



24 Hour Prayer for Colchester

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Week 1. Lifelines

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We pray for:

- Those in difficult family situations
- Those who feel alone, those with addictions, financial worries and stress
- Those considering divorce
- The restoration of Godly values to homes and schools
- The church—that we would offer support and be a light to others
- Help to those suffering all kinds of abuse
- Those children with behavioural problems facing exclusion
- Those working in this area of ministry.

Focus on Lifelines -

'At Lifelines we believe there is always hope. With the current hectic pace of life, many people are finding their closest relationships are under stress, and the task of bringing up a family seems increasingly difficult. Resources to support and enable people to explore their own relationships are limited and difficult to find.

Lifelines is a local charity with a Christian foundation, offering support to people facing times of stress and difficulty. Our intention is to encourage and enable individuals, couples and all kinds of families. We do this through offering time and space for people to explore their particular concerns and difficulties, as well as running a variety of projects which help both adults and children move towards a more hopeful future'.

Please pray:

Counselling Training:

- For all three current courses and the students on them
- For Helen Bulpitt's work in Kenya to set up a diploma training course

Counselling Team:

- We continue to give thanks for the steady flow of referrals for counselling from various sources
- We would like to see an increase in the funding of the counselling service.
- Continue to pray for all the counsellors that they will know Gods guiding hand.
- Pray for the counselling sessions, that God's presence is felt, to bring wisdom, discernment and healing to those who come

to us for help.

Parenting courses:

- Thanks for past courses and facilitators who have helped
- Pray for parents who have completed courses already

Rainbow Project supports children who are having difficulties settling into school. It offers an environment where children can experience a level of success and confidence in order that they can cope successfully in mainstream school.

The Project works in partnership with local primary schools. It is run by teachers and trained volunteers both at school and at the Project Centre.

- Pray for new volunteers from our counselling training courses to help in the Rainbow Project to work with parents and the siblings of the children.

Play Therapy: Lifelines is in the final stages of developing a Play Therapy centre. It hopes to have both qualified and trainee therapists working with children on an individual basis. Play therapy is recognised as a very effective means by which children can express themselves without having to find the right words.

- Thank God for the play therapy is starting.
- Pray for all involved in setting up this new project.

General

- For wisdom for further funding applications.
- Pray for the Management Team who are in the process of setting up Lifelines charity entity.
- Thank God for all His help!

Week 2. Other town news

Other news for our prayers:

After three years as Chief Executive with Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Andrea Hill will be leaving to take a new post in Bedfordshire. Andrea says 'It has been a privilege to work at CBC and I will be sad to leave. During my time here I have worked alongside many inspiring people both within the council and community. There is a huge community spirit here that makes anything possible.' Please pray for Andrea and for the Council as they seek to find the right person to replace her.

Also we pray for:

The community leaders who work within Colchester 2020 Local Strategic Partnership. The next Assembly meeting will be held on July 2nd.

Sadly we say goodbye to

David and Thelma Fry from Mount Zion Church. They have led the Salvation Army there for many years. They have carried a heart for unity, prayer and for our town. Some of my fondest memories are of our 24/7 weeks of prayer in their building. We

will miss them greatly and pray many blessings upon them as they move on into all God has for them next!

We pray for: The new Salvation Army leaders at Mount Zion. Captains John & Pauline O' Driscoll. The fellowship is privileged to have them and their two children Joanne (12) & Thomas (3). I hope we will hear from John and Pauline once they are settled into their new post.

Sadly we say goodbye to Rev. Pat Mossop. We thank God for his ministry within the University, he will be missed. We pray God will bless him as he moves on at the end of June.

We welcome Rev Julian Eades to the University Chaplaincy.

Emmaus Project.

Supported by the Colchester Borough Council Emmaus hopes to build a drug and alcohol-free community for approx. 20 homeless people in Colchester.

Please pray for:

- Lesley Corner the project manager
- An acre of land with or without a building. It needs to be suitable for accommodation,

retail area and workshops.

- Release of finance for the project

Colchester Police.

We pray for Colchester Police as they investigate :

Two robberies. In both cases the victims were attacked with spray. One in Blackberry Rd, Stanway and the other in a car park in Gosbecks Road.

Also an assault on a woman in East Hill on Wednesday morning.

And a vicious attack on a woman by two men, one wearing a mask in London Road, Stanway on Tuesday

Please pray for:

- Quick resolution to all of these crimes
- For the victims and families as they come to terms with what has happened
- God to bring comfort and deal with the fear that these attacks bring within the community
- That we would see less violent crime in our town as we pray

Week 3. University and COSCI

Praise and Prayer requests from COSCI/FI

'Give thanks for:

- Appointment of the new Chaplain at the university from September.
- Continued unity amongst the Christian groups on campus

Please pray for:

- The appointment of the new Chaplain' s assistant in early June.
- The transition phase as COSCI becomes a branch of Friends international.
- More individuals or families

to befriend students

- ' All Nations' every Sunday at 4.30 pm. on campus. A few international students are coming who have never heard the gospel before. Pray that many more international students may come
- The right person to take over from Joan Davies.
- The finance to come in to support a full time worker.

The Summer Programme the COSCI/FI team is organising for pre-sessional students:

- a) Tea and Talk on a Tuesday 7.30- 9.00 pm

b) Meals in a home on a Weds/ Thurs in late July and August (8 students at a time 6.00-10.00 pm (we need more volunteers)

c) Outings on a Saturdays:

- June 16th ..Woodbridge
- July 17th...Clacton
- July 31st Flatford Dedham
- August 7th BBQ at Tiptree. (Help with transport needed)
- 11th Harwich and Walton on the Naze.

The opportunities are many but the labourers are few! ' Phone Joan Davies if you can help in any way or e-mail her on cosci@essex.ac.uk

Week 4. Colchester Business Activity

'As the church responds to a rapidly changing society, many people are seeing an old vision take on a renewed and vital perspective. These people spend a massive percentage of their time at work, developing their own business or working for others.

The vision is to use that work as mission, not just a mission field, and seek to develop businesses and projects that bring lasting spiritual and physical transformation to the world.

Within Colchester Rev Terry Tennans has long had a vision to bring God into the world of work and has been running Work Dynamics, a gathering of Christians working in the centre of Colchester. Please pray for the extension and encouragement of this important work.

Last year Terry also began to work with Simon Lasky and Simon Musgrave, following a conference in March on the Transformational Business Network (TBN) run by a consortium of missions, aid agencies and businessmen. They set up a local Transformational Business Group (TBG) that has now been meeting monthly for almost a year to seek for ways of bringing their skills to serve today's world, particularly the poor in the developing world.

One of the activities of the TBG is to run expo trips that aim to:

- 1 Research and identify effective ways of supporting transformational businesses in the developing world.
- 2 Learn about cross-cultural wealth creation and enterprise in a developing world context.

3 Explore the opportunities to use business skills to make a real, lasting difference.

One leader of our Colchester group has already had a very fruitful time visiting Uganda, Serbia and Albania.

In September (4th-11th) several of the Colchester TBG are going to Rwanda, on a trip jointly led with YWAM (Youth with a Mission). During the week they will explore ways of developing projects that provide a 'handup' rather than just a 'handout'.

Please pray for a really effective week that encourages all whom they meet there. They expect to visit some emerging and potential businesses, social projects and government ministries. They hope to liaise with Christian Aid micro-finance initiatives and YWAM projects in particular.

So please pray for: Members and leaders of the Colchester TBG, to grow in understanding, particularly:

- to be a real light of God's love and engagement in our world
- to discern God's will
- to develop truly effective projects

At a wider level we believe that God is calling more men and women to take influence in the world of work.

Other business initiatives, such as Christians in Business and the Full Gospel's Businessmen Fellowship amongst others have also played important roles in developing vision over the years.

Please pray for all those seeking to develop their service and calling

within business and the world of work, especially that they may have integrity, transparency, servant hood, real relationships and genuine spiritual authority'. *Simon Musgrave*

PRAYER BREAKFASTS:

Saturday 5th June - 8.30- 10 am.

MALDON ROAD CHAPEL

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CO1 Youth Café

We give thanks and pray for this new venture to be opened in Holy Trinity Church (Trinity St) in the centre of town. This will provide a safe meeting place for teenagers and young people. During the daytime it will be open to shoppers and visitors.

Please pray for:

- Simon Taylor as he works to establish this project.
- Finances. £30,000 is needed to get this project started.
- The Trustees as they seek to promote Christianity as a relevant part of today's culture

Simon Taylor says 'We are not out to evangelise them all, we are providing something to do, and if they want to know why, we will tell them. Holy Trinity is an ideal location for us we are delighted that the Borough Council has agreed that the building should be used for the benefit of the young people of Colchester'

For more information: Youth Culture's annual meeting is at Eld Lane Baptist Church on 8th June from 7.45 pm.