

Sunday 6th July

10:30am All Age Service

Matt Hutchings

Songs for a pilgrim people #5
Psalm 127

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sunday 13th July

10:30am Morning Service

Matt Hutchings

Songs for a pilgrim people #6
Psalm 130

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sunday 20th July

10:30am Morning Service

Martin Hull

Songs for a pilgrim people #7
Psalm 131

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sunday 27th July

10:30am Morning Service
with Communion

Andy Neale

Songs for a pilgrim people #8
Psalm 132

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Prayer Points

Our Church Family

- Please pray for Martin, Matt and Andy as they continue to preach through the songs of ascent (Psalms 120-134). Give thanks that these rich and diverse psalms, that were also songs of Jesus, give us many things that can sustain and enrich us as we journey through life as pilgrims who are heading for our home in the new creation that our saviour has won for us. Pray that Martin, Matt and Andy might be deeply affected as they prepare, and that God will grant them the skill to preach these songs well.
- Pray for Andy and Lynne Neale, as they take a sabbatical from their role leading Salt Church, Mar Menor, over the months of July and August, and as they visit and serve us at the end of the month. Pray that the Lord will grant them rest and refreshment and the energy they need to serve him for their final season leading Salt Church, and that the Lord will raise up a new pastor for their church.
- Pray for that many members of our church family who are already and will be enjoying a break from work and/or time away over the summer months. Pray for good times of rest and relaxation alone and with friends and family and that a break from the routine of regular life will not mean a break from their walk with the Lord but the reinvigoration of it.
- Pray for rest and refreshment over the summer months for our elders and deacon and for those who serve the Lord and us in many different ways. Pray that our Sunday School, Community Coffee, Good News Club and toddler group teams will enjoy good rest, and that the Lord might bring everyone back refreshed and ready to serve him in the new academic year. Pray for those who remain here and who will pick up extra or different responsibilities over the summer months. May the Lord give us the skills we need and may he raise up new workers for the harvest field!
- Pray for Megan Clifton as she prepares for her baptism and to be welcomed into membership at the end of August (save the date of her baptism: 31st August). Pray for others in our congregation who are considering Christ's call to be baptised. Pray that we will see several more baptisms over the next academic year!
- Pray for our mission partners. Please pray for the Balls as their term-time groups finish. Pray that the Lord would bring together the right volunteers and venues for their summer activities, and that they will be able to take rest over the summer too. Give thanks for the Baldwins' recent visit and pray for this second month of their UK visit. Pray for rest, refreshment and encouragement for them. Pray for Oka and Altynai as they recruit students for the second academic year for their Bible training course.
- Pray for our young people who will be attending camps this summer. Pray that they might for the first time trust Christ or grow in him.
- Pray for those in our church family who are struggling with health, relationships, work and other things. Pray that they might look to the Lord and find help.

Our Community

- Pray for our local schools in the last few weeks of this academic year. Pray for our nearest secondary school, Woodbridge High, where Jeremy serves on the staff. Pray that Jeremy might be a faithful servant of Christ there and that there might be a witness for Christ in the school.
- Pray for our nearest primary school, Ray Lodge, where Matt serves as a governor. Pray that Matt might serve faithfully in that role, and that the Lord would open a door for Matt to give spiritual input into the school.
- Pray for the many other schools in which our church family are involved through attending, working or governing or through historical links. Pray that the light of Christ might be seen in all these schools, and that pupils and staff will get a good break over the summer.

Our Nation

- Give thanks that Matt had the opportunity to attend the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast at the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday 24th June with our local MP, Sir Iain Duncan Smith. Give thanks that Sir Iain has served our constituency for so many years and has often campaigned and voted in line with biblical ethics. Give thanks that he heard the Scriptures read and an excellent sermon at the prayer breakfast. Pray that he might come to know Christ.
- Pray for our government and parliament in light of legislation passed last months in the Commons regarding assisted suicide and abortion. Pray that God's sovereignty might be respected and his image valued and seen in all human lives, however difficult and at whatever stage they might be.

Our World *(provided by Open Doors and Barnabas Aid)*

Iran—Following the Israel/Iran ceasefire, the government has intensified its long-standing use of fear and repression by executing prisoners, silencing dissent and suffocating civil society under the banner of 'national security'. Pray for an end to executions and that justice and mercy would win. Pray for all those imprisoned, and especially Christians, that they would know God's peace and protection. Pray that God would sustain his church in Iran.

Pakistan—Give thanks to God that, after 23 years on death row, 72 year old Christian Anwar Kenneth has been acquitted of blasphemy, having pleaded guilty in 2001 to having sent letters that were deemed blasphemous towards Mohammad and the Quran. Pray for Anwar as he recovers and that he and his legal team will be protected from any further reprisals. Pray for other believers still in prison and that this case will be a watershed moment leading to more acquittals and an end to the misuse of the blasphemy law.

Syria—At least 22 people were killed and 63 others injured in a terrorist attack at a church in the capital Damascus during a service on Sunday 22nd June. Pray for comfort and healing for the survivors and the bereaved families. Lift up the wider Christian community, asking the Lord to strengthen and protect them. Pray for an end to the resurgence of Islamic State and other Islamists in Syria, and for lasting peace, justice and stability.

Regular Activities & Meetings

Monday	Community Coffee	11:00am	<i>Prospect Hall</i> <i>Coffee Plus 7th July</i> <i>Summer lunch party at Paul and Brenda's house 14th July</i>
Tuesday	Good News Club	3:30pm	<i>Ray Lodge Estate</i>
Wednesday	Morning home group	11am	<i>Paul & Brenda's house</i> <i>Coffee at Cowan Lodge (3rd Wednesday of the month, 11am)</i>
	Evening home group	7:45pm	<i>Matt & Charlotte's house</i>
Thursday	Toddler group	9:30am	<i>Prospect Hall</i>

Community Coffee, Good News Club, the evening home group and toddler group will all take a break for the school summer holidays after final sessions in the week beginning Monday 14th July. They'll be back ready and raring to go in September!

Rising Lights

Rising Lights is a new annual Easter time gathering that the FIEC are organising. It will happen for the first time in Torquay from Monday 6th—Friday 10th April 2026. There will be great teaching from the book of Philippians, and plenty for adults, teens and children to get involved in, along with the opportunity to enjoy time with Christian friends and family from our church and from many others, and all this right next to the sea!

A group of us from Woodford Evangelical Church are planning to attend. Speak to Matt for more information, or have a look on the FIEC website, where you can also book your tickets. Please do speak to one of the elders if finances would be a barrier.

<https://fiec.org.uk/events/rising-lights>



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