

VINESONG

presents

'Living Waters' Concert

Come for an evening of worship
with Pastor John Watson and the Vinesong Ministries

at

St Helen Christian Life Centre,
Atherton Street, St Helens, WA10 2DT

Saturday 17th March, 2012

Time: 7.00pm

Hosted by RCCG Redemption House in collaboration with CLC.

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Angela Rigby writes...

Hello, brothers and sisters in Christ. As some of you know, I listen to podcasts of preachers and Biblical scholars from around the world, from various backgrounds. I do this to learn more about God's Word, but also to keep an ear out for what God is telling His people. Even though I test what the vicar says with scripture, I believe that when a vicar prepares a sermon or Bible study that God will use that vicar to speak to His people. So when I hear the same message coming through from different speakers, from different denominations, from around the world – I pay attention.

The message I keep hearing is this – this exact phrase:

“We are not fighting for victory. We are fighting from victory.”

I believe God is trying to change the perception of His people. Jesus won the victory on the cross. He defeated death and sin. Christ declared, “It is finished.” Through Him, we are victorious. *“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (1 Corinthians 15:57)

I pray for a renewing of our minds. Paul writes in Romans 12:1-2: *“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. **Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.** Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

Today is the day to have your mind renewed, refocused on God’s ways.
2012 is a year for the Church to challenge the patterns of this world.

SHINE began with one purpose – to see a Christ-centred St Helens. The Trust Board over the years has adopted different ways of encouraging that, but the hope remains the same. As my friend often says, we want to see Jesus lifted high, we want to hear His name spoken from everyone’s lips, we want people gossiping God, telling others the great things God is doing!

But the world wants us quiet. The world wants us to believe that the Church is diminishing. The world wants us to look at the empty chairs and pews on a Sunday morning and tells us that people don’t want to know about Jesus any more. The world has its perception of things, but that is not God’s perception of things. John 1:5 tells us *“The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”* We are the light of the world, and the world

is not always going to understand what we are doing. For that reason, the Church needs to focus clearly on what God is saying and obediently do what God says.

2012 brings many opportunities to come together as One Church in St Helens and with Christians from around the UK. I hope you will prayerfully consider each one and attend the ones God calls you to. (There are too many to attend them all!) I will do my best to keep you informed. I am relying on church leaders and SHINE representatives from each church to pass information from emails along. If that is you, I am thanking you in advance for your help in passing information along. It is important that God's people come together, to seek God in unity and to hear what He is saying to His people.

The ecumenical opportunities that I know of as of going to print are:

In St Helens

- ◆ **SHINE Prayer Meetings** – Mondays 6 February, 5 March, and 16 April from 10:30am – noon in the St Helens Parish Church Chapel. We are an informal group from different backgrounds – Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, URC and Pentecostal – and respect many prayer styles. You can pray out loud or quietly in your heart. Come along and let us pray in agreement with you for what you would like to see God do in this Borough and in your church and community. Come pray with us for a Christ-centred St Helens.
- ◆ **Prayer School** – I attended this in Liverpool and found it such a blessing. Thank you to Sue Sinclair and the Wells Team for bringing this to St Helens. Even if you can only attend one session, please come along if you can. Please see the flyer enclosed with this prayer diary for more information.
- ◆ **Live at 7** – New vibrant Sunday evening worship service at the St Helens Parish Church, meeting monthly at 7pm. Meeting on Sundays 19 February and 18 March. Open to all.
- ◆ **The Hudson Taylors in Concert** – St Andrews Church, Dentons Green Lane, St Helens. Thursday 23 February 2012 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 available from Rev Colin Smith (Tel: 01744 453681)
- ◆ **Unblock the Wells of Revival in St Helens** – Prayer Meetings being led by the Wells Team on:
Monday 27 February at Nutgrove Methodist School at 7.30pm and on Monday 26 March at St Helens CLC at 7.30pm

- ◆ **Vinesong presents “Living Waters” Concert** at St Helens Christian Life Centre on Saturday 17 March at 7:00pm. Hosted by Redeemed Christian Church of God, Redemption House in collaboration with CLC. Contact: 01744 617148 for more information.

A bit further afield

- ◆ **Worship Central “Spirit Break Out Tour”** – Wednesday 8 February at Audacious Church, Manchester. Telephone 02070 520440 for more information and tickets.
- ◆ **27 Million Tour with Matt Redman & LZ7** – Supporting the A21 Campaign to stop human trafficking. Friday 24 February 7:30pm at Audacious Church in Manchester. Contact The Message Trust for ticket and event information on 0161 946 2300.
- ◆ **The Big PUSH** – opportunity to worship God and pray alongside Christians from across Merseyside. Saturday 18 February and Saturday 17 March, 9.30am to 1pm at The Hope Centre, Aintree Lane, Aintree, Liverpool, L10 2JD.

And advance notice for the summer

- ◆ **The Lion’s Roar for England** – Saturday 2 June, 10am-4pm at Birmingham Christian Centre. Free admission. “This will include prophetic revelation, worship and intercession.” Please contact SHINE office for more information.
- ◆ **St Helens 7:14** – After testimonies from December’s 7:14 hour of global prayer, the organizers are looking to hold another 7:14 this summer, date to be confirmed. Please pray more towns and cities take part.

This prayer diary is slightly different yet again. I am trying something different in response to some feedback I have had. Also in this prayer diary, you will find names of schools to pray for each day. I have incorporated the Seedling Trust prayer diary into this prayer diary, to assist those who pray daily for the Seedling Trust.

God bless you and thank you for praying with us for a Christ-centred St. Helens.

Angela
SHINE Administrator

Unblocking the Wells of Salvation in St Helens

Next meetings:

Monday 27 February
Nutgrove Methodist School
Govett Road

Monday 26 March
St. Helens Christian Life Centre



For more details contact either: Dave & Sue Hanratty 01744 732910
Mike & Rebecca Balmford 01744 757275

Sunday 29 January – Saturday 4 February

“After he had said this, he went on to tell them, ‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.’” (John 11:11)

All who knew Lazarus thought he was dead, but Jesus knew the truth. Although Lazarus’ body had in fact died, through Christ there is new life. In Him we live.

As Peter writes in 1 Peter 1:3-4: *“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you...”*

29 January – Father God, move through Your body in St Helens. Wake the parts of the body that have fallen asleep. Mobilise the stiff joints. Heal the parts suffering with illness. Sooth any pain. Pump Your life, Father, throughout Your body in St. Helens. Breathe life into us. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

30 January – Pray for Christian organisations that help the more vulnerable people and families in our community. Pray for The Hope Centre, The Storehouse, The

Salvation Army, the Tango centres, the Christian Against Poverty centres, the St Vincent de Paul Society, and the YMCA. Pray for their gathering today. May it be a time of encouragement and fellowship for those who lead these organisations.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Oakdene Primary School, St Bartholemews Primary School, and Parish Good News Club.

31 January – Pray for Earlestown Baptist Church and the links they have with Bryn Christian Fellowship and Garswood Fellowship. “A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” (Ecclesiastes 4:12) Pray for this three chord strand of churches as they consider a march of witness and other joint meetings to glorify God.

Seedlings Trust – Pray also for St Ann’s Primary School (Rainhill).

1 February – Pray for the Church of England Parr Team Ministry – St Philip’s, Holy Trinity, St Peter’s and St Paul’s Blackbrook. Pray for the visit from students at Capernwray bible college. Pray also for a ten day mission at the end of February. Pray God is preparing peoples’ hearts in Parr now.

Seedlings Trust – Pray also for St Philips Good News Club.

2 February – Pray for the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Reverend Patrick A. Kelly as he does Pastoral Visitations of parishes in the Pastoral Areas of St Helens in 2012. Pray for the Mass with Anointing of the Sick at St Anne and Blessed Dominic in Sutton on 11 February at 2.30pm. Pray for the visits at St Anne and Blessed Dominic in Sutton and St Vincent de Paul in Parr on the 11 and 12 February.

Seedlings Trust – Eccleston Mere and Willow Tree Primary Schools

3 February – Please pray in agreement with the Saints Chaplains. Pray for the repairs to the recent storm/wind damage to the new Stadium and the increasing use of the Stadium for matches and other events. Pray for the new Superleague season that is beginning. Pray for the new team members as they settle in and for all players and coaching staff – and their families, especially those far from home.

Seedlings Trust – Willow Tree and Legh Vale Primary Schools

4 February – Pray for the Methodist Churches as changes are made to how they are organised. Pray for the Sankey Valley Methodist Circuit, for its leaders and for the churches. Pray for the churches and leaders that have difficult decisions to make.



SHINE Prayer Meetings

Monday 6th February

Monday 5th March

Monday 16th April

From 10.30am – 12noon

St. Helens Parish Church Chapel



Sunday 5 – Saturday 11 February

“...Jesus called in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Take off the grave clothes and let him go.’” (John 11:43-44)

In worldly terms, Lazarus was dead, his hands and feet bound. Yet Jesus told him “Come out!” He ordered the linen wrapped around Lazarus’ hands and feet be removed, enabling Lazarus to use them again to glorify God.

When Jesus looked upon Lazarus, he saw past death and saw life. Jesus didn’t just say the words *“I am the resurrection and the life.”* (John 11:25) Jesus demonstrated it, showed the people by bringing Lazarus back from the dead.

5 February – Thank you, God, for calling us out, for freeing our hands and feet to do the work You have prepared for us in advance to do. (Ephesians 2:10) Father, the world would quite happily desensitise us to suffering. We ask you to keep stirring our hearts for what is breaking yours. Give us wisdom and discernment to act in your power and authority. Amen.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Paul Caine as he speaks to newly ordained Church of England ministers about Children’s work.

6 February – Pray for the SHINE Trust Board as they meet today, and pray for the SHINE prayer meeting at the St Helens Parish Church Chapel today at 10:30am.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Parish Good News Club.

7 February – Pray for Sue Sinclair and the CWM team as they prepare to lead the Prayer School starting tonight. Pray that many will come along to be encouraged, inspired and activated.

Seedling Trust – Pray for Parish Praise on Sunday.

8 February – Pray for the worship leaders in our Borough. Those who sing or play an instrument to lead us in worship and into God’s presence. Give thanks for the work of Tim Hughes and the Worship Central team to encourage and inspire worship leaders. Give thanks also for workshops and gatherings led by Heart Note Ministries and the Billinge Family Church to bring local worship leaders together.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Nutgrove Primary School and St Philips Good News Club.

9 February – Pray for church leaders – vicars, curates, priests, deacons, pastors, lay readers and lay preachers. Pray they proclaim Christ boldly, *“admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that they may present everyone fully mature in Christ.”* (Colossians 1:28)

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Eccleston Mere and Willow Tree Primary Schools.

10 February – Pray for the outreach that Christian musicians Chip K and MaLoKai have done in schools this week, including Haydock. Pray God’s blessing over those schools. Pray for the young people who attend “SPACE” at Frontline Church in Liverpool tonight. Pray the young people choose Jesus.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Willow Tree and Legh Vale Primary schools.

11 February – Pray for St Pauls Blackbrook.

- ◆ For the Messy Church, its leaders and families who come.
- ◆ For the development of a new Shared Ministry Team, choosing the right people.
- ◆ For the preschool playgroup meeting every morning.
- ◆ For the witness of all the groups that meet during the week in their building.
- ◆ For church members coping with illness and bereavement.
- ◆ For links with Ashurst School assemblies and the lunchtime club ran by church members.

Church Prayer Requests

One of the goals of SHINE is to get churches to meet and pray for one another. As you will have noticed – we do put individual church prayer requests into this diary so that we can pray for each other.

In particular – if there are any specific events which your church is organising and you’d like pray for that event – then please e-mail us at office@shine.org.uk. The next prayer diary is our April/May edition – please e-mail us your prayer requests by **Friday 24 February**.

Sunday 12 – Saturday 18 February

“On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, ‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7:37-38)

Pastor Olu Akinsanmi of RCCG Redemption House writes...

Rivers of Living Waters

It was His eternal love and compassion for the people that made HIM cry out. Jesus knew the degradation of their hearts and hopelessness of their situations at the most crucial period – the great day of the feast. He knew also the antidote for a joyful life was the pre-eminence of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. The feasting period has been on for over 2000 years now since the manifested presence of the Holy Spirit, yet the world is either ignorant or un-interested. The church of our Lord Jesus Christ has great responsibility to cry out to everyone so thirsty to come and drink the living water from the spring of life.

Let the Church cry out for the world to hear and many to come. How? Well, let the brethren present their bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. Paul clearly admonished the brethren *“...do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds”* Romans 12:1-2. The thrust of an effective outreach in the world today would be to deliver the contrast between the church and the world:

1. Let brethren be united in common purpose with Christ Jesus, so that God can command his blessings on the people and the land. *“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity....”* (Psalm 133:1-3).
2. Love and joy be perfected, just as Christ admonished his disciples to love one another as He loved us. *“...Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends”* (John 15:13-15).
3. Let truth and grace abound, because therein lie the glory that we all received. (John 1:14-16).

Would the world still listen? Christ has warned that if the world hates us, it is normal! John 15:18-19. The truth is that *“let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven”*. (Matt 5:16). The church should be ready to present the truth of the kingdom of God to the world and the gate of hell would be in distress. Jesus commended Peter when he declared the truth by revelation. *“...on this rock I will build My Church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it”* (Matthew 16:16-19).

Conclusion:

The world would see Christ when the brethren dwell together in unity, walking in the light and righteousness of God. God's blessing would manifest with flowing of rivers of living waters into every home and our communities. Let us pray for peace and unity among the brethren, working together to lift Jesus higher in this perverse generation. The light of His glory will shine brighter and brighter unto a perfect day.

12 February – Let us give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light and pray for the unity of the body of Christ in St Helens.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Parish Praise.

13 February – Let us pray for the heart of the youths be turned back to the Lord.
“Remember now your creator in the days of thy youth, before the difficult days come, and years draw near when you say, ‘I have no pleasure in them’”
Ecclesiastes 12:1.

14 February – Let us join Pastor Olu in praying for “the life-transforming presence of God during the musical outreach of Vinesong to St Helens in March. Pray that God will visit our homes with new songs of rejoicing.”

15 February – We pray for the Town Centre Fellowship and all of the churches in the town centre: Christian Life Centre, the Salvation Army Hostel, Barton Street Mission, Bethel Mission, St Helens Baptist Church, Wesley Methodist Church, Holy Cross and St Mary's Lowe House, St Helens United Reformed Church (Ormskirk Street), St Helens Parish Church, St Mark's North Road, St Thomas' Eccleston, and Overcomers Pentecostal Assembly.

16 February – Pray for the Messy Churches and Café Churches held across the Borough. Pray for the Messy Churches at Thatto Heath Primary School and Famlegh First at Legh Vale Primary School.

17 February – Pray for the induction of the new minister at Christ Church URC in Haydock. Please pray for God's blessings upon Rev Bill Burgess and his wife Jane. In this time of transition, pray for new friends at Wycliffe URC in Warrington and for continued friendship with Haresfinch URC.

18 February – Pray for the churches in Newton-le-Willows: All Saints C of E Church, Emmanuel Church Wargrave, Newton Christian Fellowship, St David's RC Church, St Patrick's RC Church, St John's C of E Church, St Peter's C of E Church, St Mary and St John RC Church, and Newton Methodist Church.

Sunday 19 – Saturday 25 February

“The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.” Proverbs 28:1

Criminal gangs prey on the weak, but we pray *for* the weak. We are the righteous people of a powerful, living God. As James 5:16 says, *“the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”* Our God makes the weak strong.

The prayer resources for this week are taken from the prayer guide found on the A21 Campaign’s website: www.thea21campaign.org

Human Trafficking... [def.] the movement of individuals, with the primary purpose of forced servitude or sexual slavery.

Today, an estimated 27 million people are held in slavery, with statistics estimating that 99% of these victims are never rescued. Trafficking in women is the second largest global organized crime, and in some cases girls are forced to service as many as 40 men a day.

It is easy to be overwhelmed by the issue of human trafficking and think that we cannot make a difference. But do not forget that each one of us has at our disposal the most powerful weapon of warfare – and that is prayer.

“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.” (Matthew 18:18-19 NKJV)

Let’s make a commitment to stand together in prayer.

19 February – Pray for the victims.

- ◆ For their strength and salvation.
- ◆ For their protection, freedom and justice.
- ◆ For their hope and healing. Give thanks for organizations that support the victims and campaign for their freedom.

SHINE Prayers – Pray for “Live at 7” this evening at the St Helens Parish Church.

20 February – Pray for the traffickers.

- ◆ For conviction, repentance and salvation.
- ◆ For criminal networks to be dismantled.
- ◆ For the oppressors to be arrested and prosecuted.

SHINE Prayers – Pray for church leaders as they meet today to pray and seek God together for the Borough of St Helens.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Queens Park Primary School and Parish Good News Club.

21 February – Pray for the Governments of the world.

- ◆ For corruption to cease.
- ◆ For the implementation of just legislation.
- ◆ For discernment in forming alliances.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for St Aidan’s (Billinge) and Parish Primary Schools.

22 February – Pray against root causes of human trafficking.

- ◆ Pray against poverty.
- ◆ Pray against greed.
- ◆ Pray against prejudice.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for St Philips and St James Primary Schools. Pray also for St Philips Good News Club.

23 February – Pray for increased global awareness.

- ◆ That the reality of trafficking is unveiled.
- ◆ For strategies to raise awareness.
- ◆ For people to be stirred into action.

SHINE Prayers – Pray for the Hudson Taylors Concert tonight at St Andrew’s Church.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Eccleston Mere and Willow Tree Primary Schools.

24 February – Pray for the church.

- ◆ For the church to prevail.
- ◆ For advocates and labourers to emerge.
- ◆ To unite against injustice.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Willow Tree and Legh Vale Primary Schools.

25 February – Pray for the Matt Redman song featuring LZ7 called “27 Million” that will be available to buy or download on iTunes on the 27 February. Pray that the mainstream media plays the song and that peoples’ hearts are stirred into action. Pray that people become aware of the problem. Pray that those in bondage are freed.

Sunday 26 February – Saturday 3 March

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.” (Mathew 5:14)

Do you know Jesus?
Then, that’s you, my friend.
You are the light of the world.
Not your denomination.
Not your church.

Not your friends Margaret and John, as lovely as they are.
Not your vicar or your priest, as powerful of a preacher he or she may be.

YOU!

You are the light of the world.
So courageously and boldly shine with joy, hope and love in our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ.

26 February – Pray for increased awareness of how mighty our God is. May our confidence not be in who we are, but in whose we are.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Stas4all (Billinge)

27 February – Pray for the Unblocking the Wells of Revival Prayer meeting today at Nutgrove Methodist School at 7.30pm. Pray for Nutgrove Methodist School.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Legh Vale Primary School and Parish Good News Club

28 February – Praying with the Saints Chaplains. Pray for the Administrative and Events staff and the Community Foundation team as they settle into the new stadium. Pray for Gaz Tracey and Paul Day as Chaplains as they seek the best pattern of visits and support for the Club in the new environment. Much of what they do will continue as before. They add: “We are blessed with a real sense that we are now an integral part of the set-up. Please pray for continued favour and wisdom for the next steps in our ministry within the Club.”

Seedlings Trust – Pray for St Anns (Rainhill)

29 February – Thank you for the extra day this year to worship you, Lord! *“Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.”* (Psalm 84.10)

Seedlings Trust – Pray for St Philips Good News Club

1 March – Pray for Youth Aflame. Pray for the team: Joe, Craig, Helen and Gill. Give thanks for God’s blessings.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Eccleston Mere and Willow Tree Primary Schools.

2 March – For Youth Aflame, pray for supernatural wisdom as they move towards supporting, discipling, and sharing Jesus with a quickly developing community of young people.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Willow Tree and Legh Vale Primary Schools.

3 March – For Youth Aflame, pray for God’s favour with venues for upcoming events and God’s provision of funding.

More Prayer Labourers needed:

Did you know that over 600 copies of SHINE Prayer Focus are distributed every two months? We know that maybe not every copy will be used every day, but it is still a staggering thought that so many people are uniting in prayer across the town around the same objective of a Christ centred



St. Helens. If you know of others who have a commitment to praying for the transformation of St. Helens, why not give them a copy? Phone the office and ask Angela to send you an extra one today.



Sunday 4 – Saturday 10 March

“My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (Colossians 2:2-3)

4 March – Pray for West Street Independent Methodist Church. Today is their rededication service. The year ahead is going to be a challenging one for all its members as they look in depth at the way they serve the Lord in their services and work in the community. Pray for guidance, wisdom and strength for leaders and for all members.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Sutton Village Church

5 March – Pray for the SHINE Prayer meeting today at the St Helens Parish Church in the Chapel. Meeting 10:30 – noon. Pray people will come and seek God together for this Borough.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Queens Park Primary School and Parish GNC.

6 March – Pray for a Mayor’s Charity Appeal Service being planned for 10:45am on Sunday 25th March 2012 at Christ Church URC in Haydock in support of the Mayor’s charity effort for “Dementia.” Pray that partner organisations such as the Police, Fire Service and Council officers will take part. All are invited.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for St Aidans (Billinge) and Parish primary schools.

7 March – Pray for St Helens College. Paul Johnson writes: “Our new Principal, Dr Jette Burford, took the reins of the College on 11th January. She comes, with glowing references, from Hugh Baird College in Bootle. It was very encouraging to receive a phone call from the Chaplain at Hugh Baird to say that Jette is a strong supporter of Chaplaincy and is passionate about holding a holistic view of students and staff – looking after the spiritual needs alongside the physical. Please pray that she feels at home very quickly and that she will make good decisions for the future of the College. Please pray also for Pat Bacon, who retired at the end of 2011. Please pray that she will enjoy a long and happy retirement.”

Seedlings Trust – Pray for St Philips Primary School (assembly and Good News Club)

8 March – The Chaplaincy Team at St Helens College is looking to establish a regular lunchtime walk around session, where face to face contact is increased with staff and students. Please pray that this will open doors for support and discussions, where people can be encouraged. Please pray for Paul and Craig as they experiment with this technique. Pray that people will be happy to talk and that it will help people along their personal journey of faith.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Eccleston Mere and Willow Tree Primary Schools.

9 March – Please pray for ‘Network’. This is an online Christian Union group that we are looking to establish properly in 2012. Please pray that it will be another tool that will encourage staff and students in their faith, alongside being a welcome addition to the support services that are on offer.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Willow Tree and Legh Vale Primary Schools.

10 March – Pray for those in further education. Pray for companies to be drawn to St. Helens that will bring good jobs. Pray for entrepreneurs to start new businesses within St. Helens that will encourage and inspire.



Sunday 11 – Saturday 17 March

“I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” (Jeremiah 29:11)

This week we pray for the Town and for the St Helens Council.

11 March – Today we join Carole Hudson, Chief Executive of the Council, in praying for all people who are seeking work. Pray that they may be rewarded with meaningful employment.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Parish Praise

12 March – Today we join Carole Hudson, Chief Executive of the Council, in praying for the young people of the Borough who are unemployed. Pray God gives them hope for the future and strength to keep searching.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Oakdene / St Bartholemews / Parish GNC

13 March – Pray for our Council leaders as they consider how best to address the financial difficulties this town will face next year. Pray God gives them the right plan for His purposes in this Borough. (Deuteronomy 28:12)

Seedlings Trust – Pray for St Anns (Rainhill)

14 March – Thank God for Councillor Eric Smith’s work with Children and Young People Services. Pray for God’s blessing and guidance as he moves into his new role “Culture.” Pray for Councillor Barrie Grunewald who will take over the Children and Young People Services portfolio.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Nutgrove / St Philips GNC

15 March – Pray for the Local Strategic Partnerships and the Faith representatives. Please pray for the following people and the groups as a whole within the Council as they make strategic decisions regarding our area.

- ◆ Children and Young People – Mike Balmford
- ◆ Crime and Disorder Reduction – Pastor Paul Cliff
- ◆ Healthier Communities and Older People – Rev John Draycott
- ◆ Communities and Neighbourhoods – Angela Metcalfe
- ◆ Economic Development and Enterprise – Richard Bennett

If you have any information or questions for these faith representatives, you may contact them through the SHINE office.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Eccleston Mere / Willow Tree

16 March – Pray for wisdom and discernment as our leaders in Westminster make decisions that impact our Local Authority. Pray that the budgets adopted by Government both local and national will be just and examples of good stewardship of finances.

Seedlings Trust – Pray for Willow Tree / Legh Vale

17 March – Pray for the Big PUSH prayer meeting today in Liverpool, led by Sue Sinclair and her team. Pray also for Vinesong’s “Living Waters” Concert at St Helens Christian Life Centre tonight at 7:00pm.

Funding SHINE

The SHINE Prayer Focus is free to a good home! But people sometimes ask if they can help cover the costs, or contribute to running the Office. If you want to help fund SHINE, gifts are always appreciated. Please send a cheque made out to SHINE to the address on page 20.

[Please note: If you are a taxpayer, SHINE can benefit as a charity. Please call the office for details.]

Sunday 18 – Saturday 24 March

“Then will I purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him shoulder to shoulder.” (Zephaniah 3:9)

What a picture of unity! Standing shoulder to shoulder, serving God.

Rev Frank Hinds of The Unit writes...

The Unit is an interdenominational youth church, spanning St. Helens and Wigan, which aims to provide a place of worship, service and mission for the young people of this area. Our strap line is “Get Connected, Get Equipped, Go to Serve,” and we aim to fulfil just that, to be a place of unity and connection, a place of spiritual equipping, and a launch pad for service in local churches, schools, homes and places of leisure.

We meet for a monthly worship gathering that is run by young people (guided and mentored by youth leaders), that currently rotates around three churches in the area, and meets on the first Friday of each month. We are always keen to involve as many leaders and young people as possible who share our passion and values, so if you are interested, please get in touch!!

- 18 March** – Please pray for the Unit’s new and evolving group of young leaders, as they take over from those that have moved on to university. Pray also for “Live at 7” tonight at the St Helens Parish Church.
- 19 March** – Pray for the church leaders who are meeting today to pray and seek God for the Borough.
- Seedlings Trust** – Pray for Queens Park / Parish GNC
- 20 March** – Pray for the Unit’s leadership team as they plan the Unit’s medium-term future, that they might clearly hear God’s voice.
- Seedlings Trust** – Pray for St Aidans (Billinge) / Parish
- 21 March** – Pray for our young people who attempt to live Christian lives in difficult environments, for courage in witness and conviction in their discipleship.
- Seedlings Trust** – Pray for St Philips / St James / St Philips GNC
- 22 March** – Pray for Christians in high schools and colleges. A recent young lad described his experience of being a Christian in high school as “being persecuted.” Pray God’s protection for our young people, for an increased faith, and for blessing. May others see what they have and want to know Jesus.
- Seedlings Trust** – Pray for Eccleston Mere / Willow Tree
- 23 March** – Pray for the Unblocking the Wells of Revival prayer meeting at 7:30pm on Monday 26 March at the St Helens Christian Life centre.
- Seedlings Trust** – Pray for Willow Tree / Legh Vale
- 24 March** – Pray for the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Reverend Patrick A Kelly as he continues to visit St Helens. Pray for the Service of Reconciliation for St Monica’s Pastoral area at St Teresa of Avila, Devon Street on the 27 March at 7:30pm. Pray also for the Service of Reconciliation for Blessed Thomas Holland Pastoral Area at Lowe House on 28 March at 7:30pm.



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