

# Prayer Diary

September • November 2021

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INTERNATIONAL



Thirteen weeks of prayer points



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

# New Term, New Staff



**Week 1**  
**6th Sept**

## New Staff and Reach Induction

Please give thanks to God and rejoice with us for all our new starters and the new cohort of Reach this September! Please pray that we would be able to help facilitate our new staff as they ease into working with Friends International and equally for the Reach Trainees as they begin the Reach Programme, that they would enjoy sharing life and faith with one another on this new journey.

**Week 2**  
**13th Sept**

## Helen Morrissey in Exeter

Let's thank God for a newly appointed Centre Team Leader in Exeter! Helen Morrissey is starting with us, working 3 days a week. She has recently returned from Senegal where she was with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Please pray that the Lord would guide her and bless her in her work with Friends International and that she would settle into the role smoothly.

**Week 3**  
**20th Sept**

## Stephen Horrocks-Birss in St Andrews

Please pray for Stephen Horrocks-Birss who recently started with us as a full-time staff worker in St Andrews. Let's pray that he would have everything he needs to work effectively, and to reach the international students in St Andrews. Please also pray as he raises financial support for the role.

**Week 4**  
**27th Sept**

## David Hubbard in Reading

We're delighted that David Hubbard is joining us in Reading. Join us in praying for him, pray for a safe return to the UK and pray also about his support raising. Please pray for God's wisdom and provision as he starts in this new role.



# Welcoming Students

Week 5  
4th Oct

## Manchester

Give thanks for the continued good relationship we have with “Dwell”, a large private student halls of residence company, and the opportunity to provide a city tour and country walk in October for the 400+ international students they are expecting. Pray that students will also attend one or more of our weekly cafés or online events and that some will attend the Beginners’ Bible Study Course we offer.

– **Sabine Stockton**, Manchester, Centre Team Leader



Week 6  
11th Oct

## Nottingham

Give thanks for the international students who have arrived in Nottingham recently. Please pray that students would join us to ‘Walk&Talk’ on the University of Nottingham Campuses and in the City Centre. Pray that good friendships would be formed that would lead to opportunities for Gospel conversations. Please also pray for the team as we continue to adapt to ongoing Covid challenges.

– **Madeleine Bonicel**, Nottingham, Centre Team Leader

Week 7  
18th Oct

## Bournemouth

We have been very privileged to have our Summer Outreach in Bournemouth this year, so we hope the university students we have seen will join our events this autumn. We run social events on Mondays and Wednesdays for university students. Pray that the relationships we have with the students we know will lead to deeper conversations and pray that new students will join our activities.

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

Week 8  
25th Oct

## Edinburgh

October is a unique month for us in Edinburgh. This is the season when we are intentionally building more bridges to connect international students to local Edinburgh churches. Please pray for us as we do this through: Local Link – helping local hosts make a welcoming space for students; and the Wee World Café – an English discussion group that helps students find friends in the city.

– **Warren MacLeod**, Edinburgh, Centre Team Leader



**Week 9**  
**1st Nov**

## Student Wellbeing

As the days get shorter and the temperature drops, many international students start to feel the challenges of being far from home. Culture shock and homesickness add to the stress and anxiety of student life. Please pray for the students who will be struggling at this time. Pray that the new Friends International wellbeing videos would be used and would have a positive impact on students' wellbeing.

**Week 10**  
**8th Nov**

## Loughborough

Please pray for discernment in how to identify those students that particularly need support at this time. Be praying for staff and volunteers as we seek to show hospitality, grace, and hope to those we support and minister to. Pray that we would have opportunities to offer the greatest support of all, Jesus, our rock and salvation.  
– **Tim Stanyon**, Loughborough, Centre Team Leader

**Week 11**  
**15th Nov**

## London

It's easy to feel isolated and lonely in a big city like London. Pray for students to join our hospitality programme, where they get a warm welcome into local homes. Please also pray for our

staff workers, Susanne and Ballzi, who are part of the London Team.

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

**Week 12**  
**22nd Nov**

## Canterbury

Our online book club has been a new addition to the ministry and has blossomed during lockdown. It has blessed international students and provided support to them as they seek to enhance their reading skills. Pray for those students who are attending the book club, that the Lord would use the books to challenge and to bring them closer to Him.  
– **Baiba Strause-Kalmere**, Canterbury, Centre Team Leader

**Week 13**  
**29th Nov**

## Birmingham

Praise God that He goes ahead of believers and seekers. One new Christian was surprised to find that her boss was a believer and sympathetic to her desire to put Jesus first. A seeker discovered that her landlady was a Christian, and keen to bring her to church. Please join your prayers with ours, that seeds which were sown will take root and grow, and that students will clearly see God's mighty hand over their lives.  
– **Mike & Rachel Hill**, Birmingham, Centre Team Leaders



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