see immediate answers to your prayers, but, when we pray together and work together with God...we are forever strong!



**Appeal:** We are seeking a group of intercessors to not only pray for their street, but also to pray specifically for Neighbourhood Prayer Network : For our vision, for our direction and for our protection.



There were one or two who contacted us, who for whatever reason, we lost your email. If we have not contacted you about this and you volunteered last week, please email us again.. and if you are interested, please [contact us here](#).

## Testimony from Blackpool & Bolton

*When I lived in Blackpool in the 1990s, after being retired from teaching, I began visiting my neighbours' houses to share the good news of Jesus. I found that it was easy to chat with folk by asking them how they were and what they were up to. Eventually I asked them if there was anything I could pray for them. The responses were many and over the next 5 years I was regularly visiting nearly 2000 homes and offering to pray for their needs. I was also able to share the gospel with many of them, as opportunities opened up. It became the Neighbourhood Prayer Watch. The sad part was that I was never able to get anyone to accompany me on those trips! I didn't see many people become Christians as a result of my prayers, but I believe it is important to keep being obedient to God, to keep praying even when you don't see any results. I did see one or two people make a step towards Christ.*

*I moved to Bolton and two years ago I read Roy Godwin's excellent book *Grace Outpouring*, and was lead to form a group with my wife and another couple in a rough*





*neighbourhood. We meet every week and bless the community and have had several answers to prayer and made many friends. I also started to distribute this free paper The Advertiser and have also made many friends and had good contacts, blessing every house I visit. Currently I plan to do walkabout several times a week, when I just ask the Lord to lead me to someone he wants me to bless - and, of course, he always does!*



*Just before Christmas we had a Pizza and pudding eventing, around 19 people came altogether, 3 of them immediate neighbours and a few that some people from church had invited. Most of the people I invited were people that I already knew. The evening was great and everyone was talking to each other.*

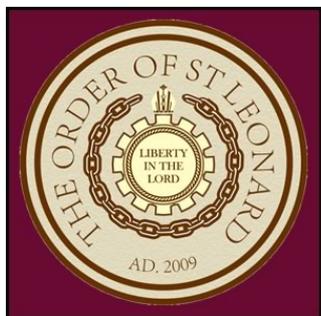
*I think we all need to keep praying and not give up even when we don't see immediate answers to our prayers.*

**Forming a Prayer Triplet Or Lighthouse of Prayer.**



We have lots of guidance on how to form a prayer triplet in our book [Neighbours, Transform Your Street](#) on page 98. Alternatively Jane Holloway wrote a Resource called Community Prayer Cells that is available to download from the World Prayer Centre website. Roy Godwin's Book, Grace Outpouring has served as an inspiration to many.

We have a 12 week or 12 month if you prefer prayer guide available in our book, Neighbour's Transform Your Street, (together with many more resources and testimonies). [Click here to buy.](#)

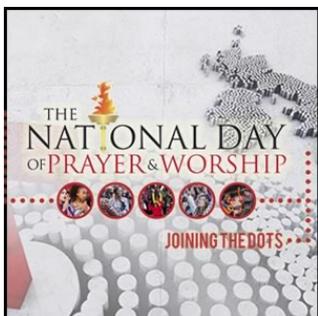


**Neighbour Friday**

**PRAYER**

Luke 10

Lord, please help all those affected by the floods in Somerset. Help the army to use its resources efficiently and effectively to bring a swift end to people's immediate flood related problems. Lord, we pray for all our immediate neighbours who are housebound, protect the most vulnerable. Bring all the lonely in the UK a sense that they belong to a wider caring community. Lord, the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Help us to achieve Your vision of seeing every street covered in prayer and people caring for and sharing faith with neighbours. Amen



**CARE**

If you live in a flood affected area consider if you could provide direct aid to a neighbour in need.

or

Make a special effort to get to know a neighbour who struggles



to leave the house because of health problems or old age.

### SHARE

Choose three houses on your street to pray for each Friday this year, pray a blessing over your street each time you leave the house. (Keep Praying and Bless Prayer guide)

[www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/pray](http://www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/pray), may be helpful for this.

### Sponsored Swim Update week 3

I am planning to do a sponsored swim in April, to raise much needed funds for our charity.

I started being able to swim 6 lengths increasing to 16 in the second week...and this week, my young son, husband and I have all had a nasty virus, so this week no progress at all.

If you would like to join me in doing a sponsored swim for Neighbourhood Prayer Network to raise money for us, please [contact us here](#).

Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

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