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# Newsletter Update

Friday 14th December 2012




Neighbourhood  
PRAYER.NET

**Stats**

919 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)  
 92,819 Houses on those streets (101 per street)  
 220,560 People living there (240 per street)  
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**Our New Book**



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**Dear Carl,**

I love Christmas, the decorations, the tree, the time when we tend to see more of friends and family. As I walk around the shopping centre buying gifts, I can't help thinking that every year that goes by, the central meaning of Christmas seems further and further away. Apart from hearing the Salvation Army band playing Christmas Carols, there seems little or no mention of Jesus in our wider society.

As I sit as a GP, I hear of the worry people have of buying presents they cannot afford to buy, and for some, just how lonely this Christmas will make them feel. As Christians, let us not fall into the same trap and remember that the greatest gift we can give is our time. As someone who has in past faced the prospect of a or two Christmas alone, do not doubt the value of sending time with people and do not be afraid to share why you celebrate Christmas! The Christmas message is one of hope and not despair and some of our neighbours desperately need to hear a message of love and hope!

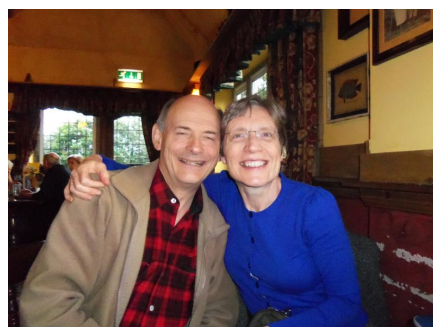
This last week, we met with Roy Crowne from [HOPE Together](#), to see how he can contribute to the 2014 year of mission. Our discussions will continue in the New Year.

Never underestimate the power of your prayers or the time you invest in getting to know your neighbours.

**Testimony**

*I wonder if our house is the only lighthouse of prayer in Duffield?*

*We prayed regularly for our road, Chapel Street, after Ed Silviso visited Derby several years ago. However, it seems that in general the momentum in the Derby area stalled, after some time, for various reasons.*



*About a year ago, we both attended an Ed Silviso*



*conference at Watford, and then decided we would pray each day for everyone in our road by name - 17 houses. Also, I do extra praying a few times each week.*

*In this last year, we have seen over 50% of the street attend either a carol service, a potato supper, or a Big Lunch. For the latter we included 35 members of our Church - Emmanuel Community Church - which just happens to be situated at the end of Chapel Street (a cul-de-sac) - to make the numbers up to 70. "Unfortunately" it was cool and drizzly - no good for a street party for mainly older people - so we had to cram into the Church, which turned out to be just brilliant and a great occasion; one family who have recently moved in really excelled, and their older daughter is now attending Christian meetings in the week. Praise the Lord.*

*Now we've shown your bulletin to the only other Christian in the street, she says she wants to pray for the street with us once a month.*

*So it was easy for us to sign up for your network. Some half a dozen others also went to Wembley from Emmanuel - mainly non-Duffield residents. Perhaps some of them signed up for their roads, too.*

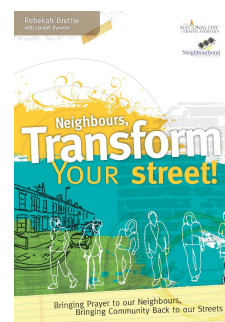
*God bless you in your good work !*

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Chris and Lynda Greaves.*

## CHRISTMAS OFFER

Our book, Neighbours, Transform Your Street, is written with the sole aim of spreading our vision as well as the great work of the wider church. For Christmas, from now until December 31st we are doing a special offer, a church can purchase a box of 14 which would normally cost £140, for £120 with free postage. We will send all orders off within 4 days of them being placed. All orders placed before or on 31st December will be honoured.

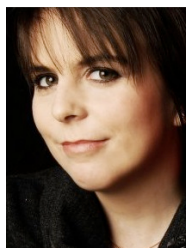
Any profit made, helps to fund our work. All our staff are currently volunteers. The book would also make a great gift for your church minister. **This offer will run from Monday on our website.**



## IN CLOSING

We're getting ever so close to our first 1,000 streets being prayed for, only 81 streets left to register to get to that goal. If you could ask a friend this Sunday in Church to join in that would be great. Don't forget to get them to register their own street on the map.

## Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

### **Today is Neighbour Friday**

#### **PRAYER**

Psalm 67:5-6

Lord, we remember those who have lost someone this year, or who are facing spending Christmas alone. We pray that friends and neighbours will rally around, so that they know they are loved.

#### **CARE**

Is anyone on your street spending this Christmas alone? Are you able to invite them round on Christmas day or visit them over the Christmas period.

#### **SHARE**

- Could you invite your neighbour to your local Christmas Carol service ?
- Could you give your neighbours a christmas card on your street ?
- Could you buy your immediate neighbours a small Christmas gift such as some chocolate ?
- Could you invite some neighbours around for a mulled wine and minced pie party at your house ?

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