

Mar 7th IPSWICH - WHITEHOUSE

Thank you for praying for us – we really appreciate these prayer links with other Suffolk Baptist churches. We thank God for blessings of the past year with our pastor – Palm Sunday 2009 was his first Sunday with us. Please pray for our Easter preparations and celebrations that these will have an evangelistic thrust as well as a “renewal” emphasis for us as God’s people here at WBC. Please pray for the ministry among young and older: from Boys Brigade and Shapers to Coffee Morning and Lunch Club that we will continue to have brilliant leaders and helpers and that God will give much growth. For an up to moment prayer focal points please phone in the days prior to March 7th: on 01449 615294 or Mobile: 07984951530. We appreciate your prayers.

Mar 14th MILDENHALL

Praise for:

New members joining us; several enquiries about baptism and recent baptismal service; purchase of new comfortable chairs from a member’s legacy; evidence of God working in people’s lives and people responding.

Pray for:

Outreach as some of our members go out in to the streets and town centre on a regular basis and that the Church will be open to those who respond; recent converts to be disciplined well; a growing exercise of the gifts of the Spirit within the Church body; wisdom as to the nature and progress of our witness with the other town centre churches.

Mar 21st NORTON BAPTIST CHURCH

As we come to the end of 2009 and the celebrations for our 175th anniversary we give thanks for Gods Blessings on this Church. We have many memories of the way in which we have seen God working through the Holy Spirit in this area and we look forward to 2010 with anticipation. The Youth work continues to encourage the fellowship in its growth and leadership, and the Holiday Club again was an uplifting experience for all who took part. While we continue to see new faces coming along to join us during the year we pray that the Lord will build His work and bring people committed to the enlargement of His Kingdom here at Norton. We give thanks to the many servants who bring Gods message to this church each week through our Sunday Service and Bible Study meetings, we were especially encouraged by the speakers who visited us during this past year.

Mar 28th EBA LEADERSHIP TEAM

Remember all those on the EBA Leadership Team, the three Regional Ministers and their Secretaries, our Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer and Youth Co-Coordinator. Also pray for the Task Group Leaders and teams covering, Ministry, Mission Resourcing and Social Action, World Mission, Youth and Administration. Remember also those who represent the EBA on various committees at BU HQ.

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EBA SUFFOLK PRAYER LETTER

January to March 2010



May the glory of the lord endure forever,
may the Lord rejoice in His works.

Psalm 104:31

Jan 31st IPSWICH – CHRISTCHURCH

No submission received.

Feb 7th IPSWICH – COLCHESTER ROAD

A lot has happened since last July, when our members gave the go-ahead to release the funds to start our redevelopment project. At the end of September the contractors moved in and made quick work of demolishing the church and an ancillary building in preparation for the commencement of building the new premises. We are hoping that, by the time you read this, the church members will have authorised the second phase of the project to carry on when phase one ends in May – this will replace the remaining “old church” hall with additional rooms and kitchen as part of the main church building. The whole project has been very exciting and has demonstrated to us, once again, that we have a wonderful God who looks after every detail!

We have also had the joy of having two of our (now ex-)members inducted into pastorates – Mark Cooke as the minister at Oldfield Park Baptist Church in Bath, and Nigel Riley who is now the minister in training at West Hove Community Baptist Church, studying part time at Spurgeon’s College. A third member – Martin Shorey – is now in his second year of full time training at Spurgeon’s College.

We are also excited to be involved in the town wide “Passion for Life” mission which has brought us together with fellow Christians from other churches in the area. We would ask for your prayers that we would be faithful witnesses and that many would come to know Jesus for themselves in the coming weeks.

Feb 14th IPSWICH – HOLLY LODGE

We give thanks to the Lord for our new Church Building which was officially opened on Saturday 21 November. Join with us in praising Him for His faithfulness, His provision and His blessing. Please pray that we will discern, and be open to, God’s will regarding its use both for the church’s direct ministry and as a resource for the community. We would also value your prayers as we seek to reach our local neighbourhood with the Good News of the Gospel.

Feb 21st IPSWICH – NANSEN ROAD

We praise God for the steady growth in families and children attending the Church over the last few years. Some of these children come from the local Queensway estate. Please pray for enough Sunday School teachers to meet their need, and also for the Passion to Life Mission that we shall be involved in this March. Pray for wisdom as to how to follow up this mission and continue to nurture those who are showing an interest in Christianity.

Feb 28th IPSWICH – STOKE GREEN

We have been several months now in a pastoral vacancy and are very much appreciating having our Moderator, Rev David Harper, alongside us and steering us through this period. We have been recognising the need to reach outwards if we are to grow, and a team has just started “Open the Book” in one of our local primary schools. We have also been able to take a few Sunday evening services in the local Residential Home, at their request. We are praying that both of these new initiatives will grow and prove fruitful. We would also ask you to pray with us for the mums in our JellyTots, who are quite resistant to the gospel - we would love to see young families in our church! We are hoping to be able to offer a Money Ministry to our community as people struggle with their finances. We pray for the resources we need and, of course, that the Lord will lead us to the future minister of His choice.

Jan 3rd NEW YEAR MESSAGE

At the start of a new year let us pray that in all our churches there may be a real enthusiasm for reaching out to the many people around us who need to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Pray for a real sense of unity and love in our fellowships. Pray for those in leadership roles, whether ordained or lay. May ALL those in our churches be prepared to be fully involved and not just passengers along for the ride.

Jan 10th FELIXSTOWE – MAIDSTONE ROAD

We are involved with other churches in the Town in setting up Town Pastors in Felixstowe. Please pray that enough volunteer Pastors and Prayers will come forward as there is great need for this work in Felixstowe. Some of our home groups are following the ‘Freedom in Christ’ material ; please pray that we will all grow in our trust in Christ as a result. Our work in the community continues under the umbrella of Parish Nursing and we were much encouraged through receiving the Faithworks award last year. Pray for continued funding for this ministry

Jan 17th EBA CHURCHES IN NORFOLK.

Let’s remember our Baptist brothers and sisters in Christ across the border in Norfolk. Their circumstances probably reflect pretty well ours in Suffolk, may the Lord’s blessing truly rest upon them.

Jan 24th IPSWICH – BURLINGTON

Praise God for the following specific answers to prayer:-

- His ongoing transformation of peoples lives
- People stepping out into new ministries – eg Heather Barrington as leader of the children’s work
- Increasing and positive links with our local community neighbours
- Smooth changeover to new Constitution, Trustee Board structure and a new Secretary
- Successful transition to new format Sunday evening events, in conjunction with St. Matthews
- The calling of Heather Marsden as minister to Rushmere Baptist Church in the summer

Please ask God to lead us in the following specific items for prayer:-

- Continued desire to encourage each other by sharing what God is doing in our lives
- Impact of the support groups which are being established for particular types of workers eg IT
- Our Youth Minister as she returns from maternity leave and the need for additional workers with young people
- Effective development of our local community links so that they will be a way of meaningfully sharing God’s love and salvation for those around us
- Greater enthusiasm for prayer as a Christian community – really seeking God to move as we humble ourselves before him as a group

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