

Sunday 4th January

10:30am All Age Service

Steve Ball

Luke 1-4: No word will fail #8
Luke 2:41-52

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Sunday 11th January

10:30am Morning Service

Matt Hutchings

Luke 1-4: No word will fail #9
Luke 3:1-20

6:00pm Prayer Meeting
with Jonny Payne (Release International)

Sunday 18th January

10:30am Morning Service

Martin Hull

Luke 1-4: No word will fail #10
Luke 3:21-22

6:00pm Joint Passion for Life Churches Prayer Meeting

Sunday 25th January

10:30am Morning Service
with Communion and church lunch

Matt Hutchings

Luke 1-4: No word will fail #11
Luke 3:23-28

6:00pm Prayer Meeting

Prayer Points

Our Church Family

- Please pray for Steve, Martin and Matt as they preach and lead services in the new year. Pray that through the early ministry of Jesus they and we might see what it means that Jesus is the Spirit-anointed saviour, messiah and lord and that we all might hear John's call to live repentant lives.
- Pray for the many people who came to our Christmas services and events: friends, family members, colleagues, and people from Cowan Lodge, toddler group and Community Coffee. Give thanks that the gospel was proclaimed and pray that the Lord will be at work bringing the repentance and faith that only he can bring about.
- Pray for our pastor, elders and deacon that they might enter this new year with joy in their hearts and ready to serve our Lord afresh as he has called and equipped them.
- Pray for all of us in our church family as we return to 'normal life' after the Christmas season. Pray for the deep joy in the Lord that so many in Luke 1-2 felt and displayed in these short, cold, dark January days. Pray particularly for those struggling with poor physical or mental health, those not able to get along to church regularly, the bereaved, and those struggling with work, family relationships and/or friendships. Pray that we all might rejoice in the peace with him that God has brought us through Christ in and despite our earthly circumstances.
- Pray for our mission partners as they return to service after (hopefully!) a period of rest. Pray for Steve and Rachel Ball as they restart their regular groups and for Rachel as she leads an online seminar on teaching children effectively. Pray for Luke and Claudette Baldwin as they support their church, disciple believers, look for opportunities with unbelievers and prayerfully explore future family decisions. Pray for Andy and Lynne Neale as they look after Salt Church and prayerfully seek its next pastor. Pray for Oka and Altynai as they work through their Bible training course and disciple their new cohort of students, while continuing to translate material into their native tongue so it can be used around the country.
- Pray for preparations for our NE London Passion for Life holiday Bible club in February half-term. Pray for Matt and for Esther Raja from All Nations as they plan the teaching and organise logistics. Pray for leaders signed up to help from ours and the other churches. Pray for church families as they sign their children up and invite school friends. Pray for gospel fruit.
- Pray for the Passion for Life month of mission in March as we and others plan in earnest what we hope to do as a church. With so many great things that we could do, pray that the Lord would lead us to the right activities and events that would build on the evangelism we're already doing and the connections we have. Pray that the Lord would bring people to him in our area and across our nation through this mission.
- Pray that the Lord would grow us in every sense as a church—spiritually and in number as he brings the lost to himself and to us.

Our Community

- Pray for fruit from Christmas services and for plans for Passion for Life 2026 for our local NE London Passion for Life churches. Also pray:
- Grove Hill: for the church in the interregnum and as they consider appointing a moderator—that they will look to the Lord, be united and know his grace; for the Weston family as they consider what's next
- Grace Church Wanstead: thanks for the coffee shop event Matt spoke at in November and for support from Martin and Johnny Prime from the FIEC; for ongoing evangelistic ministry (Tots, book table) and for finances
- St John's Walthamstow: thanks for God's provision of a great team with Cori and Nenad to support Kieran; for a growing culture of being disciple-making disciples, and for ongoing faithfulness in the Church of England
- All Nations Clayhall & Barkingside: thanks for recent generous financial gifts; pray for ongoing finances; for cross-cultural trainee's visa application
- Salway: for the Rees now that Ian has retired and as he and Lynn move later this month; for incoming pastor Matt Bailey and his wife Vanessa

Our Nation

- Pray for our government as they continue to manage the nation's challenging finances and respond to dissatisfaction and protest in a number of areas as well as international challenges.
- Pray for the House of Lords as they continue to work through the Assisted Dying bill. Pray that vulnerable people's lives will be protected and God's law honoured.
- Pray into the tragic increase of Anti-Semitism after the Bondi Beach attack. Pray that racism against Jewish people would be wiped out in this country and that many British Jews would come to trust Jesus as their Messiah.

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

Pakistan—Pray for the grieving family of Pastor Kamran Naz who was shot and killed near his home in Gujranwala, Punjab on 5th December. Pray that believers in Pakistan would be protected from hostility and enabled to worship the Lord freely. Pray that those responsible will repent.

Nigeria—Pray for the family of the worshipper killed and for the at least 20 others abducted by suspected Fulani Islamists in an attack on a church in Kogi State, central Nigeria during a church service on 14th December. Pray for comfort for the grieving and strength and safe release for the abducted.

Eritrea—Give thanks that Christians were among those released from prison last month. Pray for healing from their ordeal, smooth reunions with family and reintegration into society. Pray for the wellbeing and release of believers still held unfairly, and for just and fair rule by the authorities.

Regular Activities & Meetings

Monday	Community Coffee	11:00am	<i>Prospect Hall</i> <i>Restarts on 12th January with Coffee Plus</i>
Tuesday	Good News Club	3:30pm	<i>Ray Lodge Estate</i> <i>Restarts on 13th January</i>
Wednesday	Morning home group	11:00am	<i>Paul & Brenda's house</i> <i>Restarts on 7th January.</i> <i>Coffee at Cowan Lodge on 21st January</i>
	Evening home group	7:45pm	<i>Matt & Charlotte's house</i> <i>Restarts on 7th January</i>
Thursday	Toddler group	10:00am	<i>Prospect Hall</i> <i>Restarts on 8th January</i>

Holiday Bible Club (February half-term)

We are looking forward to working with the other Passion for Life NE London churches to run Holiday Bible Club on the mornings of Tuesday 17th—

Friday 20th February. Save the dates, keep your eyes peeled for bookings opening this month and prayerful consider friends you could invite.



Rising Lights holiday (6-10th April)

We are looking forward to a group of us going to the new Easter time holiday in Torquay that the FIEC are organising. It will be a fantastic five days of Bible teaching, fellowship and fun by the sea. It's not too late to book tickets and come with us! Speak to Matt or one of the elders for more information or if cost would be an issue. Look here for more information and to book: <https://fiec.org.uk/events/rising-lights>.

