

Newsletter Update

Friday 26th July 2013

Stats

1,728 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
 174,528 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
 414,720 People living there (240 per street)

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Dear Carl,

Congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, William and Catherine on the birth of their first child.

Like many of you, we are thrilled about the arrival of Prince George and wish the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge congratulations and privacy as they get to know their new son!

Neighbourhood Watch & Care for the elderly in our Community



Last week on 15th July, it was suggested by Norman Lamb, the social care minister that Neighbourhood Watch groups could provide companionship and practical help for the elderly living alone. Below are extracts of the article that appeared on the BBC website last week.

On page 88 of "Neighbours, Transform Your Street," we share how Ballymena House of Prayer in Northern Ireland has been encouraging people to set up Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in their local area and how Jonathan Leaky personally saw a reduction in crime in his local area as a result.



Neighbours & the lonely are on God's heart! At Neighbourhood Prayer Network, while we encourage prayer as a foundation for everything, we also want to see neighbours cared for and opportunities to share the Gospel with our neighbours.

We know that many of you are already part of Neighbourhood Watch groups or similar church based initiatives. We are keen to know your views about this proposal and about any schemes your church is already running. Please can I ask you to email us your thoughts or to tell us about the work your church is already doing in this area? We will collect your responses and see if there is anything we can do as a charity to support these proposals on a wider level. Thank you. This will help us fulfill our aim of, "bringing prayer to our neighbours and bringing community back to our streets!"



Keep Praying and Bless

Please find below the prayer guides for prayer walking up to 70 streets in your neighbourhood.



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BBC Article

Extracts from the article from the bbc website:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-23312751>

Neighbourhood Watch groups could help with elderly care



Neighbourhood Watch groups in England could provide companionship and practical help for pensioners living alone, under an idea being considered.

Social care minister Norman Lamb said many older people were living "very lonely lives", without family support.

While professional care remained vital, something extra was needed, he said.

The "principle of neighbourliness" could be extended to address the "extraordinary challenge" presented by an ageing society, he told the BBC.

There are 173,000 Neighbourhood Watch groups in England and Wales, a scheme which started in the 1980s to encourage local residents to report suspicious behaviour in their area and to help prevent burglaries.

Mr Lamb said the pressures on the care system were only going to increase, with the number of people living beyond 80 set to double by 2030 and many unable to rely on regular family help.

'Miserable life'

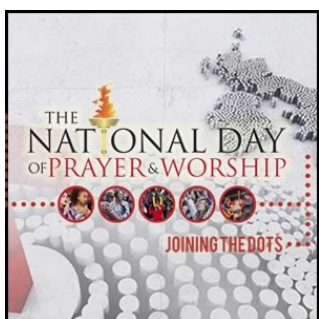
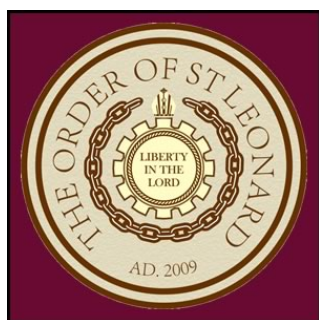
Loneliness and isolation damaged people's physical and mental health and made people dependent on the state a lot earlier than they needed to be, he told BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

"If you have care needs and you don't see anyone day-to-day, week-to-week, and all you have is a care worker coming in for a very short period of time to do your essential feeding and washing, it can be a pretty miserable life.

"As a society, we have a responsibility to think about this challenge."

Mr Lamb said he was not looking to undermine the "essential" work of care professionals but to provide an extra dimension to help people's quality of life.

"Care is not enough on its own. We have to ask the fundamental question what gives you a good life.





"That's about companionship, friendship, neighbourliness. As our extended families have dispersed across the country and sometimes well beyond, inadvertently we have ended up with very many people living very lonely lives."

"Good neighbours can make a real difference but are no substitute for a well-supported care system"

*Michelle Mitchell
Age UK*

"At its heart, the fact that we have this (neighbourhood) movement, let's just apply that neighbourliness principle to looking out for elderly people on our roads who might actually be on their own but nobody might be thinking about."

*'Specialist skills'
The Neighbourhood Watch and Home Watch Network said it was keen on getting involved. "It is important for groups of members to be aware of the vulnerable people in their communities," its chairman Jim Madden [told the Daily Telegraph](#).*

But Age UK said the presence of a "friendly face", however welcome, could not make up for a lack of resources in the care budget.

"Often helping older people with these tasks can require specialist skills such as manual handling so that older people are treated safely with sensitivity and dignity.

Neighbour Friday

PRAYER

1 PET 1:13-16

Lord show us the power and impact of living holy lives in our communities. We don't just want to be nice people, we want to be people who model Jesus, and who help others to see what You are like. As the holidays get underway, think about inviting the neighbours around for a summer party.

Keep Praying and Bless Prayer Guide: Please consider using this guide to prayer walk streets in your local area over the next few weeks.

CARE

Consider helping an elderly or unwell neighbour with their gardening with your home group/church

SHARE

Could you give out prayer request cards, to your neighbours as a wider home group or church activity? Over the coming weeks pray confidentially for any prayer requests. See page 169 of Neighbours, Transform Your Street.

Every Blessing



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