

### Sunday 3rd August

10:30am All Age Service

**Matt Hutchings**

Songs for a pilgrim people #9  
Psalm 134

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 10th August

10:30am Morning Service

**Keith Ferdinando**

The Trinity #1  
1 Peter 1:1-2

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 17th August

10:30am Morning Service

**Martin Hull**

The Trinity #2  
Matthew 28:19

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 24th August

10:30am Morning Service  
with Communion

**Martin Hull**

The Trinity #3  
2 Corinthians 13:14

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 31st August

10:30am All Age Service  
& baptism of Megan Clifton

**Matt Hutchings**

One off sermon  
Romans 6:3-5

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

## Prayer Points

### Our Church Family

- Please pray for Martin, Keith and Matt as they spend time in God's word and preach to us. Pray that the Lord will sow deep into our hearts what we've learnt from the songs of ascent. Pray for the Trinity series that Keith and Martin are preparing—that the Lord will speak to and through them and that we will be delighted by the reality that God is three in one.
- Pray for Matt and his family, for the other elders, and for the various members of our church family taking holiday. Pray for good times of rest and refreshment with family and friends. Pray for blessed time in different places doing different things. Pray for a fresh appreciation of the goodness of God and the beauty of his world, and that spiritual habits will be strengthened rather than sliding. Pray that Matt will be a blessing to Salt Church Mar Menor as he preaches there on the 10th and 17th August. Pray that all will return refreshed and ready to serve the Lord.
- Pray for Megan ahead of her baptism. Pray that the Lord would guide her as she prepares her testimony, invites people to be involved in the service, and invites family and friends to witness it. Pray for the Spirit's protection of her against Satan's attack. Pray for Matt as he prepares to lead and preach on the union we have with Christ in his death and resurrection.
- Give thanks for our mission partners, and that the Baldwins and Neales have been able to visit us recently. Pray for the Baldwins as they settle back into life in Tbilisi, and for the Neales as they enjoy the second month of their sabbatical. Pray for the Balls and the Ergeshbaevs as they serve over the summer and prepare for the autumn.
- Pray for those who are not able to take holiday, and those who find the quieter summer weeks challenging. Pray for rest, refreshment, good fellowship and encouragement from God's word.
- Pray for the many summer camps happening around the country (e.g. Contagious, Ventures, Christians in Sport, Lymington Rushmore) and for the young people in our church involved in and attending them. Pray that many young people would put their trust in Christ for the first time and make big leaps forward in their discipleship.
- Pray for a good reception of the Mark magazines we've delivered locally. Might people read them, come along to church, meet Jesus and be converted. Pray for the national Passion for Life event that is being planned and will be held over March 2026.
- Pray for the bereaved and for those within our church and community who are struggling in different ways in this season—e.g. with work, relationships, health. Pray that we all might know the Lord's grace.
- Pray for growth. Pray that the Lord might bring new converts to us, and Christians new to the area or who have fallen away. Pray that he would give us what we need to run the ministries we long, in his will, to do. Pray that he will grow us in love for the Lord, each other and the lost.

## Our Community

- Pray for the many local people on holiday this month. Pray for protection for believers who are returning to countries where their faith will be opposed. Pray for the sustenance of believers spending many weeks away from their church families. Pray that they might make attending a local church a priority and might be an encouragement. Pray that unbelievers might be exposed to the claims of Christ in a new way while away from their home environment.
- Pray for our local Passion for Life churches (Grove Hill, Salway, Grace Church Wanstead, All Nations Clayhall & Barkingside, St John's Walthamstow), and other local gospel churches with whom we have connections. Especially pray for Salway as they prepare to say goodbye to their retiring pastor Ian Rees this December and welcome a new pastor.

## Our Nation

- Pray for our hospitals and surgeries and their staff, and for the NHS as a whole, as resident doctors strike. Pray for a quick resolution to the conflict and that no patients would die or fail to receive the care they need as a result of the strike action.
- Pray for our government as they navigate the immigration and cost of living challenges in our country and the Israel-Gaza and Ukraine-Russia wars overseas. Pray that the Lord might give them wisdom and grace.
- A year on from the awful attack in Southport, pray for families and communities still grieving, for the ministry of Simon Percy and other gospel men and women in the town, for the public inquiry that will resume in September, and for an end to such awful attacks.

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

**Democratic Republic of Congo**—Pray for the families and communities of the 40+ Christians who were killed by suspected Islamist militants as they gathered for a night prayer vigil in a town in the east of the country in the early hours of Sunday 27th July. Pray for God's comfort for those mourning, protection for believers living in these areas, an end to attacks and the conversion of the attackers.

**Indonesia**—Pray for the two children injured (and for their families and the other 30 or so children traumatised by what they witnessed) when a group of Muslims attacked a building in which a Sunday School class was being held in Padang Sarai, also on Sunday 27th July. Pray that believers in the area will draw on the Lord for strength and that those responsible for the attack will be held to account and will come to repentance.

**Nigeria**—Give thanks that after having been kidnapped and held hostage for two months, Alphonsus Afina, a church minister in Nigeria's north-eastern Borno state was rescued, along with 10 women, on 21st July by a security forces operation. Pray that Alphonsus will be able to continue working for the Lord without further danger, and pray that the Lord would protect and bring freedom to other Christians still in captivity in Nigeria.

## Regular Activities & Meetings

With the exception of Sunday services, prayer meetings and Wednesday fellowship group at Paul and Brenda's house (and third Wednesday of the month Cowan Lodge visit), the regular gatherings of the church are taking a break over August. They will resume as the schools return in September.

Here are some ideas for what to do during the quieter summer weeks:

- informally meet a friend to catch up, pray and/or read the Bible together over a coffee or meal
- catch up on sermons you've missed using [the links](#) on our website
- have longer or more regular personal times in the Word and prayer
- watch the session recordings from last month's [Keswick Convention](#)

For more information about event, please visit [the calendar](#) on our church.

## Church Notices

Our Sunday School will be taking a break through August. The first and last Sundays of the month will be all age services. On the other Sundays there will be worksheets and the creche room will be available for families to use.

Our pastor Matt and his family will be on holiday from 7th-26th August. Please contact one of the other elders if you need anything during that period.

## Dates for the diary

- Next Passion for Life joint prayer meeting: Sunday 21st September, Prospect Hall, 6pm
- Harvest service and fellowship lunch: Sunday 28th September
- Essex Men's Conference: Saturday 11th October, Danbury
- Holiday Bible Club: mornings of Tuesday 28th—Thursday 30th October