

Prayer Diary

September • November 2019

friends
INTERNATIONAL



Thirteen weeks of prayer points



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

Welcoming New Students



Week 1
2nd Sep

Welcome to Bradford

Please pray for Global Café in Bradford as we prepare to welcome international students during Freshers Fortnight. This period is crucial for bringing in new students. Last year brought many Muslims to the Bible discussions! Please pray for students who want to come to our Bible studies and who would see their need to turn to Christ. – Mark Jones, Global Café Team Leader

Week 2
9th Sep

Welcome to Belfast

This month (September 10th-21st) we are running our iWelcome programme (read more about this in *Opportunity* on page 6). Please pray that, through all the events, outings and fun, the students would see why we do all this. Pray that they would want to know more and would accept invites to local churches and Bible studies. Pray that friendships form in these early weeks and continue for the duration of their stay and beyond.

Week 3
16th Sep

Welcome to Glasgow

In September (12th-26th), we're organising eight welcome meals for international students across the city. These iMeals are hosted in cooperation with a variety of churches and CUs in Glasgow. We want to welcome international students who are arriving to study and connect them with local Christians. Please pray for many students to hear about our iMeals, and for many new friendships, as well as people interested in exploring the Christian faith. – Rebecca Davies, Glasgow Staff Worker

Week 4
23rd Sep

Welcome to Guildford

In Guildford we have a busy two weeks welcoming internationals. We have booked a stand in the local Tesco entrance to support international students as they experience a British supermarket, and to give out free trolley coins! Please pray that students would experience a love that makes them curious to engage with us through their time here. Pray that we would build friendships where the gospel can be shared naturally. – Phil Duncalfe, Guildford Staff Worker

Week 5
30th Sep

Welcome to Swansea

At the end of September through to October we will be engaging with the newly arrived international students in Swansea. We will be at the university arrivals weekend, sharing what the Signpost International Community is all about – please pray for us as we do this. We will then run different events throughout the next month. Please pray that we will be able to connect well with the international students. – Sarah Adams, Signpost Swansea

New Students and New Connections

Week 6
7th Oct

Welcome to Cambridge

Throughout last year, the events in Cambridge had contact with an estimated 1,000 students and needed more than 200 volunteers. We thank God for this and pray that this new year would be even more fruitful. Pray that the Cambridge team would be energised and the local churches keen, ahead of welcoming many more students this year.

Week 7
14th Oct

Welcome to Bath

Please pray for the Christian internationals arriving in Bath to settle into the church - and be unashamed witnesses for Jesus. Praise God for some we've already met! Pray for God's provision for this ministry: volunteers to read the Bible with students, help practically and chat to students at our international café. Pray also for the gospel to be preached at the International Welcome Service and Meal on October 27th. – Frances Lewis, St Bart's Church, Bath

Week 8
21st Oct

The Philip Project

Towards the end of October, the Philip Project starts up again. It teaches Bible handling skills to Christian international students, and we had 50 attend the course last year. This year it will be running in 7 or 8 cities and we are hoping for even more students. Please pray that this course would be well attended and would prove incredibly fruitful for all who join.

Week 9
28th Oct

Reach Trainees

Friends International has 8 new Reach Trainees this academic year. They are befriending and sharing Jesus with international students, while being disciplined and trained in ministry (see *Opportunity*, pages 8-9). Pray that they would learn much through their Reach year, that they would make many lasting friendships with students, and that God would use them powerfully.



Hosting New Students

Week 10
4th Nov

Hosting in Hatfield

Please pray as we pioneer a hosting scheme for the University of Hertfordshire.

Pray both for local churches to see the vision and be willing to host and for students to find us through the app. Most of all though, please pray that these meals would provide opportunities to share the good news with the students.

Week 11
11th Nov

A Simple Meal

Hospitality is a Christian practice which has the power to bless and include both friends

and strangers. We encourage people to offer to host an international student, by simply having them to their house for a meal. Pray that many Christians would offer the hand of friendship in this way to the new students who have come to the UK.

Week 12
18th Nov

Hosting in Dundee

Dundee have recently introduced a new administrator to oversee their hosting scheme.

Please pray for them as they try using the app for the first time to connect the students and hosts. Pray also as they try to get new hosts to sign up from local churches. Please pray that this year would be extremely fruitful for the work in Dundee.

Week 13
25th Nov

Ongoing Friendships

The Hosting Schemes happening across the country bring together local Christians

and international students. We pray that through this hosting lasting friendships would form, and that genuine faith would be freely shared in a respectful and loving way. Pray that the app would enable more students to be welcomed into Christian homes.



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