



**CHRIST CHURCH PARBOLD**  
**JUNE 2024**  
**PRAYER NEWSLETTER**

**ENCOURAGEMENT.**

**Psalm 121, verses 2-4**

**My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth,  
He will not let your foot slip-  
He who watches over you will not slumber,  
Indeed, He who watches over you will neither slumber nor sleep.**



**WELL, I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT!!!!**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, I was expected to help in the Hilldale Fair with the Dog Show registration, Later the following week I was collecting Alfie from Doggie Day Care for the evening and looking forward to spending a week at the beginning of June down with Barbara, Sally and Rick and Ruth in Surrey.

Except I was there in Wigan Hospital A & E being told I had probably had a stroke. Suddenly all plans were scrapped. My left arm and leg were very weak, and it was later confirmed as stroke due to high blood pressure (which I thought was being controlled by tablets).

It is times like this when I needed to consider what path the Lord was showing me and I valued the prayers and concern from all my Christian family at Parbold. And I did feel the Lord's presence very much during my week in hospital.

One night when I was awake at 4a.m. because of the noise and light shining into the ward, I looked around me. Over in the corner there was a lady who had had a stroke but also did not know where she was and often cried out or tried to get up. I saw that she had been assigned a nurse to be by the bedside both during the day and night shifts to ensure her safety and reassure her if she was upset. She was now sleeping but the nurse was still there ready if she needed attention.

Then came into my mind the words the quote at the top of the page from Psalm 121 and it was like I saw the Lord sitting by my bedside watching over me, just like the nurse opposite. What a peace to know that the Lord is not only with me but actively caring and working to get me better.

The nurses and Physios were wonderful at the hospital and since, as the Stroke team has given me help and exercises, I have seen such an improvement. And I am sure that whatever the outcome then the words at the end of Psalm 121 will be a watchword for me.

**The Lord will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life.  
The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and evermore. (v 7-8)**

Thank you again for all your prayers and support  
Lin

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for:

- All our schoolchildren revising and taking exams this summer. May they know God's peace and reassurance.
- Continue to pray for Mark and Marie Townsley. Mark has been in the Hospice for 5 weeks now where he has been well cared for and mostly pain free. Pray for the Lord's presence to hold them both at all times.
- Pray for continued healing for Kaye following her operation and for Lin as she continues to recover and gain strength.
- Please pray for the family of Val Hughes, a member of our church for many years, as they prepare for her funeral in June.
- We pray for a lovely day on June 8<sup>th</sup> when Chris Burdett and Lesley are having their wedding at Christ Church 1 p.m. May they know God's blessing in their life together.
- Pray for Brian and Frances as they prepare to move house to their new home in Culcheth. May the move go well and may they settle in easily. Also may they find a local church to continue their life of worship and praise.



## **THANKS**

Many thanks to all who contributed to this month's newsletter. There is a break for summer and the next newsletter will be available on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Deadline for anything to be included is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## **MERCY RESCUE TRUST NEWS**

: At last Sally is here, it seems such a long time in coming. Waiting and anticipating her arrival, the day finally arrived on Tuesday. According to my daughter I was like a child waiting, looking through the doors every time they opened. Then the moment arrived much hugging and laughing.

Sally has been here now a few days and is still adjusting to our much cooler climate. She loves walking, and is amazed at all wide open spaces we have to walk in and where the children play. Nothing like this in Kenya. If they want to go to similar places there is always a charge. So far we have hit the ground running, Sally just doesn't stop, on the go most of the waking day. Puts me to shame she just has so much energy.



Everything at Mercy Rescue is going well, still very busy. Please continue to pray for Denis who is still very poorly. Pray too for Jedidah and all the team as they continue to care for all the babies.

Some of the older children who finished school in November, return to Mercy Rescue tomorrow, before returning to their families, after spending 3 months in Nairobi on a discipleship program. Thank you all for your continuing support and much valued prayers.



God Bless

Barbara

## NEWS FROM ANDREW FANSHAWE



Thank you for your email and prayers. We are doing well!



We have just finished this week our mission school, below are a few pictures, where we train people up to be missionaries and also send them out to do missions on the streets and slums and desert regions of Brazil.



The church we are also planting in the slum is taking form and Iris UK mentioned you guys sent a generous gift to us which they have forwarded. Thank you very much! There is still much work to do to get the building of the church fully ready and so your money will be a great help in order to be able to complete this dream of having a place where people can come to worship God together as a family.



We will be coming to England in July to spend some time with mum. She is keeping strong and doing well but it will be very nice to be with her and help with some jobs around the house for her. We will be based in Brighton where she lives but I would be willing to drive up for one weekend if you feel that would be a good idea to visit you all at the church. If it doesn't work out that is fine as my main focus of coming over was to be with mum.

Thank you once again for everything.

Many Blessings

Andrew

## SPRING HARVEST

In April a group of 9 of us from Christ Church attended the Spring Harvest 2024 event in Minehead, Somerset. It was great and we're still 'buzzing'. It may seem a bit early to be thinking about next year's event but bookings will open soon and the event can get booked up quite quickly.

Spring Harvest is an exciting and safe space to find Spiritual refreshment, hear God's voice and be inspired to go back to our churches, streets, villages, towns, and cities to make a difference. It's the perfect holiday packed full of inspiration and fun and there's something to do for all ages. There's teaching, worship, seminars - and children have their own groups plus there's lots for families all together, too. In 2025 Spring Harvest will be held at Butlins Holiday Camps in Skegness from 7th - 11th April and in Minehead from 14th - 18th April. There's a variety of accommodation available but most of it is in self-catering chalets or apartments sleeping 4, 6 or 8. The theme for 2025 is 'No Greater Story' and the Bible teaching will be given by Rick Warren, founding pastor of Saddleback Church in Southern California (Many of you will know of him as the author of 'The Purpose Driven Life')

Check out the website <https://www.springharvest.org/events/news/no-greater-story/> The price includes accommodation and all the activities and meetings arranged by the Spring harvest team plus the facilities of Butlins camp.

If you think you may be interested in going, or want more information, please speak to Olwen as soon as possible ( [ohigham@christchurchparbold.co.uk](mailto:ohigham@christchurchparbold.co.uk) or 07706853826).





Educaid - Learning for Life

June, 2024 - Update for Christ Church, Douglas-in-Parold

Greetings to everyone at Christ Church, Parbold from us all here at EducAid in Sierra Leone.

Educaid are very busy preparing for World Environment Day, which will be held on 5th June, 2024.

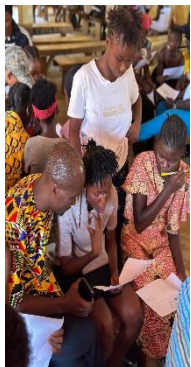
The preparation includes working with the pupils and students and raising their awareness of the issues threatening the environment and what they can do to mitigate the threats. Although the work goes on every day, and in every aspect of life in EducAid, on the actual World Environment Day. Students and pupils will be involved in activities which include -



- paper recycling
- plastic brick making
- tree planting
- litter picking around the communities
- making reusable shopping bags



Educaid organised a special Father-Daughter day on 18th May, 2024, when girls invited their fathers or their father figures into school. The purpose of the day was to encourage the fathers to become more supportive of the girls education and for the fathers to become more aware of the girls' needs.



In one of the photos the girls are explaining their 'My Tomorrow Me' posters to their fathers so they understand what their daughters' aspirations are. We did this in our schools but also in 118 partner schools across Freetown. Fathers signed a pledge to support their daughters' education and to be advocates for girls' education.



Much of this is happening in the newly established student-led Ministry for the Future, in Rolal. Different directors have responsibility for directorates dealing with a range of issues, both challenges and opportunities facing young people, including sustainability, health and well-being, Ai and Technology,, Travel & transport, Democracy & Good Governance, Communications. The directorates are organising learning events and engaging in different projects so that our students leave EducAid with a good knowledge and appropriate skills to face the future well.



Thanks to your support life in Educaid continues apace with schools and projects making their impact. EducAidian Teachers, Accountants, Engineers, Doctors etc are graduating as we continue trying to build Sierra Leone's human capital. But, taking educators and education to remote areas is not easy !!!



A Very Big Thank You - from us in EducAid Sierra Leone  
to you all in Parbold

*Further details of the work of EducAid in Sierra Leone are available from  
Pat Horn - patval@sky.com or 07941 577 436  
Details on ways in which you could become involved are available from Miriam*



## Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer

Standing at 51.5 metres high, this landmark is being built next to the M6 motorway at Coleshill, Birmingham. The Eternal Wall is a monument to the power of prayer that makes hope visible for individuals and communities by a million examples of personal prayers answered by Jesus. The structure will be visible from nearly six miles away and seen by an estimated 500,000 journeys by road, rail and air. Every single one of the million bricks in the wall's construction will represent a story of Jesus answering someone's prayer. Some of the bricks will be 'heritage' bricks celebrating an answered prayer dating back to 600AD.

Do you have a story to tell of an answered prayer that you would be willing to share and can be represented on the Wall? For more information, visit the website [eternalwall.org.uk](http://eternalwall.org.uk)



### A CELTIC BLESSING

You are the peace of all things calm  
You are the place to hide from harm  
You are the light that shines in dark  
    You are the heart's eternal spark  
You are the door that's open wide  
You are the guest who waits inside  
    You are the stranger at the door  
    You are the calling of the poor  
You are my Lord and with me still  
You are my love, keep me from ill  
You are the light, the truth, the way  
    You are my Saviour this very day.

(celtic oral tradition - 1st millennium)

*(courtesy for faithandworship .com)*

