

### Sunday 5th October

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

**Matt Hutchings**  
Living hope #4  
1 Peter 2:11-12

**6:00pm** Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 12th October

**10:30am** Morning Service

**Matt Hutchings**  
Living hope #5  
1 Peter 2:13-3:7

**6:00pm** Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 19th October

**10:30am** Morning Service

**Martin Hull**  
Living hope #6  
1 Peter 3:8-22

**6:00pm** Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 26th October

**10:30am** Morning Service  
with Communion

**Matt Hutchings**  
Living hope #7  
1 Peter 4:1-11

**6:00pm** Prayer Meeting  
with Rick Raja (All Nations Clayhall and Barkingside)

## Prayer Points

### Our Church Family

- Please pray for Martin and Matt as they continue preaching through 1 Peter. Pray that they might be encouraged and stirred by the Spirit to live in the light of the living hope we have in Christ, as they encourage and stir us to live in Christ's light in a largely unbelieving world.
- Give thanks for our harvest celebration last month. Praise God for the glorious truth from Psalm 104 that God is our Maker and sustainer. Thank him for the good things he gives us, for the opportunity to give to our friends at Mill Grove, for the visitors who joined us, and for the time of fellowship and food we enjoyed over lunch.
- Pray for our pastor Matt and for our elders. Pray that they might lead the church humbly and faithfully out of love for Christ and following in his footsteps of servant leadership. Pray particularly for them as they plan for our upcoming church members' meeting. Pray that this would be an encouraging time together as we look at God's word, look back, look ahead and reflect and pray together about the life of our church.
- Pray for our Sunday services. Pray that the name of the Lord might be lifted high through the reading and preaching of his word, through our songs and prayers, through our teaching of our children, and through our fellowship together. Pray that these will be encouraging times for church family and welcoming times for visitors, whether or not they know the Lord already, and that the Lord would add to our number.
- Pray for our new little Sunday night fortnightly youth group. Pray that this will be a place where our teenagers are keen to come, where they feel loved, where they have fun, and where they enjoy digging into God's word together. Pray for wisdom in how to grow and develop this work.
- Pray for our evangelistic ministries. Lift up Community Coffee, Good News Club, toddler group and Christianity Explored to the Lord and pray that he might sustain and give love, wisdom and energy to those who serve in these ministries and that he might use them as vehicles to bring souls to salvation and grow the kingdom of heaven and our church.
- Pray for us as a church as we begin to plan for the nationwide month of mission next March—Passion for Life 2026. Pray that the Lord might lead us to the right events and opportunities and that he will draw unbelievers in our community towards Christ through our weak efforts.
- Pray for our mission partners. Pray for the Balls as they prepare for holiday Bible club. Pray for the Baldwins as they seek to serve faithfully in this season of uncertainty. Pray for the Neales as Salt Church Mar Menor continue to seek a new pastor. Pray for the Ergeshbaevs as they work through their Bible training material with their new cohort of students.
- 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 they might take confidence in their living hope in Christ.

## Our Community

- Pray for our local Passion for Life churches:
- Grove Hill: for the Weston family now that Matthew has stepped down as pastor; for the church (especially the remaining elder and deacons) as they keep things running and look for a new pastor
- Grace Church Wanstead: for Deborah (the women's worker) as she steps down and for the gaps she will leave behind; for more young workers and families. healthier finances and conversions
- St John's Walthamstow: for the new(ish) trainee pastor as he continues to settle into the church and his Cornhill course; for faithfulness within the Church of England
- All Nations Clayhall and Barkingside: for the new trainee pastor and cross-cultural worker; for the Lord's provision financially; for effectiveness and fruitfulness in outreach ministries
- Salway: for the Rees as Ian prepares to step down as pastor at the end of 2025; for the incoming pastor as he gets ready to leave his current church and move to Woodford

## Our Nation

- Pray for our government, for the Labour party and for the other major political parties in this annual conference season and as polls suggest that the outcome of the next election could be very different to the previous one. Pray that all parties may seek to lead and govern in line with the Lord's will. Pray for Christians involved at every level in politics.
- Pray for our government as they engage with the ongoing conflicts in Israel-Gaza and in Ukraine. Pray that the UK might be a force for peace, justice and reconciliation as it interacts with other nations. .

## Our World *(provided by Open Doors)*

**China**—Pray for the more than 70 people who have been arrested and interrogated by the authorities in a major crackdown over the last two months on church activities in east China. Pray that believers would hold onto their faith, that seekers would continue to look into the faith, that churches would still meet, and that authorities would stop seeking to limit Christian activity and worship.

**Nigeria**—Pray for the thousands of Christians who were displaced, as well as the many who are mourning the loss of loved ones, after attacks by radical Islamist militants in Benue State in June. Pray that those believers still without homes would receive the food, medicine and shelter that they need, and that the Lord would comfort and strengthen them in their losses.

**Pakistan**—Pray for Christian and Hindu prisoners suffering degrading treatment and discrimination in prisons—treated as 'untouchables', assigned humiliating tasks and denied basic provisions such as soap and blankets. Pray that they would know Jesus with them and that God would soften the hearts of prison guards and authorities towards them.

## Regular Activities & Meetings

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Community Coffee</b>	11:00am	<i>Prospect Hall</i> <i>Coffee Plus on 6th October</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Good News Club</b>	3:30pm	<i>Ray Lodge Estate</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Morning home group</b>	11:00am	<i>Paul &amp; Brenda's house</i> <i>Coffee at Cowan Lodge (3rd Wednesday of the month)</i>
	<b>Evening home group</b>	7:45pm	<i>Matt &amp; Charlotte's house</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Toddler group</b>	9:30am	<i>Prospect Hall</i>

## Dates for the Diary

- Essex Men's Conference: Saturday 11th October, Danbury
- Church Members' Meeting: Thursday 16th October, 8pm
- Holiday Bible Club: mornings of Tuesday 28th—Thursday 30th October
- Next Joint Local Passion for Life Churches Prayer Meeting: Sunday 16th November, Salway Evangelical Church, 6pm
- Next Church Lunch: Sunday 23rd November
- Passion for Life 2026 nationwide mission: March 2026
- Rising Lights FIEC event: Monday 6th—Friday 10th April 2026, Torquay
- Church Away Day: Saturday 20th June 2026, Lambourne End

