

## FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER: MAY TO JULY, 2007

### May 6 Clipston

We continue to have difficulties with our premises; the Schoolroom roof needs repair, electrical work, the boiler is beginning to play up. However, we are able to meet the cost of some of this and we give God thanks for His provision. We are also grateful to Him that we are able to meet regularly and though our numbers are small, we have welcomed new folk recently. Please pray with us that we will experience growth spiritually as well as numerically and that we may see the attendance of young families; something for which so many small churches hope and pray.

### May 3 Cogenhoe

Although we are very small in number, we are assured of our Lord's promise that where 2 or 3 are gathered He is in our midst. As we pray for revival, we also pray fervently that the Lord will direct our paths and show us His will for the future of our witness in our community.

### May 20 Corby, Danesholme

Our Team Leader, Jo Williams, will be retiring in July, so the remaining Team of three will be rather stretched, since they are all O.A.P.s!!! Negotiations are progressing with the Association and the Province of the U.R.C. in order to put together a team that will cover not just Danesholme, but several other Free Churches within the Town. In the meantime, we are in good heart and are grateful for your prayers.

### May 27 Pentecost

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon us:  
a spirit of wisdom and understanding.

Strengthen us with your gifts  
of wisdom and understanding, Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon us:  
a spirit of right judgment and courage.

Strengthen us with your gifts  
of right judgment and courage, Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon us:  
a spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Strengthen us with your gifts  
of knowledge and reverence, Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon us:  
a spirit of wonder and awe in the presence of the living God.

Strengthen us with your gifts  
of wonder and awe, Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

—based on Isaiah 11:2



"Fellow Jews ... listen to me" (Acts 2:14)

### June 3 Corby, Rowlett Road

**Minister: Revd Peter Strong.**

Give thanks with us we celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Church anniversary on 24<sup>th</sup> June, with a service for the family at 3pm, followed by tea with lots of special things to eat. We are encouraged because the heating system runs on oil so quickly! This is because so many community groups use the premises; Scouts, Mums and Toddlers, Pre-school children. Added to that, a Parish Nurse is in the pipeline to be part of the ministry team and we hope that will be very soon. Please pray with us for the large number of unchurched people who are on the premises most days; that they may come to know the Lord through this ministry. We take pleasure in the succession of preachers who come to us regularly, but particularly look forward to Peter's time with us. Accordingly, we give thanks for his ministry to us and the encouragement he gives us. Please pray with us that Peter will be upheld as he divides his time between Carey, Kettering and ourselves.

### June 10 Fellowship Sunday

Let us remember all ministers and lay preachers who will be leading the services and preaching today together with the churches where they will be ministering in our "Pulpit Exchange."

### June 17 Daventry

We give thanks for those who come, but our numbers are still low and we would ask that you pray with us that these numbers will increase. Our meeting on Wednesday evenings is well-attended; half of those attending are new Christians who came through the Alpha Course.

### June 24 Desborough

Please pray for Adrian Ward's Ordination and Induction on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Pray that it may be a day of thanks for the Lord's goodness to us all. Pray also for the strengthening of an already fruitful relationship in the Lord's work between Adrian, the Church, and the town of Desborough. We are holding our holiday club for primary school aged children during the October half term this year. Please pray for the planning, staffing, and children that will attend.

### July 1 Earls Barton

**Minister: Pastor Ted Scarfe**

Our greetings to you all. These last months have continued to be a challenge and yet a great encouragement to us as we see God's hand at work through the fellowship here. Our hopes and prayers that these large buildings that we have can be used by the wider community are coming along. The hall is used each weekday night now and we have a greater opportunity to share the love of Jesus with our neighbours. We have just celebrated the first baptism here for ten years and that has been a great encouragement and blessing to us. For the fellowship we ask your prayers for God's guidance as we seek pastoral oversight for the future. Please pray that we may always be aware and alive to the guidance that He sends us.

**July 8 Eastcote**

Hopes? We wait in hope that some people will come and join us, stay with us and help with the running of the chapel. Fears? Out of the seven regular attenders, four are over 80, one is 88 and the others 70 plus. Blessings? Blessed by the preachers, both Baptist and Methodist, that come to lead us in worship, knowing that only a few will be there. Blessed with the love we have for each other and the way we work with each other. We look forward to the Sankey evenings when we share with other chapels. As a country, we need to come to God. There are so many small chapels like us who are facing the same need; increase in members, preferably younger, to ensure our future. Let us continue to pray for each other.

**July 15 Farthingstone****Minister: Pastor Wendy Manley**

We are encouraged by the response to our monthly informal all age services in the Village Hall and by the recent invitation to take assemblies in the local primary school. Please pray with us that these new contacts with families and children will help others to discover God's love for them, and encourage them to commit their lives to Christ. Our main concern is that due to the deaths of some of our elderly members and the increasing infirmity of others, attendance at services in the chapel has become very small. Please pray that more people from the village will want to worship with us and that Christians will move into the village and be able to witness to their neighbours.

**July 22 Grange Park****Ministers: Revd Charlie Nobbs and Revd Mat Hussain**

God is really blessing us with a number of people coming to Christ over the past year, for this we give him thanks for we recognise his wonderful works among us. Many of these new Christians are being discipled on a one-to-one basis and continue to grow. One of the major items for which are seeking the Lord's wisdom is in the matter of a building. We have been offered a building, which currently is an empty shell, with only breeze block outer walls. We have a vision to see this building transformed into a "centre of operations", with church offices, multi-function rooms and possibly a coffee shop. We are very excited about this venture, but face a number of challenges within the fellowship. Please pray that we will be able to move forward in unity.

**July 29 Grendon****Minister: Pastor F. John Smith**

We continue to thank God for His many blessings that He continues to pour upon us at Grendon. We are very thankful for the love of the members of Mill Road Baptist Church, Wellingborough, and for their ministry of encouragement as they serve us every third Sunday of the month. Our members are now getting older, but are very faithful Sunday by Sunday and we thank God for that. Please pray that we shall be able to be a witness of God's love and grace to the village of Grendon, as we serve our Lord.

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