

Connect

Monday: Administrators

Hello, I am Heidi Calder, and am married to John. We have been married now for almost 30 years, and have been blessed with two wonderful sons,

Joseph 25 years old and Isaac 18 years old.

Joseph is currently studying medicine at

Liverpool University and Isaac is due to sit his 'A' Levels in May/June this year. He is hoping to attend the University of Exeter to read Biological Sciences.



I work as a Recruitment Specialist for the Department of Works and Pensions and John works for Airbus, developing new processes, methods and tools for Aircraft development.

My frontline is working with many employers and customers who are on an individual journey. Whilst I am constrained in my ability to profess my belief, my calling is to help people to fulfill their full potential in work and life. Jesus guides me everyday to realise this. I have worked as Outreach to assist some people who have found themselves in some very dark, difficult times and situations. I have helped many individuals to rebuild their lives, and find direction and purpose. Some of these people have found Jesus in their journey. Everyday Jesus is at the forefront of everything I do.

Prayer points:

- Pray for those people who are in a turbulent & troubled time in their life, that they will find the light of the Lord and purpose in their being.
- Pray for those people who are struggling to find employment in a difficult and uncertain climate.

Tuesday: TBC Community Mission

Family Café welcomes families with preschool children three times a week during term time for play, refreshments and an opportunity to catch up or make new friends in a relaxed environment.

Please pray for Family Café:

- For the 'chatterminglers' – the team that chat to folk during Café! That we may have wisdom to know when to listen, and when to speak, when to comfort or when to celebrate with these families.
- For some of the families that are facing difficulties at the moment, financial, relationships, poor physical or mental health. We've seen wonderful answers to prayers and we ask Lord for more!
- For the kitchen teams – that their continued welcoming and serving ministry communicates God's love to those who come along.
- Pray for us all as team as we pray and discern what the next steps may be for each of those that come to Café in terms of sharing the love of Jesus with them.

Wednesday: Local/UK Partners

Myrtle Lawrence helps to lead the **Bristol Healing Rooms**, and the wider community of Church Without Walls. The local area covered is the city of Bristol and surrounding areas, but as we also do online sessions regularly, we cover anywhere in the country or the world.

The local, city wide Ministry involves running healing sessions with many individuals, in mainly public halls. Leading worship, leading smaller groups, mentoring and discipling new Christians, and more world-wide mission trips, doing similar. We've recently been to a large C of E church for the second time, to train and to minister to 80 people who came for prayer. We took a team of 24. It has been exciting to reach out to three Anglican churches now, at the request of the vicars.

Prayer needs for Myrtle Lawrence:

- Spiritual protection, for myself, and for the big team.
- Time and energy to teach, mentor, and lead worship.
- Finance for renting (and perhaps buying) buildings for our work.
- Provision for supporting team members living by faith, and those who are in need from the wider community.
- We also now have a big project, to build a Christian Healing Centre, on some land that we've been given.

Thursday: World Mission

I'm Carol Connolly of 'The Ark Enterprises' in Bulgaria.

Building a creative arts retreat and mission centre, although not complete, has facilitated: Foster care and home-schooling for a Syrian refugee family; respite for a Ukrainian family; retreats for groups and individuals; conferences; away-days, and support for outreach to the Roma and other disadvantaged groups.

After an extended sabbatical I will return to continue the building work and facilitate ongoing and future ministry.

- I personally have received so much healing from getting away and spending quality time with the Lord, using creative arts and nature.
- My heart is for others to come and be refreshed, renewed and envisioned, and to go out and reach others, whether in Bulgaria or their own community.

Prayer points for Ark Enterprises:

- For my continued health and strength God's wisdom and guidance
- More open doors into the community
- Finance to complete the Ark "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord to send workers into the harvest field"

Matt 9:37,38

Friday: Childrens work @TBC

Our little Seedlings are flourishing and enjoying the larger space downstairs. Our 'Roots and Branches' groups has grown so much over the past year, we have split into 'Roots' and 'Branches'. The Roots group continues to meet downstairs in the lower lounge while the Branches have found a new home in the Oasis room. This split will allow for deeper, more focussed teaching for the older kids who want to get to know God more.

Prayer points for Childrens Ministry:

- More leaders for each group so that we can continue to have children's provision each week.
- Pray for relationships to grow between the children as well as with their leaders.
- For the teams who put so much love and care into the lessons they prepare. Pray that God will provide the time they need to plan each week.
- We regularly have children coming along from broken homes or foster care families. Please pray that God will protect these children and that we will be able to share his love with them in a way that makes sense to them.

Saturday: Persecuted Church

Pray for the Persecuted Church

Iranian Christians have been praying and fasting since long before the war escalated, grieving oppression from government and its crackdowns on civilian protestors that left thousands dead. And now, those prayers have taken on an even greater urgency as they live in a warzone and grapple with uncertain futures.

“As I was driving, I thought I imagined a scene in my mind, but then I saw it with my own two eyes,” shares Maryam*, a Christian sister from southern Iran, remembering God’s promises and His faithfulness. “Water flowing through dry valleys just like the Lord’s promise. That same hope lives in my heart: God acts and His promises are not forgotten. Iran’s salvation will surely happen. Our Lord is alive.”

We call for urgent prayers for the people in Iran, Palestinian Territories, Israel, Syria, Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon and especially for our brothers and sisters.

For the most up to date information on the suffering church look at the “Latest News’ section of the Open Doors Website (www.opendoorsuk.org)

Sunday: Renewal

Resurrection light

Risen Christ, break like the dawn
in the darkness that overshadows me.

Rise with healing power
to mend the hurt that burdens me.

Rise with compassion
to comfort the anxiety that pursues me.

Rise like the sun
to warm me in your love.

Rise like a river
to catch me in your flow.

Rise with Spirit power
to strengthen me to serve.

Amen.

Healing and Comfort

Please use the weekly updated list of prayer needs sent out in the weekly notice sheet.

If you are concerned about someone who needs care or support, contact Paul Ferguson -
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