

Prayer Diary

June ● August 2021

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INTERNATIONAL



Thirteen weeks of prayer points



Thank you for your continued prayers
and support for international students.

Emerging from Lockdown Across the Country



Week 1
7th June

Bournemouth

Please pray for our Crossing Cultures training day on Saturday 12th June, with David Burnett. Pray it will go smoothly, and that volunteers (from different centres) will join and enjoy the day even though they may be 'Zoom tired'. Pray for our Summer Outreach this July (co led with United Beach Mission), pray that the team will get along well together and that the students we will talk to will be open to the Gospel.

– **Antoine Thenin**, Centre Team Leader, Bournemouth

Week 2
14th June

Sunderland

Please join us in giving thanks to God for answered prayer. It has been really encouraging in the past couple of months to have met new students from different parts of the world. For the summer months, we are planning numerous outdoor activities and get-togethers which we pray would establish relationships and lead to opportunities to share Christ. Please also pray that students we know would invite their friends along with them. – **James Adair**, Centre Team Leader, Sunderland

Week 3
21st June

Edinburgh

Please pray that Edinburgh International Outreach would reach many new international students with an offer of friendship and faith. We will have an online series of English-language sessions in July followed by numerous in-person activities run by local churches for international students. Please pray for pre-sessional students to develop long-lasting connections to local Christians here. Please pray that volunteers would boldly demonstrate the love of Christ. – **Warren MacLeod**, Centre Team Leader, Edinburgh

Week 4
28th June

Loughborough

As restrictions ease, we're looking to run events and Bible studies as well as preparing for how things will look in the new academic year. Please pray for discernment as we develop a programme of events that glorifies God. Please pray for our new Reach Trainee, Jacob Thomas, as he looks for accommodation and works on raising support. Pray that this would be a fruitful year for him that is both challenging and fun.

– **Tim Stanyon**, Centre Team Leader, Loughborough



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Week 5
5th July

London

In 2019-2020 there were 146,745 international students studying in London Universities and Colleges. With so many students, partnering with others is key. Praise God for local churches, Christian Unions and other mission organisations that are working alongside us. Please pray for the recruitment of more staff so we can encourage and equip more ministry partners. Pray for plans for the new academic year as we seek to balance online and in-person events.

– **Kirsten Wynn**, Centre Team Leader, London

Week 6
12th July

Stirling

We thank the Lord that during the pandemic our relationship with the university has strengthened and developed. We are now preparing to meet international students on the Stirling Campus again. At our online Bible chat meetings, we are getting regular students. Please pray that they can understand the Bible, that the Holy Spirit opens their eyes, and that they can accept Jesus as their Saviour.

– **Ivana Bajic**, Centre Team Leader, Stirling

Week 7
19th July

Norwich

Praise God for opportunities to meet new students as the lockdown continues to ease. Pray for Julia and myself, as we plan with the CUs and local churches how to welcome students during the summer and into September. Pray for international students returning to their home countries this summer, that they will thrive there. Pray that we will be able to keep in contact with these returnees. – **Raquel Medina**, Centre Team Leader, Norwich

Week 8
26th July

Birmingham

Did you know that there are five universities in Birmingham attracting 16,000+ international students? Half this number are registered at the three city centre universities: Aston University, University College Birmingham, and Birmingham City University. During lockdown, God has given us new contacts with churches, ministries, and volunteers; we can't wait to launch a new city centre programme as restrictions ease. Please pray for guidance on timing and venue. – **Mike & Rachel Hill**, Centre Team Leaders, Birmingham



Week 9
2nd Aug

Lancaster

Please give thanks that even though we may not have seen much fruit from our efforts this year, we can know that God is still working to grow His kingdom! Please pray that we would make the most of the summer to get alongside the students who are still around in Lancaster. Please pray too that planning for next year would go well and that we would see more international students engaging with our activities and with the gospel.
– **Sally Miller**, Centre Team Leader, Lancaster

Week 12
23rd Aug

Oxford

Over the next couple of months in Oxford we are running both weekly social events, and also weekly Bible discussions for students, all in person. Do pray for us as a team, and for volunteers, to be given the energy and the love to befriend these students and share Jesus with them. Please also pray for many international students to be involved and come and hear of Jesus!
– **Jonnie Green**, Centre Team Leader, Oxford

Week 10
9th Aug

York

Rejoice with us as we have recently seen breakthrough in building relationships with universities and chaplaincies in our city. Pray that these new connections will help us to reach more students with the gospel. Praise the Lord for recent meet ups and friendships between students who have found lockdown lonely, please pray that more will be interested in joining our Bible Study Group.
– **Rebecca Smith**, Centre Team Leader, York

Week 13
30th May

Southampton and Winchester

The University of Southampton is expecting around 1,500 students to join their Pre-Sessional English courses this summer, the majority of whom will study online from their home countries. Give thanks that we have been asked to partner with the Students' Union again in providing conversation groups. Please pray for friendships to grow that will lead to ongoing contact with these students when they arrive in September.
– **Susan Caddy**, Centre Team Leader, Southampton and Winchester

Week 11
16th Aug

Guildford

We appreciate prayer for our team as we are going through a big change. Due to a mix of circumstances (maternity leave, career change and an internship coming to an end) our team decreases from six to two team members. Please pray for Phil and Riz who keep serving international students here in Guildford while I am on maternity leave. We are also looking to fill one of the team roles – please pray for the right applicant.
– **Lilli Jones**, Centre Team Leader, Guildford

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