

# Newsletter Update

Friday 8th November 2013

### Stats

1,968 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)  
198,768 Houses on those streets (101 per street)  
472,320 People living there (240 per street)

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



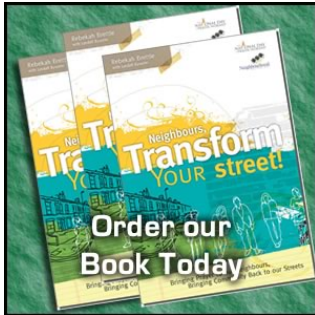
## Neighbourhood

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**Dear Carl,**

This last weekend we travelled to London to the [Joint the Dots launch for 2014 with Sublime](#). I was unable to stay for the whole evening as our son at seven weeks has started teething! We travelled to Ashburnham for a lovely rest at the [Ashburnham Christian retreat centre](#) in Battle, before heading to Folkestone.



I had the tremendous privilege of speaking at Folkestones' Churches Together United Service on Sunday evening. Over one hundred people had signed up earlier in the year to pray for their neighbours. Please see our map here to see the multitude of yellow dots over our map in Folkestone!



The chair of churches together, Mark Fletcher, along with over a hundred people from Folkestone, had attended the National Day of Prayer and Worship on 29th September 2012. At this event, Neighbourhood Prayer Network was launched and hearing about us, many people from Folkestone signed up to pray for their neighbours. This was facilitated by Jon Clarke, our postcode co-ordinator in Folkestone.

Mark Fletcher, Chair of Churches together writes



*"There are 28 member churches in Churches Together Folkestone and an excellent level of co-operation so that there is a drop-in, Food Stop, Winter shelter and many other social care initiatives staffed by volunteers across the churches plus street pastors, a Christian book shop and so on. Importantly there are four United Services a year plus a major town centre Good Friday service and procession of crosses, a dawn Easter Sunday service, monthly prayer breakfasts and good participation in prayer weeks.*

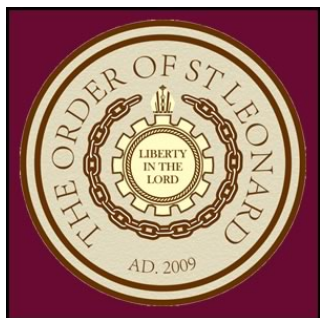


*Excitingly earlier this year the One Day event saw teams of Christians delivering the Father's Love letter to almost every home in Folkestone. We worked through the 9 different electoral wards and that is the system set up to co-ordinate Neighbourhood Prayer here initially until very local groups begin to cover their own streets.*

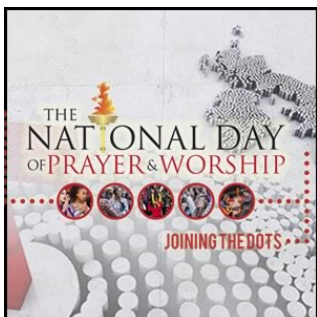


*Neighbourhood Prayer got a good 'lift off' as we prayed by the crosses on the hill looking over the different areas of the town and has had a number of little promotions. As you know, over a hundred people are on board but just three local groups have met so far. Jon Clarke is facilitating NP here and keeping the list of participants and looking for 'ward-links' who will encourage people living in the 9 wards to meet and pray and act in their communities."*

At the service, I was able to share testimonies with people from around the UK, to encourage people to keep praying. Some people were worried about being able to pray for a whole street. We advise that people choose three houses on each street and pray regularly for these houses, praying a general blessing or perhaps the Lord's prayer over the rest of the street.



There was a genuine sense of unity among the Churches in Folkestone.



After the service, people were invited to gather around tables in the church hall, each table representing a different ward. The aim of this was that people could meet others living near them, in the hope that some people may be able to pray together or help their neighbours together. Several more people signed up after the service. The intention is that every ward would have a link co-ordinator to help people get together or stay in contact. Sadly, Carl and I had to drive back to Manchester after the evening service, otherwise we would have loved to have stayed and talked to more people.

Folkestone is also planning a football stadium event in 2014 as a pentecost celebration, hoping that 2000 Christians will attend. They also have plans to work together for the HOPE year of mission. I wait in eager anticipation to see how the many seeds of prayer sown, will bear fruit in the coming weeks and months and years!



## Upcoming Events

### ***The Stand***

Date: 30th November 2013,  
 Time: 10am-10pm,  
 Venue: Queens Park Baptist Church, Glasgow, G42 8QS

On 30 November, St Andrew's Day, Christians from around Scotland and many church backgrounds will gather in Glasgow for The Stand - a national day of worship and prayer. The Stand is also the launch of a 24/7 Year of Prayer - inviting people both in Scotland, the UK and around the World to pray for Scotland during 2014. Next year, Scotland hosts the Commonwealth Games and there is the 'once in a lifetime' referendum on independence. The Ryder Cup and the 700th anniversary of Bannockburn also take place. You can sign up to pray for Scotland an hour a week or for a shorter period on their website: [www.thestand.org.uk](http://www.thestand.org.uk)

Book your place on 30 Nov. (free of charge)  
 at: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/8628055747](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/8628055747). Please book your place now.

Please also visit [www.thestand.org.uk](http://www.thestand.org.uk) and consider taking part in the year of prayer.

### ***Prayer Storm***

Date: 30th November 2013  
 Time: 12pm - 7pm (Door open at 11:30am)  
 Venue: Audacious Church Manchester, Trinity Way, Manchester, M3 7BB

The event is free but registration is required. To register click on the following link: <http://www.prayerstorm.org/events/gatherings>

The youtube link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D80R30NEG9E>

## **Neighbour Friday**

### **PRAYER**

FRIDAY 8TH NOV EDUCATIONAL PRESSURE PRO 22:6  
 Give thanks for the privilege of free access to education in the UK. Pray that Christianity won't be silenced in our schools, and that Christian young people will live out their faith with confidence. Pray for young people you know, that they will find the right balance of having fun alongside working hard.

Neighbourhood Prayer Network is joining many ministries and denominations to pray with HOPE 2014 between 18th October to 31st January. These prayers are taken from the HOPE prayer guide.

You can download the whole guide from [www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/pray](http://www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/pray). The whole of this weeks prayers are at the bottom of this newsletter. To obtain a free copy from UCB, [click here](#) or order more at the same address.

**CARE**

Could you donate some food to a local foodbank?

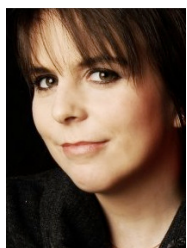
AND/OR:

Could you visit, with a friend or church member, a neighbour who lives alone on your street and try to get to know them longer term?

**SHARE**

Could you and some people from your home group, invite neighbours to your house to pack a shoe box with presents for underprivileged children around the world? [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) . The last date for collection is 18th November.

Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

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**HOPE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**Source: HOPE Revolution**

PRAYER CHALLENGE: What are the most urgent needs faced by young people in your community? How could you support organisations seeking to meet those needs?



*in our villages, towns and cities*

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SATURDAY 9TH NOV RELATIONSHIP BREAKDOWN PHIL 2:4

Pray for children you know who are in a difficult family situation: for peace when tensions between parents run high, and for comfort when they feel broken-hearted. Ask God to put around them a strong network of adult mentors and peer friendships, so that they have people they can trust and open up to.

SUNDAY 10TH NOV REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 1 TIM 4:12  
Almost 100 years ago, a world war began which wiped out vast numbers of Europe's young men. Father, raise up a generation of children and young people in the UK and across Europe who follow You with passion. May young people everywhere be encouraged to challenge the old and to unlock the new.

MONDAY 11TH NOV MISSIONAL LIVING 1 TIM 6:12  
Pray for Christian young people, that they will be passionate disciples and witnesses for Jesus to those around them. Pray for protection from the pressures of their culture and the strategies of the enemy. Pray for much fruit from the HOPE Revolution 'Mission Academies' being launched for 2014.

TUESDAY 12TH NOV BULLYING JOHN 10:10  
Nine out of ten children have some experience of bullying, either as a witness or a participant. Pray for an end to bullying! Pray that bullied young people will find the right support, that their friends will stand up against the culture of bullying, and that suicide rates among young people will decrease.

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOV SALVATION EPH 2:10  
Give thanks that God longs for every child and young person to come to know His Son Jesus. Pray for children or young people you know who don't know God's love; that they will have a revelation of how awesome it is, and will link up with a youth group or holiday club in 2014.

THURSDAY 14TH NOV SELF-IMAGE PS 139:14  
Many of our children and young people have never heard the truth that they are made in God's image. Pray for protection for the most vulnerable: for those who struggle with eating disorders, who become addicted to drugs, alcohol and pornography, or who are drawn into sexual relationships to find their value.

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