

Newsletter Update

Friday 31st May 2013

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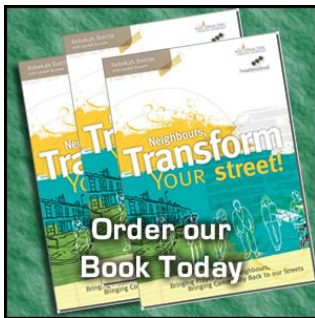
1,535 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
 155,035 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
 368,400 People living there (240 per street)

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Dear Carl,

I think all of us have been deeply shocked by the murder of Drummer Lee Rugby last week. Personally I have also watched horrified, as far right protests have arisen and there has been a dramatic rise in attacks against ordinary Muslims and Mosques ([Click here to read article](#)).



Many of us will no doubt live on streets with Muslim neighbours and families who have a member in the armed forces. Mixed with the sadness of the last few days is also fear. I believe as Christians, we have an opportunity to be used by God to bring good out of a terrible situation (Romans 8). Rather than allowing the events of the last few days to drive our communities apart, let's ensure that we grow closer together and that hatred is conquered with love!

We remember at this time the family of Drummer Lee Rigby and especially pray for all those directly affected by his death.



Also, please pray:

- For the safety of your Muslim neighbours and the future safety of all of those in the armed forces, throughout the nation.
- For opportunities for the church and individual Christians to show unconditional love towards their Muslim neighbours.
- For attacks against Muslims to stop and for the prevention of any further attacks against those in the armed forces.



Statement from Bishop David Carr, Order of St. Leonard

Loving our Muslim Neighbours

With the brutal killing of a young Soldier, the anger that is naturally released is understandable.

The Christian faith has at its centre, the core of love; this is not emotionally induced but wilfully applied. The list of those we love starts with God, self, family, neighbours, those who manipulate us and finishes with our enemies.

We must not therefore assume that the two men who face the justice of the British legal system are stereotypical of



all Muslim people living and contributing to our society, as "Larger Louts" are not of the majority of holiday makers, for example.

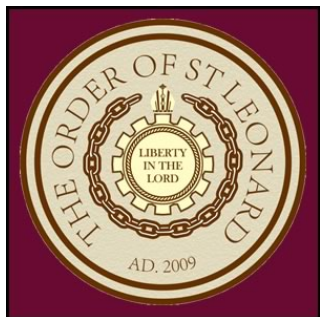
Extremists from all political, religious, or ethnic groupings can easily become the focal point of the public's perception of groupings in society.

Christianity applauds justice, yet never takes judgement into its own hands.

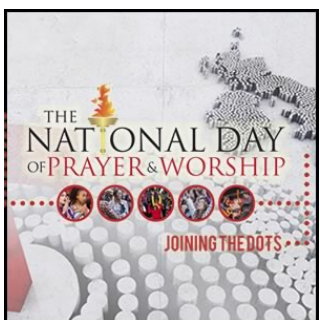
Historically, the Christian Religion has been fundamentalist, killing thousands of people in the name of Christ. However, this is totally rejected by the majority of Christendom, and likewise any faith that has a moral code, will also stand appalled at such atrocities.

True faith is to love, forgive, but to bring to justice those who bring society into danger of anarchy.

May we all love those who are our neighbours, regardless of their colour, culture or creed.



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Neighbour Friday

PRAYER

COL 3:5-10

Lord I pray for the households on my street, that the words we speak will be honest and loving. I pray that lying, bad language and crude humour will fade away. Make my street a place of joy. Make a special effort to be careful how you speak this week, guarding against dishonesty and negativity.



CARE

Can you organise a big lunch on Sunday 2nd June? A Big Lunch can be anything from a few neighbours getting together in the garden or on the street, to a full blown street party with food, music and decoration that quite literally stops the traffic. Visit www.thebiglunch.com



SHARE

Can you invite someone to your church in the coming weeks?

Please forward us any testimonies about what is going on in your street or church. Next week we hope to report on the Outpouring in Wales.

Thank you for all your prayers



Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

Trumpet Call 2013

Please can I encourage you to attend Trumpet Call 2013 on Saturday 15th June in Birmingham, hosted by World Prayer Centre. Wouldn't it be wonderful if many of us could meet at a national prayer meeting? I will be attending as one of the crowd, but it would be great to meet some of you. Please book your tickets by [clicking here](#)

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