

SUNDAY – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY

- Philip Mountstephen, executive leader of CMS, has just been appointed as the new Bishop of Truro. Please pray for him in this new role. Pray also for Debbie James in her role as interim executive leader.
- Rachel Ullmer's mother died in November last year. Rachel was over in the UK during December and has now returned to Pakistan. Please pray for Rachel and the whole family at this difficult time.
- Please pray for all the volunteers and Alexei Nemchenko working with the outcasts of society at the Aviv Centre in Lebanon.

MONDAY – CATHERINE LEE

- Please pray for safe travelling as Catherine continues to visit her link churches during her remaining time in the UK. Pray that Catherine's visits will strengthen her links with all these churches.
- Catherine returns to Taiwan in February. Please pray that she will quickly pick up the threads of her work especially at St John's University and working in Bishop David Lai's office. Pray also for the renewal of her long-standing friendships in Taiwan.
- Pray for Taiwan – that God will open people's hearts and minds and that the Church's many expressions of outreach would bear fruit. Taiwan has only a small Christian population and so it is important that people feel encouraged to carry out their evangelism.

TUESDAY – THE CHILDREN’S SOCIETY

Mission Focus services in support of The Children’s Society will take place on Sunday 20th January at St Luke’s and St Michael’s.

- Following the Christingle services at St Luke’s and St Michael’s in December, please pray for a generous response to our support for The Children’s Society. Pray also that more people will consider taking a Children’s Society box so that they can support vulnerable children and young people throughout the year.
- Angela was sexually abused from the age of eight. Now, thanks to the work of The Children’s Society, she can look forward to a future that is free from fear. Sadly, there are thousands like Angela. Please pray for them and for those who want to support them and have to listen to their traumatic stories.
- In January Matthew Reed will be leaving The Children’s Society as its Chief Executive to move to a similar post with Marie Curie. Please pray for him and for person who will be appointed to replace him.

WEDNESDAY – CHRISTIAN AID

- Please pray for Christian Aid’s local partners working with millions of refugees, especially Syrian refugees, in Lebanon. Give thanks that the Lebanese and Jordanian governments have taken in so many refugees.
- The need to sustain peace in Colombia has never been greater – with worrying reports of the murder of 226 social leaders and civil rights defenders during 2018. Please pray for Christian Aid’s work in supporting peacemakers and conciliators.
- The Big Shift is a Christian Aid campaign to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by persuading organisations to move money out of investments which rely heavily on fossil fuels. The Climate Change Conference last December highlighted the gravity of the present situation

THURSDAY – KAGERA

Mission Focus services or Kagera will take place on Sunday 10th March at St Luke's and on Sunday 17th March at St Michael's

- Give thanks for Thomas Shavu's autumn trip to the UK. He was able to visit farmers, seed developers, bee keepers, tree specialists and agricultural colleges. He returned to Kagera brimming with ideas.
- Pray for Bishop Darlington's trip to the UK in Feb/March 2019. In addition to his time in Suffolk, he'll be visiting Guernsey, Northern Ireland (Jim McAnlis of **Christianity Explored** – providers of study materials used in Kagera) and London (the **Mugoma Trust** who are building a health centre in Kagera).
- Pray for the work in the northern district of Karagwe where there is great need as well as great potential. This work started with re-assigning pastors to parishes where their skills would be best used. Pray that the pastors will quickly settle into their new parishes and that the Lord will bless this initiative.
- Pray for Chris and Anji Dawkins, our Kagera Link Co-ordinators, as they think about and prepare for the 2019 Kagera Lent Appeal. Give thanks for their enthusiasm and creativity.

FRIDAY – RUKUNGIRI

- “ What a privilege to be part of making a difference to a child's life.” So speaks one of the many sponsors of children at Rukungiri Modern Primary School. But more sponsors are still needed. Are you one of those folks who have thought about it but never quite got around to doing anything about it? If you would like to find out more please speak to Doreen or Keith.
- Give thanks for the new borehole which has been dug near the farm school. This will provide clean water both for the school and for the local community.

- Devastating hail recently destroyed many banana trees and other crops on the farmland. However, re-planting work is going ahead and much of this is being carried out with the help of refugees from some of the worst affected areas. By this means they are able to earn money to help their families recover from the disaster. Please pray for them.

SATURDAY – THE BIBLE SOCIETY

- **My Second Chance.** The Bible Society runs this programme in Guatemala, with chaplains in youth detention centres sharing God's love and Bibles with 13-18 year-old boys convicted of violent crimes. Some boys have become Christians and their lives have been transformed. Pray for this work and that it will spread to other countries.
- In Malawi many people earn only £25/month and cannot afford £5 for a Bible. Sunday Schools are full of children and Bible Society distributes free Bibles but there are never enough. Joseph, who gives them out says, "This project could change Malawi. People will get to know God through these Bibles." Please pray and give to the Bible Society, so that no child who wants a Bible misses out.
- Christian Romocea, who leads the International Bible Advocacy Centre, says that young people have "had enough of leaders who talk the talk but don't walk it..... they're passionate about change and want to do good. So we need to show that their values are influenced by Christianity." The Centre is working to see the Bible increasingly discussed, debated and studied at universities around the globe. Please pray for this work.