

Prayer Diary

June • August 2022

friends
INTERNATIONAL



Thirteen weeks of prayer points



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

Outreach Events



Week 1 6th June

Stirling

At the end of May, in partnership with INTO [university language school group] we will be hosting 23 student soldiers from Saudi Arabia that are coming to Stirling to learn English. As well as organising picnics and walks for them, they'll be attending FI's English Conversation Clubs. Please pray for wisdom and 'godly moments' as we befriend these young men.

Ivana Bajić

Week 2 13th June

Bournemouth and Loughborough

Friends International Dorset is running four outreach events in June addressing questions from Peter Teagle's book, 'Is Christianity a Western religion?' Please pray for the team to connect well with the international students.

Please pray for a number of international students who have expressed an interest in joining a Bible study but have yet to attend or make a commitment. As the academic year ends we are planning several social events. Please pray that they run smoothly and there are opportunities to share our faith.

Antoine Thenin and Tim Stanyon

Week 3 20th June

Dublin and Guildford

Pray for Andrew Morrow and Heledd Job as they lead and coordinate the Dublin International Outreach over June 24th – July 9th. Pray there would be unity amongst the team and a love for Jesus that is infectious. Pray that the international students who come are welcomed well and are drawn to Jesus through what they experience.

Please pray for Guildford's residential trip to the Isle of Wight this week, for deep friendships to be formed and a great response to the Gospel.

Heledd Job and Phil Duncalfe

Week 4 27th June

Durham and Belfast

Give thanks for the re-starting of the English conversation class. Please pray for those attending, that they would feel accepted and welcomed. Pray for all the different outreach cafés across the city, that these groups would have wisdom in how they reach out and build consistent numbers at their events.

Please pray for students applying for visas to work in the UK after graduation, that we can support them through this process and offer guidance through our Life After Graduation events.

Tom Hudson and Kim Becker

Week 5 4th July

Reading and Leicester

We have managed to link up several African students with Local Link hosts. Please pray for deep conversations and good, long-lasting friendships and for David as he co-leads the first fortnight of the Cambridge International Outreach in July.

Our summer café in Leicester for pre-sessional students, many of whom are Chinese, starts on 18th July. Pray that universities will recommend our activities to students, so we can reach more Chinese students.

David Hubbard, Ruth Duffin and Penny Wang

Summer Programme

Week 6 11th July

Manchester and Exeter

The Manchester International Outreach takes place on 2nd – 16th July. Pray that the team will be able to welcome and share the Gospel with many of the new international students arriving for pre-sessional courses. Pray as well for the church's summer outreach programme.

We will be running a Conversation Café in Exeter over the summer, to give students the chance to practise their conversation skills. Pray that we can build meaningful friendships with those who come, and that we'll be wise about sharing our faith.

Graham Stockton and Helen Morrissey

Week 7 18th July

Coventry

Please pray for Catherine Ayre and Abigail Pearce as they settle into the work. Pray that the café, weekly walk and one-off events will be an encouragement to outgoing students. Pray for Coventry and Warwick CUs as they plan pre-sessional and summer programmes with inexperienced committees.

Abigail Pearce (née Kawell)

Week 8 25th July

Southampton, Winchester and Aberdeen

Give thanks for students from the Middle East and North Africa who have engaged with us recently. Please pray for opportunities to build friendships with these students and that we can partner again with the Students' Union to host students taking pre-sessional English courses. Praise God that our day trip programme has been a success. Over the summer, we're starting a dinner club that we hope will allow us to deepen friendships and talk about faith as we share food together. Please pray that we find volunteers for this programme.

Susan Caddy and Bethany Marsh

Week 9
1st Aug

Norwich

Norwich is holding its first ever summer outreach this month.

Pray for Julia, as she leads the team, for the right people to join the team and for opportunities to make good contact with international students as soon as they arrive in Norwich. Pray as well for students in Norwich from countries where there is conflict and war. Pray for peace and safety for their families, that their hearts won't be hardened to the Gospel.

Raquel Medina and Julia Trarbach

Hard to Reach

Week 10
8th Aug

Pray for Rachel Chard as she develops FI's Hard-to-Reach strategy for the next academic year. Pray for international

students who may be returning to difficult situations, in places that are hostile to Christianity. Please pray for the Lord's protection of them on body, mind and spirit and the provision of Christian friends.

Rachel Chard, Head of Hard to Reach

Week 11
15th Aug

London

We are seeing a large number of Indian students come to

study in London. Please pray for creativity as we seek to engage with them. Pray for international cafés in London as they reach out.

Kirsten Wynn

Week 12
22nd Aug

Dundee

Pray for Malaysian Hindu, I*, who we met recently after the 'Tell Me About Easter' evangelistic event, as well as J*, a new Christian student who recently went back to China and D*, a Chinese seeker who came with us to Word Alive, who has moved to Sheffield. Please pray for enough volunteers and opportunities to share the Gospel with them.

Charis Chi

Week 13
29th Aug

Nottingham

Pray that relationships with students from the Middle East and Europe would deepen especially with host families over the summer. Pray especially for one Saudi family we know. We praise God for an Iraqi postgrad family that have engaged with one of our cafés this year. Pray students and volunteers would enjoy spending time together at the summer picnics and Bible studies.

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