

### Sunday 7th September

**10:30am** All Age Service  
with Communion

**Martin Hull**  
Living hope #1  
1 Peter 1:1-12

**6:00pm** Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 14th September

**10:30am** Morning Service

**Matt Hutchings**  
Living hope #2  
1 Peter 1:13-2:3

**6:00pm** Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 21st September

**10:30am** Morning Service

**Matt Hutchings**  
Living hope #3  
1 Peter 2:4-10

**6:00pm** Joint Passion for Life Churches Prayer Meeting  
at Prospect Hall

### Sunday 28th September

**10:30am** All Age Harvest Service  
with church lunch

**Matt Hutchings**  
One off sermon

**6:00pm** Prayer Meeting

## Prayer Points

### Our Church Family

- Please pray for Martin and Matt as we begin our new series in 1 Peter and as they prepare to preach God's word to us. Pray that the Lord would be convicting and amazing them with the living hope that we have in Jesus and that they would preach God's worth faithfully and boldly and that the Spirit might sow it deep into our hearts and bring fruit from it.
- Pray for our pastor Matt, our elders, our deacon and all those who serve to make church life happen. Pray that they might approach the new academic year feeling refreshed and energised and that the Lord might sustain and use them to serve us and grow his kingdom.
- Pray for our regular discipleship ministries as they restart this month. Pray for our Sunday School team and for our mini youth group. Pray for our daytime and evening fellowship groups. Pray that these would be wonderful places in which believers are encouraged and built up in the Word. Pray for those who lead these groups.
- Pray for our outreach. Pray for Community Coffee, Good News Club and toddler group as they restart this month. Pray for those who sacrifice great time and energy to make these events happen. Pray for those who come along—for newcomers, for growth in relationships and for an open door for the gospel.
- Pray for the hundreds of households who received the 'Good News for London' Mark's gospel magazines that we delivered locally. Pray that many of these might be read, and that as people read of the life of Jesus, the living Word of God might meet them and draw them to him.
- Pray for our mission partners as they embark upon a new academic year. Pray for the Balls as their regular groups restart. Pray for the Baldwins as they settle back into Tbilisi and face decisions regarding the future. Pray for the Neales as they settle back into church life after Andy's fruitful and restful sabbatical. Pray for the Ergeshbaevs as they take their first group into their second year and begin taking a new cohort through the course.
- Pray for Megan after her baptism last month. Pray that the Lord might protect and strengthen her in her faith as she becomes a church member and heads back to university and to her university church. Pray for others in our church considering baptism.
- Pray for our children and young people as they return to school and to university, and for those preparing for transitions or entering the world of work.
- Pray for those struggling at the moment with old age, poor physical or mental health, bereavement, or struggles in work and/or relationships. Pray that we all might know the Lord's grace and his strength in weakness.
- Pray that the Lord might grow us—both spiritually as he makes us more like Christ and grows our love for each and for the lost; and numerically as he brings new converts and believers new to the area.

## Our Community

- Pray for our local schools as the new academic year begins. Pray for pupils returning to new classes, teachers, year groups, qualifications and schools. Pray particularly for those going through transitions. Pray for staff, particularly Christian staff, as they seek to honour God in their work and look for opportunities to witness for him. Pray particularly for our most local schools: Ray Lodge Primary and Woodbridge High.
- Pray for the many people who will be new and/or returning to Woodford at this time of year, especially believers. Pray for suitable and affordable accommodation, smooth starts to new jobs, and that they might come across Christians and churches.

## Our Nation

- Pray for the ongoing refugee crisis and the political debate about how to care for the poor and vulnerable coming into our country well in light of the challenges such high levels of immigration are bringing. Pray particularly for the tensions regarding the hotel where asylum seekers have been staying in Epping. Pray that our government would make wise decisions and that both politicians and members of the public would be led by Christian compassion and biblical values.
- Pray for the ongoing war in Ukraine, and for our Prime Minister and the leaders of other countries as they seek to bring the war to an end in a way that maintains peace for the long term and protects the rights of Ukraine.

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

**Mozambique**—Pray for the families of the three believers who were captured and killed by fighters from Islamic State Mozambique in the Palma area of Cabo Delgado Province on 23rd August. Pray also for the families of the two believers killed in a machine gun attack earlier last month and for the nine killed in several attacks across the province in the final week of July. Pray that the Lord will comfort and strengthen the bereaved and bring an end to this insurgency and the hateful ideology that fuels it.

**Eritrea**—For more than 20 years only 3 Christian denominations have been recognised and there has been persecution of believers from other denominations. Pray for the physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of the many believers who have been imprisoned across the country. Pray in particular for the campaign to release 7 pastors who have been imprisoned for 21 years without having been charged, been given legal representation or brought before a court. Pray that the Lord would sustain them and their families and bring about their release very soon.

**Bangladesh**—Pray for Christians continuing to face insecurity and persecution and living in fear of violence after the former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fled last August. Pray for protection against targeted attacks by Muslims against Christians. Pray that believers will not succumb to pressure to renounce their faith. Pray that elections planned between December 2025 and June 2026 will take place, be fair, and lead to the establishment of a stable, just government.

## Regular Activities & Meetings

Our regular activities and meetings all recommence this month.

**Monday**      **Community Coffee**      11:00am      *Prospect Hall*  
*Restarts with Coffee Plus on 8th September*

**Tuesday**      **Good News Club**      3:30pm      *Ray Lodge Estate*  
*Restarts on Tuesday 23rd September*

**Wednesday**      **Morning home group**      11:00am      *Paul & Brenda's house*  
*Coffee at Cowan Lodge (3rd Wednesday of the month, 11am)*

**Evening home group**      7:45pm      *Matt & Charlotte's house*  
*Restarts on Wednesday 10th September*

**Thursday**      **Toddler group**      9:30am      *Prospect Hall*  
*Restarts on Thursday 25th September*

## Church Notices

- Joint Passion for Life churches prayer meetings:  
Sunday 21st September (Prospect Hall, 6pm) and  
Sunday 16th November (Salway, 6pm)
- Church lunches: Sunday 28th September and Sunday 23rd November
- Essex Men's Conference: Saturday 11th October, Danbury
- Holiday Bible Club: mornings of Tuesday 28th—Thursday 30th October
- Passion for Life 2026 nationwide mission: March 2026
- Rising Lights FIEC event: Monday 6th—Friday 10th April 2026, Torquay

