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PRAYING FOR SOUTH LONDON

I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

We're continuing our tour of London. In this edition, we're taking you to south London – it's my home.

I live in the middle of what Field Director Kevin Croft would describe as 'Millwall FC Territory'. On Saturdays I can clearly hear the cheers and groans from my flat. As Kev testifies, it's predominantly white working class here in Rotherhithe – I've experienced some of the attitudes to God and the church which he says are common.

David* has been through significant trauma throughout his life. He was extremely open to talking about God, but he's had little exposure to church. I recently invited him to a *Hope Explored* course. But what David was most comfortable with was me coming over to chat about our common interests in music and for conversations about God to happen more naturally. Please do pray that in Jesus, David would experience the healing which he craves.

As I cycle to work at LCM's offices in Tower Bridge, I get to see a little more of the diversity which is the hallmark of south London – from Brazilian shops and restaurants on Jamaica Road to the nearby Polish supermarkets.

I also pass by Rotherhithe Evangelical Church. I've been past the building many times, but it was missionary Mark Fyffe who was able to tell me a little more – about the church members he's accompanying to the estate across the road to share the gospel.

In fact, I pass by at least two other churches in my ten-minute commute where the same partnerships are being built.

Jesus promises to build his church. I hope you're encouraged by the signs of this in the coming weeks. Thank you for your prayers!

UKRAINE AND VICTIMS OF WAR

We have all been shocked and saddened by the events in Ukraine. Where there is war and violence, there are always people forced to leave their homes.

Many of these refugees – or 'displaced people' – arrive in London. Whether it's families from Ukraine or from other parts of the world, there is a calling and opportunity for the church to give Christ-like care, and to share the hope of the gospel. We'll start this edition by praying that this could be seized.

You can give directly towards our work with displaced people at lcm.org.uk/christ-like-welcome

We also partner with *Welcome Churches* who can help you and your church connect with refugees, wherever you are in the UK.

If you'd like to find out more, go to welcomechurches.org.

In Christ,

James Hutchinson

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Missionary, Gifty Dhanapal in Tooting

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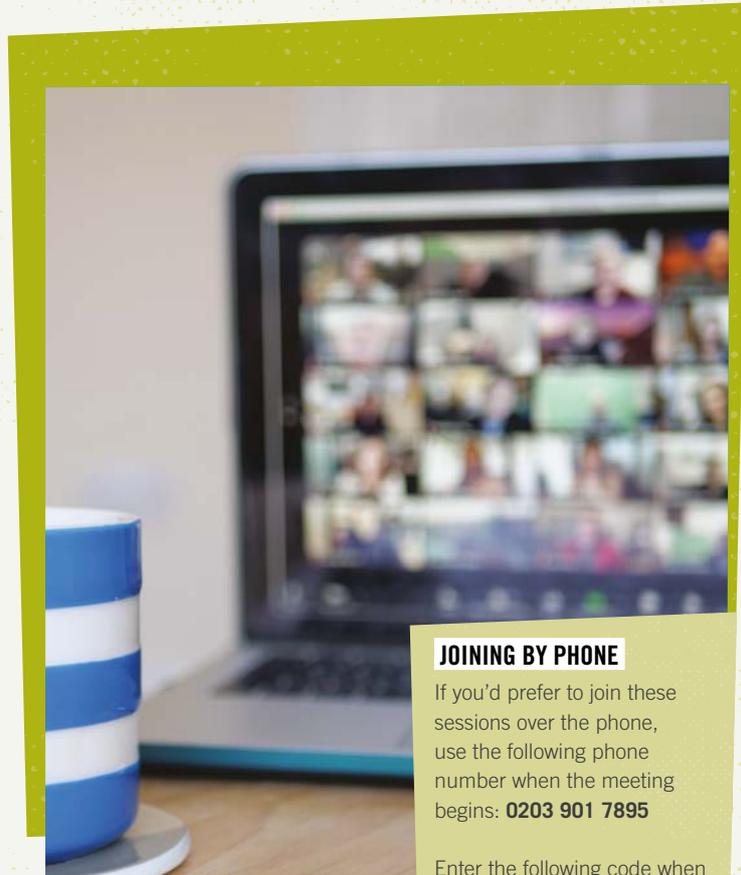
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EMBRACING THE DISPLACED

“God’s heart is unchanging and his care for the ‘stranger’ (Matt 25:35) the ‘alien’ (Lev 19:34) and the ‘foreigner’ (Deut. 27:19) shines throughout scripture. Our Lord Jesus himself fled from Herod as a child with his family.

London City Mission has always had a deep concern about diaspora people in London. From our earliest days, we had outreach ministries to sailors and ayahs (nannies) who were often exploited, mistreated and abandoned by colonial forces. We took on extra missionaries to support additional work to welcome new arrivals of the Windrush generation. In 1972 we welcomed Asians who fled Idi Amin.

Today, we have the privilege to continue this work. In east London, missionaries support displaced people from Eritrea, Iran and Somalia. In west London, others minister to recent arrivals from Afghanistan. Elsewhere, ordinary Christians are equipped to share their life and faith with Syrian families.

As a mission, some of us can speak into the ministry to people who are displaced from personal experience. Several of the mission family – both staff and supporters – sadly know what it is to flee for their lives from their homes and some have escaped terrible situations and made perilous journeys to arrive in the UK.

Our vision and prayer is that Ukrainians, Afghans and people from all over the world, would experience radical hospitality from churches, would see Jesus on display and would be drawn to love and follow him.

Please join us this week in praying boldly.”

Graham Miller, Chief Executive

SUN London City Mission is working alongside *Welcome Churches* who are helping Ukrainians to connect with churches. Please pray that Ukrainian refugees, especially those who are arriving in London, would experience Christ-like hospitality and welcome.

MON Please continue to pray for churches which LCM is supporting to connect with displaced families in Tower Hamlets – currently residing in ‘bridge’ hotels, before finding longer term accommodation.

TUE David Kim has been helping a group of north Korean men and women to meet together to read the Bible and pray. Please pray that many would come to faith and connect with churches in the local area.

WED Please pray for missionary Selam, who came to London as an asylum seeker and now regularly meets people who have fled violence. “I hear so much trauma and distress in the stories of these people. Pray God gives me the right words to say”, asks Selam.

THU LCM’s Cornerhouse in Brixton often houses men who have fled violence from other countries – please pray for the current residents as they adapt to life in London and that the discipleship and Bible-reading would draw them to Jesus.

FRI Please pray for gospel opportunities amongst the many families resettling in London from Hong Kong – especially for churches in Sutton who LCM have been supporting to welcome and share the gospel with new arrivals.

SAT Why not pray that God can help you to meet and befriend displaced people, or for your church community to commit to supporting a particular hotel or hostel in your area.



PRAYING ACROSS SOUTH LONDON

Kevin Croft has his roots in south London.

“I spent my first years in Bermondsey – my dad ministered a local church, and my mum was very involved with the local Medical Mission. We then moved out to the suburbs but never lost our connection with that area of London – ‘Auntie Betty Peacock’, one of my parents’ friends, made sure of that. She was a regular visitor, including on Christmas Day, and to me she was the embodiment of Bermondsey. When I left home, I gravitated back to south London – expect this time it was Peckham. It was two miles down the road, but a different world from the culture I had grown up in.

Now I’m overseeing LCM’s ministries across this diverse area of London. Each area is different, with differing cultures, but the ultimate need for Jesus is the same.”

SUN “There are so many cultures packed into Lambeth – it’s one of the most densely populated boroughs in the country. You can walk from a Little Portugal at one end, to Somali Town at the other. It’s also an area of complex needs. It has historically one of the highest under-age pregnancy rates. Pray for congregations we’re seeking to partner with such as Stockwell Baptist Church, that the message of hope could be shared lovingly across the borough.”

MON “Parts of Southwark, such as Bermondsey and Rotherhithe are primarily white working class – it’s Millwall FC territory. Here there’s typically less exposure to the church and to the gospel. You cross the Old Kent Road and it’s a completely different story – with a wealth of churches, especially representing African communities. Pray for partnerships with churches such as Haddon Hall in Bermondsey and for inroads with diaspora churches, and that many people will hear the gospel clearly.”

TUE “This year Lewisham is London’s ‘Borough of Culture’. It’s a melting pot of cultures, ways of life and

worldviews. For example, there’s a big arts scene in the north of the borough because of the university there, which exists alongside working-class communities. Pray for churches we’re partnering with like Hope Church Downham, that we could find ways to connect with people and put Christ-like culture on display!”

WED “There’s so much exciting stuff that the Lord is doing across Croydon, some of which you’ll be praying for in the coming weeks. In New Addington, we’re working alongside a newly planted church to introduce people in the local area to the gospel for the first time. Pray that God would prosper this work!”

THU “Wandsworth has changed a lot in my time. Places like Clapham are now one of the most sought-after places to live in London – which hasn’t always been the case. Tooting though has remained home to many south-Asians for decades. Pray for missionary Gifty as she makes connections in this community alongside a local Pentecostal church.”

FRI “Please pray for me in my role as field director for the south of London. Pray that I could be a really useful resource for team leaders across the region. Please also pray for opportunities to be out on the streets talking to people about Jesus, alongside my other duties.”

SAT “Please pray for me and my family, especially for my eldest daughter who’s due to start secondary school in September. Pray that her knowledge of the Lord would grow in this next chapter of her life and for opportunities to connect and share our faith with other parents.”



Kevin Croft

COME TO THE TABLE

It's 1pm on a Friday in the Vauxhall Gardens estate. Sausages and mash are being served to guests at the weekly lunch club, hosted in Hope Church's main hall. The room is a buzz with conversation, as local residents catch up with volunteers.

When everyone has finished their meal, second year pioneer Mike Parker steps up to a lectern at the front of the room.

"It's been a pretty rubbish past year for me in many ways," he tells the diners. "My mental health has gone downhill. I lost my stepbrother. I ended up in hospital in a coma for five days with COVID. People often say, 'Mike you've done so well to survive all this'"

Mike points guests to Psalm 113 as he continues, "The Lord is seated on high, and yet he stoops down to us. You see, it is the Lord who has sustained me, I can't take credit for it!"

One of those guests is Rose*. "She says she doesn't believe in God, and can be quite hostile", explains first year pioneer Tracey Chumley, who also helps to run the lunch club. "She's been coming here for a few years. Until recently she would step out for a cigarette during the Bible talk. But she's started to stick around. We're investing in her and showing the care and patience Jesus has for her."

"I long for the day when people like Rose will jump in the air, and shout 'I believe!'" says Mike. "I know I've got to be patient."

SUN

"Rose can put up a bit of a hostile front", says Tracey. Pray that Rose would start to see the love God has for her as she continues to attend lunch club.

MON

Please pray that, especially with COVID restrictions being eased, more people from the estate would feel comfortable coming to the lunch club, and that they would hear and respond to the hope of Jesus.

TUE

Alex is one of the members of Hope Church who comes regularly to the lunch club, during her own lunch break from work. Pray for the friendships she is developing and for natural opportunities to talk about Jesus.

WED

Mike and Tracey got to know local resident Jerry* in the past year. Initially he was closed off to the gospel, but has recently started coming to church – and has been praying for the first time. Please pray for Holy Spirit's continued work in Jerry's heart.

THU

Pray for Tracey as she looks ahead to her second year as a pioneer. Pray that the Lord would continue to refine her and build up her gifts in ministry.

FRI

Pray for Mike as he finishes the pioneer course and for wisdom as he discerns the Lord's calling for the next chapter of his life – and that he could use his gifts to draw others to Jesus.

SAT

The lunch club has proven to be great way of connecting with people in their later years in Vauxhall, many of whom struggle with loneliness. Pray that more ministries like this could draw men and women into fellowship with God across London.



**PRAY WITH MIKE AND TRACEY
THIS TUESDAY, 6PM
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Mike Parker and Tracey Chumley
at the Friday Lunch Club

A WARM WELCOME

“Last year, Sutton became the most popular part of part of London for people migrating from Hong Kong.

We felt called to arrange an event to embrace them. Together with local churches we hosted a *Hong Kong Welcome Festival*. Over 1,300 people came along! It was amazing to see churches in Sutton work together. A lot of Hong Kongers are moving to Sutton as a result and Sutton Hope Church has nearly 30 new members from Hong Kong – both families and individuals!

The church’s International Café – in partnership with LCM and *Friends International* – has kept lots of these new contacts connected to church.

I have also been heavily involved in outreach to North Korean defectors settling in the UK, who are traumatised and heavily affected by the regime they escaped.

They find the cultural gap in English churches can be very hard – and can feel isolated.

Praise the Lord, I’ve witnessed the Holy Spirit at work amongst them. I’ve been meeting with a group of men and women, reading the Bible and praying together. A handful have started to profess faith and are attending churches in New Malden. Please pray God would continue to work in their hearts.

Thank you for your prayers!”

SUN “Pray for the activities and Bible studies for North-Korean defectors which I have has been running. Pray as I minister to them, that many would accept Jesus and that churches would lovingly welcome them in.”

MON “Pray against barriers to Hong Kongers opening their hearts to the gospel: trying to settle down in new houses and schools and struggling to speak English. Pray God would raise Asian leaders for their second-generation ministry.”

TUE “On Tuesdays I’ve been joining the Croydon team in their door-to-door ministry alongside Forestdale Church. Thank God that two children have joined the Sunday School. Pray we’d see more families engage with the church.”

WED “I’ve been really encouraged by the desire amongst some diaspora churches to partner with LCM to reach Korean and other Asian communities with the gospel. Please pray these partnerships would be fruitful for the gosepl.”

THU “Praise the Lord for the large group of Hong Kongers who joined Sutton Hope Church as a result of last year’s events. Pray that many would be reached again this summer.”

FRI “Mission in London is difficult and sometimes stressful work - and can take its tole on me, my wife and our three children. Please pray for the Lord’s protection and encouragement.”

SAT “Pray that South Korean churches in London would extend the love of Jesus to North Korean defectors and make them feel welcome at church.”



David Kim (left) at the Welcome Festival

THE GOSPEL ON EVERY CHANNEL

“No two days are the same here in Southwark.

I've recently been meeting with two churches who are interested in reaching local people with the gospel together. From the outside, they couldn't be more different – one a Jamaican Pentecostal church in Peckham the other a conservative presbyterian church in Camberwell. Both love Jesus and have a heart to reach the people on their doorsteps.

My specialism is African Caribbean churches, but I'm discovering my experiences and gifts don't have to be limited. What the Lord has put in me can bless all types of churches – as long as the doctrine is sound and the intention to reach the people is there, I'm confident we can prayerfully go forward by the leading of The Holy Spirit.

By night, I shift to a different mission field – online.

I have a live stream Bible study every Friday at 8pm that is growing in numbers. The Lord has also used Facebook and Instagram as a powerful platform to meet people and connect them with local church.

Those that are far away, I try to find sound churches near to them and encourage them to go. A guy I have been ministering to in Birmingham recently got baptized and is attending a local church. Praise The Lord!

The Lord is so creative in the way he reaches people with the gospel – whether it's knocking on a door or online. I'm excited about how he'll do that through his church in Southwark!”

SUN

“Pray for the churches I'm meeting across Southwark – and that the Lord will help us think outside the box in these urban areas that may require a different approach.”

MON

“Pray for the many people I interact with on social media – including my weekly live stream Bible study – that the Lord will use these channels to lead many to himself.”

TUE

“Please pray my wife Melissa and I would continue to bring glory to God. Pray for my five-year-old daughter Monet who had a brain tumour removed in 2020 but is in great health now, and that God would bless and keep our new-born son Mekhi!”

WED

“Please pray that I manage my work life balance wisely. Ministry is my life and not my job, but I am aware there are times I need to slow down and possibly say no to some things.”

THU

“I've been working this ground in east Dulwich for years, more recently alongside local church members – we know a lot of local business owners

and young people. Pray that the seeds of the gospel we've sown would take root.”

FRI

“Please pray for me as a newly appointed elder at my church and the responsibility it comes with – the church is growing in number, especially with younger people. Pray God would use me in lovingly and faithfully pointing people to him.”

SAT

“Please pray for a deeper hunger for his word, that the Holy Spirit will give me a greater understanding of it. Pray for protection from pride as I remember that all I do is Christ in me and nothing of myself.”



Daniel Douglas

A TASTE OF CHURCH FAMILY

Second year Pioneer Rob Bridges has been living with his family in New Addington for over twenty-five years.

“It’s one of the poorest areas of Croydon – the life expectancy is five years younger than the ward next door. The estate is dissected by the main road. On one half there are three churches and on the other, there is just one Catholic church for the 10,000 or so residents.”

“A couple of years ago, my wife and I started prayer walking through the area asking God how he might use us.”

Around the same time another resident, Dave Bryars, who was working for a church in central Croydon, was praying along the same lines.

“Fast-forward to September last year, Dave – alongside two churches other Croydon churches – is planting Castle Hill Church in the heart of New Addington. It’s now our church family.”

“We want to see the people here, most of whom have little to no exposure to the gospel, come to faith in Jesus”, says Dave. “Rob, along with some of the other guys from LCM have been starting to make inroads.”

“We’re meeting more and more people every week – including a group of west Indian guys who meet regularly on the parade,” says Rob. “My plan is to start a games afternoon at the church where we can get to know them more, expose them to church and to the precious news we have.”

SUN “New Addington sees itself as a bit of an outcast”, says Dave. “There’s a distrust of outsiders. But we have a strong sense that God wants to do something big here. Generations of Christians have been praying for the area – please do the same!”

MON This afternoon, Dave and Rob will be joining council members, social workers and the police at a weekly community meeting – a great way of getting to know the needs of the area. Please pray these relationships would continue to prosper.

TUE Please pray for inroads with the group of west Indian men that Rob has met and that the games afternoon at the church would be a fruitful opportunity to share the gospel.

WED “We want people across the area to get a taste of loving church community and ultimately of Jesus”, says Dave. “Please pray for practical ways to do that. If we meet a resident who’s good with cars – how can we connect them with someone who needs help with their car.”

THU Pray for Dave and co-planter Rich as they lead Castle Hill Church – for protection in the early life of the church, and for the church to grow in number and maturity.

FRI Pray for Rob and for his family – including his three children. Pray especially that Rob and his wife, Karen, could thrive in their new church family.

SAT Rob will finish the pioneer course this summer. Please pray for Rob as he discerns God’s calling on his future ministry, and how to use the rich experience he has gathered.



Rob Bridges and Dave Bryars

GOOD WORKS, PREPARED IN ADVANCE

“Last year at the tender age of 56, God called me to the mission field as a full-time missionary. Now I get to do what I love every day. It’s amazing!”

After becoming a Christian at the age of 41, God started stirring up a passion within me for evangelism. I can now see that he had been equipping me for this role without me knowing it.

My training grounds were Friday night outreach in Leicester Square, Brixton and then Lewisham, with evangelists from different churches across London. Now I regularly preach the gospel at our weekly church food bank.

God is opening some amazing doors. I’m currently working with a church in Rye Lane in Peckham. It’s one of the most diverse areas in London. The African-Caribbean population is well represented here. On weekends, Peckham is in full throttle. Shoppers crowd the streets. Dance hall, Reggae and Nigerian music plays out. The footfalls on Rye Lane are around 2,000 people per hour. On Saturday this increases by 50% which makes it an ideal place to strike up conversations with people about Jesus. The church itself is surrounded by housing estates, which means there are also great opportunities to get out and meet people on their doorsteps.

I believe exciting times lie ahead for missions in Southwark!”

SUN

“Please pray for a flourishing relationship with the church in Rye Lane and for opportunities with other churches we identified in the same area. Please pray for a move of God on the hearts of these church leaders.”

MON

“Siade*, a guest from our church food bank was recently released from prison. A conversation about the death of a friend opened the door for me to share the gospel. Please pray for his salvation.”

TUE

“There is such a rich diversity of nationalities across Southwark – and an equal diversity of churches which represent them. Many have real heart for reaching the people around them for Jesus. Please pray for opportunities to do this together.”

WED

“The youngest of my two autistic sons has recently started secondary school. Praise God, he has been doing well without the need for one-to-one support. Pray that this would continue.”

THU

“Another church I’m building a relationship with is in Dulwich, where I had the opportunity to

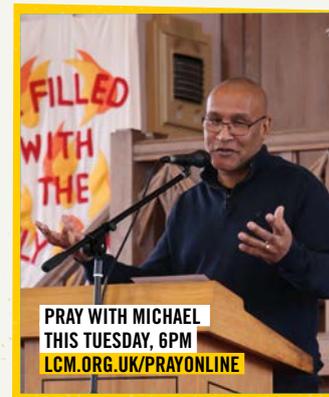
preach at the beginning of the year. Please pray that the Lord would put a desire in people’s hearts to reach people for Jesus.”

FRI

“Some of the churches I’m meeting are mainly attended by people from across London – and lack the connection with the area where they meet on Sundays. Pray that they would be excited by this potential mission field.”

SAT

“Please pray that God will continue to strengthen the Southwark team (including Mark, Steve, Daniel, Doug and Kylie), that the unity we have will continue to flourish – that his strength will be made perfect in our weakness.”



**PRAY WITH MICHAEL
THIS TUESDAY, 6PM
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Michael Prendergast at Lordship Lane Baptist Church

CONNECTING THE DOTS

“My vision for this corner of Southwark is for churches working together to reach everyone with the best news they could ever hear.

Working together with other churches doesn't always come naturally. There often seems to be so much going on in our own church families, that it's difficult to think beyond that.

But God's not limited in that way. He has an arial view of the churches across Bermondsey and Rotherhithe and he knows the distinctive gifts and resources in each one. He knows that one church has a wealth of experience in working with young people. He knows that another church has some fantastic facilities where neighbours could be served and hear the gospel.

Working together, churches can be really effective in mission. But I've personally found the benefit goes beyond that. By meeting, and serving alongside other local Christians, I get to meet people who are different from me, but have the same foundation for life. And this shapes me and challenges me in a good way. I could almost compare it to marriage – it has a refining effect!

It's been a huge encouragement to see local churches here meet regularly to pray together for the area. My prayer is that these Christians would be emboldened to take the next step in collaborating to make Jesus known on every street.”

SUN

“Each month, I join a group of churches from across Bermondsey and Rotherhithe to pray for the local area.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit would be emboldening these churches to work together to share the good news of Jesus.”

MON

“We've recently started partnering with one of these churches in Rotherhithe, to get to know residents in the estate across the road. Please pray that God would be drawing people from the small congregation to confidently share their faith.”

TUE

“We have also been meeting with Haddon Hall Church in Bermondsey and I was so encouraged to join them on their weekly prayer walk around Bermondsey. Pray for opportunities to support them in growing their witness to the local area.”

WED

“I came back to work in March after suffering with a number of symptoms including pins and needles. Please pray that my condition would continue to improve and that the neurologists could diagnose and help treat the condition.”

THU

“Please pray more generally for my work – especially having been forced to take time off through illness. Pray I could work freely and effectively for the Lord and not overburdened as I catch up on training.”

FRI

“This lunchtime we'll be serving guests at the weekly café at St. Mary's church in Bermondsey. I'm so excited that a member of the church recently felt called to lead this ministry. Pray it would continue to gather momentum!”

SAT

“Think of some of the other churches in your local area. How could you be praying for them? Pray for opportunities to collaborate for the gospel.”



**PRAY WITH MARK
THIS WEDNESDAY, 6PM
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Mark Fyfe

EARNEST LISTENING

“Lambeth is incredibly diverse – there’s a large Portuguese community in Stockwell. In Streatham you’ll see Polish and Somali communities living alongside each other.

With such an array of backgrounds and perspectives – earnest *listening* is vital if we wish to reach this borough for the Lord Jesus. Whether that’s talking to someone about Jesus for the first time or having an initial conversation with a church leader.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said, ‘We must listen with the ears of God that we might speak the word of God.’

I recently spoke with a man on the street who specialised in Gabonese spiritualism (shamanism). It’s not an encounter I was expecting, but I was ready to listen to his conception of the spirit world and higher beings. I was able to then share that only Jesus satisfies our spiritual hunger. I pray that this will be a seed planted in his heart and that one day he will trust in Jesus.

I’m also seeing God’s hand at work in relationships with churches here in Lambeth – some of which I have felt particularly prompted by the Lord to contact. In meeting with these church leaders, they shared they’d been praying about how to reach their local area.

Not only are we listening to the needs of others, but more importantly, we are listening to the leading and directing of God as he seeks to work through what we’re doing here at the Mission.”

SUN

“Please pray for wisdom and guidance as we discern the areas to focus on and churches we ought to partner with. Lambeth is a densely populated borough, so there is much ground to cover with a small team.”

MON

“We’ve recently partnered with a church in Stockwell that is very near to some of the most deprived council estates in the borough – pray that the Lord would use these Christians to share the message of hope.”

TUE

“Please pray for Sarah* who I met on the streets of West Norwood. She said she has been thinking deeply about Jesus and had big questions, such as ‘who was Jesus?’, that she wanted answered before she took a step of faith.”

WED

“There are various diaspora groups in Lambeth. They are not here by accident, but sovereignly placed by God to be in earshot of the Gospel. Please pray for wisdom and listening ears (on our part) to share the love of Jesus in contextual ways.”

THU

“My family and I have recently moved into Streatham. Pray that we would be missional, reach out to our neighbours and those we see regularly with the love and word Christ.”

FRI

“Please pray for a church in Lambeth I was recently blessed to preach at. They have a heart for mission but quite limited resources and time. Pray that God would encourage and strengthen their efforts for his Kingdom.”

SAT

“Acts 17:24-28 tells us that God determines the exact time and place of those within our local communities. Which people in your area might God be encouraging you to share his love with?”



**PRAY FOR DENZEL
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Denzel Gaisie

WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

“I’m an Indian woman working alongside one of Tooting’s predominantly Afro Caribbean churches – two very different cultures! But God has used this difference to open up opportunities for reaching local people with the good news of Jesus.

I had run a short course on cross-cultural mission in the church. But it was when a handful of people from the neighbourhood’s large Asian community started coming through the church doors, that God seemed to be really moving. In meeting these newcomers and understanding their needs, other church members were able to get to know them and care for some of their immediate needs. It seemed to transform the culture within the church.

For a while I had two faithful volunteers coming out with me to meet people on the streets and talk about Jesus. But recently God has blessed me with more than ten! It’s amazing to see people stepping out in weakness and sharing the hope they have!

Thank you for praying for me this week and for more people to come to know Jesus and join this church family.”

SUN “Pray for more people who live in the neighbourhood to feel welcomed in the church and not to see it as a space for one particular community.”

MON “This morning, I’ll be leading the weekly meeting for the Lambeth team of missionaries, where we share our encouragements and challenges for the week ahead. Pray for the team as we seek to build relationships with churches and that God will help us grow more with each other.”

TUE “Pray for the borough of Lambeth with a Population of 314,242 and 18 wards. There is a huge task ahead of us. Pray that we plan well to envision and equip many Christians to reach these wards through the help of churches in Lambeth.”

WED “Pray for a Church in North Dulwich, who I will be training on practical evangelism and door-to-door ministry. The church is next to huge estates and they are also keen to serve the people around them through food banks.”

THU “Pray for the Lambeth missionaries Denzel, Emmanuel and Shane – for

wisdom as they talk to church leaders, for protection as they walk in the area and for strength in this work.”

FRI “I’m excited to be running some training with more churches from the same denomination as the church in Tooting - on running short, simple Bible studies, sharing the Gospel in less than two minutes and reaching other faith groups. Please pray that Christians would respond well to this!”

SAT “Every other Saturday I go out onto the streets of Tooting with church members. Pray that we will have fruitful conversations about Jesus!”



**PRAY WITH GIFTY
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Gifty Dhanapal

FRUIT IN OLDER AGE

“The past couple of years have taken their toll on so many older people across Southwark. But Jesus has continued to be at work.

I came to know a gentleman called Brian who was living by himself. With each visit I brought along a very simple postcard – each describing a different characteristic of Jesus. These provided a good starting point to talk about the gospel.

I give thanks for the joy and privilege of the Lord allowing me to share in the spiritual journey of Brian and others like him. From lonely isolation in a poorly maintained flat through hospital stays to settlement in a comfortable, caring residential home. Medically it was challenging, seeing him struggle with cataracts and increasing dementia, but through all this, seeing the Lord help him recover and grow in his childhood faith has been incredibly precious.

My concern is still focused on the increasing proportion of seniors that will characterise our population in the coming years – many who grew up with little or declining exposure to the gospel in their formative years.

My prayer is that the local church across Southwark will be able to experience the same blessing I have in ministering to people like Brian. COVID has been understandably challenging to churches, but for many we’re seeing a renewed vision and zeal to rise to new opportunities that have arisen in this new era.”

SUN

“Join me in giving thanks for the joy of being involved in Brian’s life and seeing him recover his childhood faith. Please pray that alongside church members, I could meet others like him.”

MON

“Please pray for two churches affected in different ways by COVID. One lost many of its elderly members during the pandemic, resulting in the closure of its valuable weekly seniors’ ministry. Another is rising to the challenge of providing support for their senior members who have come through such a time of trial.”

TUE

“A greater proportion of seniors in Southwark live in the more affluent wards in the southwest of the borough. Pray material prosperity does not blind them to their more urgent spiritual needs.”

WED

“My wife (Beth) and I may now be termed “young olds” (between 60 to 70 years), so we need wisdom and grace amidst so many changes to continue fruitfully to live out God’s calling on our lives.”

THU

“Due to the longevity of maturing “baby boomers”, the proportion of seniors in society is set to grow. Pray the churches see and grasp the evangelistic and pastoral challenges and opportunities this will bring.”

FRI

“Southwark’s remarkable racial and cultural mix is also reflected in the diverse senior communities within the borough. May differing attitudes to care and respect for the elderly not lead to the neglect of any.”

SAT

“I hope in my time left in the mission to collate a suite of resources to share with Christians and churches on matters of ageing, retirement and preparing to die well (by living well)! Pray God would bless my efforts.”



**PRAY WITH STEVE
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Steve Taylor

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

“Last Autumn, Patrick Kangi and I began equipping a new church plant in Forestdale – an estate in southeast Croydon which had previously been without a local church.

We were excited to hear of the church’s vision to reach Forestdale’s community, and we’ve started going out and meeting residents, building friendships and sharing the hope of the gospel with them.

We’ve been doing this every Tuesday afternoon – Patrick and I have been so encouraged by the commitment and compassion of the team as they go out to meet people.

One of the highlights for me has been pairing up with M, who has lived in Forestdale for over 50 years, but who had never done any door-to-door evangelism in the community. She had been daunted by the prospect of knocking on the doors of people she’d never met and had some reservations about how effective it would be. But after several weeks going out and seeing God at work, she now loves this ministry and is a faithful and enthusiastic member of the team!

We have found many local people receptive to our visits and interested to know that there is a local church in the community. Several folks we have met have shown spiritual hunger too, as we’ve engaged them in conversation and had opportunities to pray for them and revisit them.”

SUN

“Please pray for the church, as we partner together to reach out to local people every Tuesday afternoon, building relationships and sharing the gospel. Please pray for open doors and open hearts as we meet people and engage with them.”

MON

“Pray for I*, an elderly lady I recently shared the gospel with during door-to-door ministry in Forestdale. I* is warm and spiritually open, and I have visited her several times with other ladies from the church. She is interested in joining the church knitting group.”

TUE

“Please pray for me as I serve as an elder of my church, Redeemer Croydon – that I’d continue to love and serve the church family well, and encourage and equip them for mission to the least reached in Croydon.”

WED

“Please pray for me as I build relationships with more church leaders to serve them in their evangelism. There are many churches in Croydon and wisdom is needed on who to approach. Pray for the Lord’s guidance and direction.”

THU

“Pray for me as I lead the wonderful Croydon team. It is a privilege and joy to work with Laurah, Patrick, David, Wil, Marije and Rob. Please pray that I could serve them well, both strategically and pastorally.”

FRI

“On Friday afternoons I lead a team from my church, into our local community to get to know people and share the hope of the gospel with them. Pray for us to have the compassion of Christ and for the Holy Spirit to open blind eyes.”

SAT

“I generally keep Saturday free to enjoy time with my wife Annie and our two young daughters, involving lots of fun and fresh air outdoors! Please pray for grace and wisdom as we make disciples of our children.”



Simon Knightly

A LASTING CONNECTION

“Just cut to the chase,” interrupted the man missionary Patrick Kangi was talking to outside a shop in Addiscombe, near Croydon town centre. Patrick was out alongside other missionaries, praying for the area and meeting residents along the way.

“The man wanted to know what we were doing there, but when we told him that we were offering prayer, he was open to it,” says Patrick. “He knew of one of the local churches we suggested he could visit, but at that point I didn’t know of someone I could connect him to, to continue on the friendship.”

More recently Patrick has been getting to know members from that church, including Tom – who had already been leading a group, talking to passers-by about Jesus in the local park.

“What we’d love to do is to build on that enthusiasm and take some church members into the estates right next to the church. That way, there’s opportunity to build up longer term friendships, where the gospel can be shared. The idea of actually knocking on someone’s door wasn’t something they had considered.”

Patrick is in the process of arranging some initial training on this ministry and helping Tom to share his passion for evangelism with the rest of the church.

“Each church has their own unique dynamics – it’s often the case of navigating these so that we can help them fulfil their potential for evangelism and discipleship.”

SUN Thank the Lord for Tom and the heart he has to talk about Jesus. Pray that God would continue to grow this desire and his effectiveness in evangelism.

MON Pray for the relationship with Tom’s church – and that in coordination with the church leaders – more members would be encouraged to meet people in the local area, build relationships and share the hope they have in Jesus.

TUE Pray for Addiscombe, which is in the centre of Croydon borough, that more churches would partner with LCM to share the hope of the gospel. Pray for fellow missionary Will Thorburn who is helping another local church to do this through their foodbank.

WED “Please pray again for Pastor Joseph and his team (see Simon Knightley’s week of prayer) as they share the gospel in another ward of Croydon – Forestdale. Pray especially that God would use me to come alongside more church members in ministry.”

THU “Pray for one of the Forestdale residents, Maria* who is who lost her husband and now

having to look after her sick mother and has been asking questions about meaning of life. She was receptive to prayers at the door and has invited the ladies in the church for coffee.”

FRI “When we first met Robert *, a retired structural engineer, he said God was incompatible with science. After a couple of visits, he’s warmed up to us. Pray that God will speak to him and that his heart will be opened.”

SAT “Pray that I will be spiritually, physically, and mentally healthy and strong in my walk with the Lord. My passion is to see people changed and transformed by the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray too that I will seek to serve God, his people, and the church faithfully.”



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