



# PRAYER FOCUS

*October – December 2018*

# SUGGESTIONS FOR USING PRAYER FOCUS

**If you can only spare a short time praying for CMJ each day**, use the Prayer Window on CMJ. Over the months you will pray several times for each prayer topic. Try to read through the Prayer Focus to inform your prayers.

**If you can spend longer in prayer you could try praying from the Prayer Focus**

- Sunday** *Israel and the Middle East. The Ministries based at Christ Church Jerusalem (Church, Guest House, Heritage Centre, Emmanuel Bookshop, Shoresh Israel - all in Section 2).*
- Monday** *The implementation of CMJ's core values: evangelism, teaching the church about God's purpose for Israel and the Jewish roots of our faith, and reconciliation.*
- Tuesday** *CMJ UK for Alex, the Office staff and Paul and Janey — especially for the Bible Comes To Life exhibition (in section 1).*
- Wednesday** *Beit Bracha and Beit Immanuel (all in section 2).*
- Thursday** *CMJ Israel administration and the Anglican International School Jerusalem (in section 2).*
- Friday** *CMJ UK Community Based Evangelists, deputations by Jane and Rosa, and the former staff members (in section 1).*
- Saturday** *CMJ Worldwide (section 3).*

## SUGGESTIONS FOR CMJ PRAYER GROUPS

Depending on how often you meet you could cover one of each of the four sections of the Prayer Focus each time. Alternatively you could select a couple of the days listed above for each meeting, or you could use the Prayer Window on CMJ and amplify a few sections from the Prayer Focus.

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# EDITORIAL

*“Oh, the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!” Romans 11.33*

Amid great expectancy of a renewed outpouring of the Spirit in the land of revivals, my wife and I were profoundly stirred by a recent visit to Wales. We sat in the Moriah Chapel at Loughor, near Swansea, where the famous Welsh Revival broke out in October 1904, and had a taste of those momentous times as we were guided around the premises by a man whose uncle was a close friend of Evan Roberts, the human instrument used by God as the spark of that great movement affecting much of the world, especially Israel.

I also noted the significance of the Chapel’s name as it was Mt Moriah where Abraham was prepared to offer up his son Isaac as a sacrifice and where, close by, Jesus died for the sins of the world at Calvary.

The experience was part of a conference hosted at the Bible College of Wales, which has itself been mightily used in world mission and was a product of the revival. We enjoyed glorious worship in the same room where legendary intercessor Rees Howells and his students prayed through to victory for Britain and the allies during World War II and later for Israel’s recognition at the United Nations, having also made provision for Jewish children escaping the Nazi net.

A love for Israel at the college was due not only to a proper understanding of the Bible, but also to the fact that Howells owed everything to a Jewish evangelist. For it was in America, where he had gone to seek his fortune, that he committed his life to Christ through Maurice Reuben, who had paid a huge price for following Jesus, being disowned by his wealthy family and denied his part-ownership of a Pittsburgh store. Maurice himself had found the Lord through the witness of a man he had asked if he had been ‘born happy’ – because he always seemed cheerful – to which the man had replied that his happiness only dated from his ‘second birth’.

This reminded me of CMJ’s chief call – the spiritual restoration of Israel – and I was very touched to read about an incident at Jerusalem’s Christ Church guesthouse (reported elsewhere in this edition) that so beautifully reflects this commitment.

An Israeli couple, who stayed the night, were overwhelmed by the kindness they received. Because of their religious observance, the staff knew they would not be able to eat the usual breakfast served, so one of the volunteers bought a kosher meal from a local restaurant and duly presented them next morning with their special breakfast. With tears in their eyes, they thanked the staff for their thoughtfulness, adding that no other hotel not catering for religious Jews had ever done anything like that. When asked why they went to such trouble, several volunteers were able to share about their faith in Messiah and why they choose to serve the Jewish people in Israel. I am so proud of them!

Charles Gardner

# 1. CMJ UK

## ***CMJ UK HQ – CEO Rev Alex Jacob writes:***

I greatly appreciate prayer support for the following ministry events with which I will be involved:

- 13th October: Special event at Stansted House (Sussex) to commemorate and celebrate the ministry of Lewis Way
- 20th-25th October: ministry visit to Jerusalem
- 31st October to 4th November: Bible Come to Life Exhibition at Linton URC (my home congregation)
- 16th to 18th November: CMJ UK Council meets in Bournemouth (when we will be agreeing the 2019 ministry budget)
- 25th-29th November: CMJ International meeting (Israel)
- 9th December: Visit to Christ Church, Cockfosters (home congregation of Tania - Community Based Evangelist (CBE))
- 10th December: Partners in World Mission leaders meeting (London)

In addition to these events, I will appreciate prayer for the following:

- My ongoing work as I lead the CMJ UK staff team – I will be chairing staff meetings on 10th October, 14th November and 19th December
- The growth of the Romans 15:8 network
- Review and future plans for our Community Based Evangelist ministries
- Wider use of the JET course
- Future advocacy writing projects; I am currently working on a follow-up to ‘100 Days with Luke’ (have you got your copies yet?)

## ***CMJ-UK Headquarters – Chief Operations & Finance Officer John Brooks reports:***

UPDATE FROM EAGLE LODGE

- The volunteers were an amazing blessing as they supported the staff team at the Conference. Prayers were certainly answered.
- Bob Goody had a great time delivering his first Youth Conference.
- Conference feedback was a real encouragement to the team.
- We start planning the 2019 Conference at monthly meetings from September, so please pray for this. If you haven't booked yet, details are on the website.
- We have hosted a meeting with the CMJ Israel Board to expand our mutual

understanding of the issues we each face.

- Our next mail-outs will be on 26th September, 31st October and 12th December when all our volunteers and staff have an opportunity to fellowship together in this work.
- Alex & John will be representing CMJ at the CMJ International Conference in Israel in November.
- We have lots of new work going on that we look to the Lord to bless – a promotional video, enhancing our church visitation linked to the giving data and follow-up with the Bible colleges.

#### UPDATE ON FINANCES

- The Spring Appeal generated £13,937, over 10% more than the value in the budget – a real blessing!
- Conference delegates blessed us with £9,255 in the collection.
- Please pray for our budget review commencing in September and being presented to the Finance Committee on 4th October.
- Prayer is also appreciated for the Board of Trustees who meet to consider the budget on 16th & 17th November.
- Donation statements will be sent out for the first time this year and we pray that the response to these will be a blessing for all.
- Please pray for Phil Harris, our Trustee Treasurer, and his ongoing health issues.

#### ***CMJ National Representatives – Paul and Janey Hames write:***

We praise God for the very special and brilliant opportunities we've had over the last few months with the *Bible Comes to Life* exhibition! We've welcomed thousands of schoolchildren, the blind, deaf, atheists (who came back twice), Orthodox Jews, Muslims and backsliders! BCTL is truly a powerful and unique tool for CMJ's work and we've never met anyone who thinks it's a pointless exercise!

#### **BCTL GOES TO HOLYWOOD!**

(In Northern Ireland that is). We have four more BCTLs to complete this year – please pray for the events in:

Llandudno 24th-28th September (Sukkot), Isle of Wight 10th-15th October, Cambridge 31st Oct-4th November, Holywood, Bangor NI, 29th Nov-December 2nd.

We're also visiting three churches who have booked BCTLs for 2019 for a sort of reconnaissance as a way of introducing the work of CMJ before the actual exhibition is held. We've found these visits to be invaluable and a great 'lead-in'

for us when we haven't met them before.

Pray for the churches hosting us, that they get a great response from the schools and other bodies they've invited. They recognise the huge potential for building relationships and for sharing the gospel in a truly unique and interesting way.

Please pray for continued inspiration for us as we write new 'first person' scripts from well-known Bible stories. Pray for our team of volunteers who love to be part of it – we do have so much fun! We're looking to recruit more volunteers in the areas where we put on the exhibitions; they will need the time of course, along with passion for the artefacts, and enjoy dressing up! If you're interested in getting involved, do get in touch with us for a chat. A sense of fun is compulsory!

We exhibited for CMJ at *Creation Fest* in Wadebridge in July – pray that the quality conversations and contacts we had will be fruitful. We did have one very angry man from another Christian ministry verbally attack us for our work – sadly this is not uncommon. Please pray for 'M', that God will open his eyes regarding His purposes for the Jewish people and the Middle East. Please also pray for 'R', a Jewish friend who we see quite regularly at various camps. He's proposed that we consider doing a lecture tour with him around the Jewish communities, using some of our artefacts. This could be a phenomenal opportunity, but it also needs great sensitivity as 'R' is an Israeli government worker! Wise as a serpent, harmless as a dove certainly applies here.

In August we spent five days at UCCF's Forum camp, and what a blessing it was! The first two students we spoke to, J and M, were Jewish believers with unbelieving parents – please pray for their parents' salvation and that the JET DVDs they took will be a great help to them as they reach out to Jewish students on campus. Paul also managed to get a spot on the platform (a rare opportunity) to tell the students about the importance of our work. Pray that they will respond if God calls them to join us. Brothers and sisters, thank you so much for your prayers!

### ***CMJ Community-Based Evangelists***

TANIA, OUR LONDON-BASED CBE, REQUESTS PRAYER FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Ongoing follow-up with contacts from the most recent alternative spirituality event (New Age Fair) outreach, in particular:
- We have followed up with Bible study with one young lady (a City professional) and she heard the gospel again and has gained further understanding. Please pray that she will continue to respond well as we meet with her.
- Pray that I will hear again from another young lady who had a powerful dream about Jesus.

## CONTACTS – A SELECTION OF PRAYER NEEDS:

- A young lady whom I led to faith and have been discipling was baptised earlier this year. Please pray for her as she moves to Manchester this autumn to settle in well at a new church and to meet other Jewish believers.
- An older contact who is terminally ill but taking comfort from mediums – I have shared the gospel with her. Pray for further opportunities at the right time.
- A good response to the appeal for support for CBEs and for the new age fair outreach.
- For a contact who watched Helen Shapiro's testimony DVD with me and heard about the dangers of the occult, but who persists in palmistry etc. I reminded her that Torah forbids this. Her response: "I know but I like it." She has been to church with me and said she felt welcomed and accepted for who she is without judgment. May the Lord grant her repentance and new life.

## PRAY FOR THE NEXT ALTERNATIVE SPIRITUALITY (NEW AGE) OUTREACH TOWARDS THE END OF OCTOBER.

- Pray for Tania as she has taken over leadership of the team – that she will be able to juggle meeting with her existing contacts as well as all the work involved in setting up the event, running it, and following up afterwards in her allotted part-time hours.
- Give thanks for our new administrator – a great answer to prayer!
- For the training and prayer days prior to the event – that they will equip, bless and encourage the team.
- Give thanks for a new person to drive a van to bring equipment and help set up and take down.
- Give thanks for a new volunteer for set-up day.
- Pray for blessing, peace and safety for setup and takedown of the stand.
- Give thanks for gospel partnership with other Israel-related ministries – we have two new team members coming on board.
- Pray for the right new contacts to be made.
- For the right people to visit the stand at the right time and to speak to the right team members.
- For good fellowship and unity among the team.
- And for ongoing good relationship with the organisers.

## ***Head of Development – Jane Moxon writes:***

### **PRAISE GOD:**

- For blessing us with reps who give their time freely
- For Robin and Sue Aldridge who are leading a residential Keshet Course in Shropshire
- For the Aaron Eime tour and reps' training conference

### **PLEASE PRAY:**

- For Idan Pinhas, director of the Heritage Centre at Christ Church, Jerusalem, as he joins me in October
- For Kelvin Crombie's visit to the UK for research on Jewish believers in Yeshua who were murdered in the Holocaust
- For Kelvin as he joins me to speak for a few days afterwards
- For the International Conference in Tel Aviv in November
- For the planned Hanukkah Tour from December 1 - 10, just in time to do your Christmas shopping in Jerusalem – £1,580 + flights.
- And for the planning of meetings and events for next year

## ***Deputations ministry – Rosa Blandford writes:***

- In mid-summer I spoke for CMJ in eleven churches across South Wales – three of them for the first time. Then in late July I set off on a two-week deputation tour of Suffolk and Norfolk, driving nearly 1,100 miles and speaking in nine new churches. It seems that discussions are underway to hold a Bible Comes to Life exhibition at St Stephen's, Norwich. Pray that this comes to fruition.
- Please also pray for my current tour as I shall be speaking twelve times in Wiltshire, Somerset and Gloucestershire from 23rd September to 7th October. I shall also be going to Gillingham Baptist Church, Dorset, on 30th October and Moordown Baptist Church, Bournemouth, on 22nd November.
- Rev Ralph Goldenberg is hosting our Trustees Council meetings in Bournemouth on 16th and 17th November and we would value prayer for God's guidance in all things.
- Please could you also pray for a dear Jewish couple in their mid-90s whom I've known for a long time. They came to the UK separately on Kindertransport, met in their teens and have been married for nearly 74 years. Their health has been good until recently, but they dread death and, although they have heard the gospel, have not yet recognised and put their trust in Jesus, and I am very concerned about them.

*Rosa is a rep who does much for CMJ, and if there are other reps who have events*

*planned for which they would like prayer, please send me the information at least a month before the next Prayer Focus is published via office@cmj.org.uk – Ed.*

### ***Shoresh UK – Mark Madeley writes:***

Please pray for the Shoresh Tour with Ursula Johnston involving 34 people from 21st to 28th October. As always, we are still short of tour leaders. We only have two booked for 2019 – the Lockhart's already have 29 while the Revs Tebbutt and Corke have just four so far.

### ***News of former CMJ staff members – Jessie Axtell reports:***

- **Don Stanley**, former CMJ Israel director, is being readmitted to hospital in Australia for further neurological tests after experiencing more problems on this line, although his general physical health is good. Please pray that he will cope with this (as he doesn't like hospitals) and that the professor in charge will successfully diagnose the causes.
- **Elizabeth Hockenull** (now Bentley), retired and living in Nantwich. She was North-West Regional Adviser of the Birmingham team in the 1980s and assistant to CMJ directors under Walter Riggans. Pray for her caring for her husband Paul.
- **Henry and Thea Knight**, twelve years with CMJ Israel and six with CMJ UK, now retired to Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Pray for Thea following a mild stroke and serious illness, also for daughters Liz and Magz (both with advanced ME).
- **Jack and Marit Garratt**, Stella Carmel June '80 till Aug '83. Retired to Notodden, Norway. Pray for Jack's health and their ministry at the Rock International Church.
- **Tony and Patricia Highton**, Tony a former CMJ general director, Patricia prayer co-ordinator and editor. Retired to Kirkby Stephen. Pray for Tony's research and writing.
- **David and Rosemary Harley**, Ethiopia & UK CMJ Board, vice-president. Retired to Exeter. Pray for involvement in their local church, leading Bible studies, holiday club, trips to the Far East for OMF teaching; and for Rosemary's health.
- **Martha Hirsch**, former nurse, then doctor, in Morocco for 15 years. Retired to Liverpool. Pray for her with an amputated leg in a home.
- **Elizabeth Fieldsend** – We are saddened to record news of the death on August 29th of Elizabeth Fieldsend, wife of former CMJ staff member John. 'Libby' died peacefully at home surrounded by family after a long battle with cancer. A thanksgiving service was held at St Mary's Church, Thame, Oxfordshire, on September 13th and donations went to York House, built when they were

in Bayston Hill, Shropshire. Cheques in her memory should be made out and sent to Livability, 6 Mitre Passage, London SE10 0ER. Though saddened at her passing, we can rejoice that she is with her Lord. Please pray for John at this time.

## 2. ISRAEL

### *CMJ Israel Head Office – led by Garth Gilmour, director*

#### GIVE THANKS:

- For CMJ Israel's participation at the CMJ UK annual conference at High Leigh, and a well-received presentation. It was a special time of renewal and opportunities to interact with the many faithful CMJ supporters in the UK;
- For travel safety to/from the UK of CMJ Israel staff;
- For Daniel Santos' full recovery after an emergency appendectomy during the time of the conference at High Leigh;
- For the appointment of Paul Dilcher who will replace Vida Butterfield as director of the Christ Church Guest House, and of Paul's wife Karin, who will assume the responsibility of Volunteer Coordinator, replacing Dan and Neva Handley. Paul and Karin will take up their new positions in October;
- For Vida Butterfield's faithful service as Guest House director. She and her husband David returned to the UK at the end of their five-year tenure in August. Vida has made improvements to the facilities, invested in professional development for staff, raised the level of food services and continued to increase ministry opportunities. Both Vida and David have been exemplary in their professional service and in their witness as followers of Jesus. They have been a rich blessing to us;
- For Dan and Neva Handley's service as Volunteer Coordinators. They too have been with us for nearly five years and have provided gentle yet firm leadership for our volunteers. Nothing was too much trouble for them, they never seemed to get flustered, and we are grateful for their time with us.
- For the extraordinary favour we have experienced in our property dealings lately; give thanks for breakthroughs in this area, both in regaining control of some properties that had been under protected tenancy conditions for years, and for very appropriate new tenants.

#### PLEASE PRAY:

- For Paul and Karin Dilcher as they prepare to assume their new positions as director and volunteer coordinator respectively;

- For Vida and David Butterfield and for Dan and Neva Handley as they return home;
- For Idan Pinhas' deputation visit to Ireland and the UK in October. May he have safe travels and may the Lord open the hearts of those who will hear his message about what God is doing in Israel today;
- For funds to hire two new much-needed management support staff;
- For God to send us the right people to fill those two positions;
- For our relationships with the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Religious Affairs. We are grateful for the good relations we have established over many years with these two government departments, and particularly for Joy Marshall's ongoing dealings with these offices that play a critical role in providing our staff and volunteers with visas. Pray for the staff in these departments who regularly interact with Joy in this process;
- For safety and good health for our staff, particularly during and after the High Holy Days when tensions can increase;
- For our Christmas celebrations at Christ Church – always a busy time – when thousands of Israelis visit the compound and are keen to hear the Christmas message;
- For Idan, Aaron Eime, the Heritage Centre team and all our staff and volunteers, along with all those who will visit the compound on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day;
- For the CMJ International Conference from 26th - 28th November at Beit Immanuel. Pray for safe travel for all those attending. May it be a time of blessing and encouragement for all involved;
- For the CMJ Israel Board meeting from 28th November - 2nd December. Pray for John Atkinson as he chairs the meetings and for the discussions taking place; also for God's guidance and wisdom where decisions are involved.

### ***Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem:***

Following what CMJ Israel director Garth Gilmour describes as “exemplary” and “professional” service from Vida and David Butterfield over the past five years, Paul and Karin Dilcher are stepping into the role from October – Paul as guesthouse director and Karin as volunteer coordinator.

From Grand Rapids in Michigan, USA, Paul has built a career in the food distribution industry, which will clearly serve him well at Christ Church where a staff of local Arab and Jewish Israelis are supported by a team of volunteers from around the world. The guesthouse has been voted the No 1 Bed & Breakfast establishment in Jerusalem by Trip Advisor. Please pray that Paul and Karin

experience a smooth and easy transition into their new role and that the favour of the Lord will be upon them during their time here.

Dan and Neva Handley, former missionaries with MAF, will also be leaving in October after a number of years of faithful service. They have been invaluable in their service as volunteer coordinators and a great support, often ad hoc, to the guesthouse management team. We wish them well as they return to the US to be with family in welcoming a new grandchild. Pray that they will be richly blessed, and for the favour of the Lord to be with them in their new venture. Please also pray for all the staff and volunteers to adapt smoothly to the change in management; also that Christ Church successfully obtains its business license in 2019, and for the peace of Jerusalem.

We have now completed some much-needed upgrading of the dish-washing area and built new meat and vegetable preparation rooms which serve the dining room. The renovation and furnishing of the salad preparation area are scheduled to begin in August at an estimated cost of \$13,000 for which funds still need to be raised. Once that is completed, the refurbishing of the dining room will begin.

Situated in the same compound as Christ Church, the guesthouse is an integral part of CMJ's hospitality ministry in the Land and remains a special respite for local visitors and pilgrims. It continually strives to provide excellence in quality and standard of service, which have earned it the No 1 rating by Trip Advisor of the 63 listed Jerusalem B & Bs.

Both the dining room and coffee shop are open seven days a week to serve visitors and locals and have become a landmark in the Old City. An Israeli gentleman (and avowed atheist) recently told one of our staff members that the dining room, coffee shop and courtyard are like an "oasis of peace" which he and his wife often visit.

The guesthouse continues to be a blessing to the many local residents and pilgrims who find refuge in the midst of Jerusalem's Old City. One Israeli couple, who stayed the night, were overwhelmed by the kindness they received.

Because of their religious observance, the staff knew they would not be able to eat the usual breakfast served, so one of the volunteers bought a kosher meal from a local restaurant and duly presented them with their special breakfast next morning. With tears in their eyes, they thanked the staff for their thoughtfulness, adding that no other hotel not catering for religious Jews had ever done anything like that. When asked why they went to such trouble, several volunteers were able to share about their faith in Messiah and why they choose to serve the Jewish people in Israel. *(From CMJ Israel Newsletter)*

# PRAYER WINDOW ON CMJ

*October – December 2018*

*“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls, and security within your citadels. For the sake of my brothers and friends, I will say, ‘Peace be within you’..”*

**PSALM 122:6–8**

*“Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.”*

**ROMANS 10:1**

If you can pray every day, this leaflet gives a topic a day for a month, and so you will pray for each topic three times during the quarter. If you can only pray once a week and you pray for five topics each time, you will cover all the topics twice in the quarter.

*To save space abbreviations have been used for CMJ centres in Israel:*

**AISJ** – Anglican International School, Jerusalem

**BB** – Beit Bracha, Migdal, Galilee

**BI** – Beit Immanuel – Immanuel House, Jaffa, Tel Aviv

**CC** – Christ Church, Old City, Jerusalem

Also **BCTL** – Bible Come to Life, mobile exhibition in UK

*The page numbers in brackets are to help those who receive the CMJ Prayer Focus.*

*Please ignore them if you do not – see back page for more information.*

*Before you pray for each of the requests listed below, please*

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

*for all He has done, and is doing in each person, place and situation mentioned.*

1. Pray for all visiting Israel on Shoresh Tours from UK and worldwide that this may be a life changing experience for each one; for tours from UK 21-28 Oct. (Johnson), Hanukkah Tour 1-10 Dec. (Moxon); for bookings for 2019 tours from UK, Australia/NZ, Canada. (9,19)
2. Pray for the life and witness of CC; for David and Carole Pileggi as they lead the congregation; for healing for those with health issues; for the provision of a church secretary. (13)
3. For Martin Weatherstone as he seeks to develop the ministry of CMJ Australia/New Zealand; for Kelvin Crombie’s research and writing. (8,19)

4. Pray for those who use the library at CC; for Aaron Eime's teaching ministry in Israel and abroad. *(14)*
5. Pray for those planning and manning the "Jesus Experience" stall at spirituality events (at end Oct.); follow up from past events; provision for the future. *(6,7)*
6. Pray for Kent and Shawna Splawn at BB; for necessary repairs and renovations; for all guests; for protection from any more earthquakes. *(17)*
7. Pray for Sharon Hayton as she heads up CMJ Canada; for those working with her; for the right person to eventually succeed her. *(19)*
8. Pray for enough volunteers at all CMJ Israel centres, for the provision of visas, and for Joy Marshall as she works on this. *(10,11,15,17)*
9. Pray for those who faithfully support the ministry of CMJ France, that it may continue to raise awareness of Jewish ministry and Israel among Christians in France. *(22)*
10. Pray for CMJ UK Staff meetings on 10 Oct, 14 Nov and 19 Dec; for all who have opportunities to speak for CMJ, and that many who hear will be encouraged to support the ministry in prayer and giving. *(4,8)*
11. Pray for Scott Morgan, new Director of Shoresh Israel in this transition period; pray for the four Shoresh guides and the locating and training of more Shoresh guides. *(17)*
12. Give thanks for the contacts made through CMJ Ireland's presence at several events over the summer; pray that they will bear fruit in increased understanding and support; for the Oct. AGM, and December Bangor BCTL. *(20)*
13. Pray for wisdom and resources for CMJ Israel in maintaining its historic buildings, CC, BI, and AISJ, which attract so many Israeli visitors who hear the gospel as well as the history. *(11,15)*
14. Pray for CMJ South Africa as it continues its ministry of teaching and witness in the face of government anti-Israel policies; for the Jewish community, many of whom are fearful; for the Oct. Roots and Shoots conference. *(18)*
15. Pray for Pedro and Annu Santos at BI, for Daniel *(20)* who has been given permission to remain in Israel; give thanks for the granting of the 2018 Business Licence but pray for the resources to satisfy those demands made before the 2019 Licence is granted. *(15)*
16. Pray for CMJ UK Trustees Board meeting on 16-18 Nov; for finance for all that God wants to do through CMJ; give thanks for generous responses to the Spring Appeal and Conference collection. *(4)*

17. Pray for the new managers of CC Guest House, Paul and Karin Ditcher, for a good transition; for blessing on Vida and David who have finished their term, and on all who come to the Guest House or Coffee Shop. (11)
18. Pray for Daryl Fenton and CMJ USA; for increased funding and a colleague to assist Daryl; for more churches in areas with large Jewish communities to realise their responsibility to love and witness to their neighbours, and receive training to help them do it. (20)
19. Pray for the CC Heritage Centre in this very busy season culminating on Christmas Eve when thousands of Israelis come to CC; that each visitor will leave knowing more about Yeshua (Jesus); that God will use the renewed Heritage display at AISJ. (13)
20. Pray that God will use Alex Jacob, CEO CMJ UK, including ministry in Israel 20-25 Oct.; for Jane Moxon on speaking tours with Idan Pinchas and Kelvin Crombie, and planning 2019 tours. (4,8)
21. Pray for the work of AISJ this term; for the 4 new teachers; for Rosemary Saunders, the Principal, and heads of Pre-school, Elementary and Secondary sections; for Christmas events. (16)
22. Pray for the Community Based Evangelists in the UK, and those they meet; for the development of outreach in the UK. (4,6)
23. Pray for wisdom for Garth Gilmore as he heads up the CMJ Israel team; for those who work in the Jerusalem office, and for the heads of centres and ministries as they meet together. (10)
24. Pray against antisemitism in Britain and elsewhere, and that Christians will speak out. Pray for the security of Israel especially in view of threats from Iran and the proximity of the war in Syria.
25. Pray for the CMJ International Conference at BI 25 - 28 Nov., and the CMJ Israel Board meetings 28 Nov - 2 Dec. chaired by John Atkinson from SA, and for all the preparations beforehand. (4,10)
26. Pray for unity among believers in CMJ centres in Israel, and that politics will not impinge on the ministry, especially where Jewish and Arab believers work together. (16)
27. Pray that Christians in Britain and elsewhere will wake up to their responsibility to share their faith with Jewish neighbours (and those of other faiths); for more churches to take up the Jewish Evangelism Training (JET) course. (4)

28. Pray for Messianic congregations at BI, CC and AISJ (including an Ethiopian one), for growth in numbers and discipleship. Give thanks for the new openness of many in Israel, and pray that congregations will reach out more and more. (15)
29. Pray for many former and retired staff in their life and witness. Pray for healing for Don Stanley (former CEO CMJ Israel) in Australia who still has serious health issues and needs a period of hospitalisation for tests. (9)
30. Pray for Paul and Janey Hames in their involvement in many things including BCTL; for blessing to schools, churches and the general public through BCTL - IOW 10 - 15 Oct, Linton Cambridge 31 Oct - 4 Nov, Bangor NI 29 Nov - 2 Dec; planning for 3 BCTL already booked for 2019. (5)
31. Pray for Messianic believers in the UK in their witness to family and friends. Also pray for CMJ Argentina. (21)

*To pray in more depth for CMJ in the UK, Israel and worldwide please contact the address below, and find out how you could become a Member of CMJ and so receive more detailed prayer information.*

### The Church's Ministry among Jewish People

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## ***Heritage Centre – led by Idan Pinhas:***

### **FOR PRAISE:**

- Idan and Sarah were married in August at Christ Church. Sarah hails from Sweden and served some years ago as a volunteer in the land. We rejoice with these two wonderful young people as they begin their new life together.
- The Heritage Centre at Christ Church remains a busy place, as many groups and individuals have visited over the summer.

### **FOR PRAYER:**

- Pray for Idan and Sarah as they settle down to married life.
- For the outreach to the many groups that visit to continue unhindered.
- Please keep praying for our former volunteer Nina to be able to return. The visa application has been held up for various reasons.
- For the new Heritage Centre display at the Anglican School that we are currently planning. This will be a significant expansion of our outreach, and we need to get it right.
- For the Heritage Centre during these three months. While the High Holy Days are early this year, and so almost over by the time you receive this, they usher in the busiest time of year for the centre which culminates in the opening of the Christ Church courtyard to thousands of Israelis on Christmas Eve. Please pray for staff to remain fit and well, for those around them to be able to pitch in where appropriate, and that there would be a clear presentation of our message.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Idan and his team make the most of many opportunities created by the widespread interest in the history of Christ Church and the work of CMJ among local residents as well as other visitors and tourists. From an Orthodox Jewish background, Idan has worked for CMJ for several years.*

## ***Christ Church Congregation, Jerusalem – David & Carol Pileggi write:***

- Thank you for praying for the retreat in May at Christ Church, Vienna, (where W H Hechler, friend of Herzl and CMJ) was chaplain. Focusing on the Jewish roots of Jesus and the New Testament, it was well received.
- We praise the Lord that Carol and Iris had two successful sessions at the women's conference in June. It was an opportunity to explain the mission of CC and the importance of evangelism. Every copy provided of the latest News & Views was taken. Pray the Lord will send people to tend the seeds sown and that they will bear fruit.
- Thank you for your prayers for GAFCON (Global Anglican Future Conference)

in June which resulted in many churches booking Shoresh tours. David had the opportunity to speak to the entire gathering on the southern steps of the Temple for an explanation of how Jewish pilgrims worshipped the Lord there in ancient times – still relevant for us today.

- Thanks for your continued prayers for local members of the international congregation, especially for those with serious health issues: for P with deteriorating eyesight; for both A and E with deteriorating lung disease; for T, an elderly member of the congregation struggling with various health issues. Pray for answers on several fronts – most pressing is selling his flat in order to move to assisted living.
- Thanks for praying for W who was to return as a church secretary/library volunteer but was unexpectedly denied a visa (even though she has been out of the country for more than the required year). While waiting to re-apply, a former Bible school classmate and now pastor asked her to come to his church as he is interested in marrying her. Your prayers are appreciated.
- Pray for those of us who will be stepping in to take on extra duties until a secretary is found. Kayra (Mercy Fund) has agreed to take on the banking, while David and Carol will be filling in with the rest. Continued prayer is needed for this situation!
- Kelvin Crombie is making good progress researching for a memorial at CC for Jewish believers/CMJ workers who died in the Holocaust. Pray that he will find both names and testimonies of those believers. Also pray that he (and his family) will be able to get a visa to be based here at CC for several years which would make the research quite a bit easier.
- Maintenance is an ongoing issue, so we ask for continued prayer for God's protection of the property, and provision for needed repairs/upgrade.
- Many of you know that our son, Beno, married Deborah, a beautiful young woman (and former CC volunteer) at CC in August. We are very grateful for a happy and blessed celebration and would appreciate prayers for the beginning of their life together.

Please also continue to pray for the *Kehilat HaSeh al HaZion* Hebrew congregation meeting at Christ Church – for Reuven Berger, his brother Benjamin, and for Albert. Pray for a much deeper burden to share the Good News among the congregation.

### ***News from Aaron Eime, Christ Church deacon and wearer of many other hats, which mostly involve teaching and travelling:***

Weddings, funerals and lots of Israeli visitors have kept the Christ Church team very busy over the summer. Our community was delighted to join in the

celebrations of Benjamin and Deborah Pileggi and Idan and Sarah Pinhas. Keep these new families in your prayers.

I continue to study with a small group of rabbis in Talpiyot, Jerusalem. We are currently studying Pirke De Rabbi Eliezar, who was the teacher of Rabbi Akiva. He wrote a commentary to Genesis and Exodus and was accused of becoming a heretic, which is Rabbinic code for 'he became a Christian'. I continue to learn how early Jewish and Christian scholars interpreted the Bible.

I am currently on a deputation tour with CMJ Ireland and CMJ UK and look forward to sharing the insights into the Hebraic roots of our faith that I have gained this year. Pray for safe travel, that lots of new members join CMJ Ireland and UK, and good teaching.

### ***Mercy Ministries, Christ Church, Jerusalem:***

*I have no update from Kayra Niebur, who coordinates this ministry, dedicated to serving needy people – both Jews and Arabs – in the immediate vicinity of Christ Church in the Old City. As Kayra has said previously, it's part of a church that strives to be obedient, generous and merciful.*

### ***Beit Immanuel, Jaffa, Tel Aviv – Pedro and Annu Santos write:***

First of all, we would like to express our gratitude to God for answering prayers and also to you, dear brothers and sisters, for standing with us. Daniel has received his residency permit for Israel! We finally entered with the papers and received the positive answer in the post two weeks later. He can now stay in Israel and, as he wishes, serve in the IDF. Thank you so much for your support and love which was vital to us. God even moved some people in the Ministry of Interior in such a way that his papers ended up on the desk of one of the top guys. Thank you for standing firm with us during this tough period for our family. Your prayers gave us the strength to persevere and not lose hope.

Thanks also for praying for our Business License. Once again God answered your prayers and we were given an extension until January 2019. It was an amazing meeting with Asaph, one of the managers in the municipality. He is religious and we have become quite good friends over the years. First he received me with a smile even though I didn't have an appointment and we spent almost two hours talking about faith. One of his questions was: "Why is the world in such a mess?" I read him Proverbs 1:7. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." The Hebrew word used here for fool denotes a person who is morally deficient. Pray for Asaph. I really believe God has a plan for him.

Please pray that we will meet their demands. Praise God we were sent a few financial gifts from some amazing friends in the UK and Ireland. We are now

planning to build a disabled access toilet on the ground floor.

Beit Immanuel needs to be restored. One of our wonderful volunteers, Alan, has been painting the windows – and that makes a huge difference. The building looks nicer, but there is only so much we can do with paint and brushes. Included among all the demands from the Business License Department is the need for some major repair work to our building. Please pray that we will be able to do something, and for wisdom as we tackle this issue.

Continue to pray for the congregations who meet at Beit Immanuel. There is a lot of outreach going on and people are getting saved all the time. We have been reaching out to a group of New Agers who are part of a cult in Tel Aviv. Pray for anointing and boldness as we witness to them.

Once again, thank you for your prayers, beloved.

***Anglican International School, Jerusalem – Rosemary Saunders writes:***

**FOR PRAISE AND THANKS:**

- The school continues to be a safe haven in the midst of Jerusalem and all its pressures.
- The high numbers of students in all year groups.
- The school's good reputation in Jerusalem.
- Unity among the believers as they meet together before every school day to bring its needs before His throne of grace.

**PRAYERS FOR THE FUTURE:**

- We have four newly-appointed teachers. Please pray that they will settle into AISJ and into life in Israel. One of the teachers has never visited Israel before.
- That the school will remain a safe haven in the midst of Jerusalem in spite of all the tensions surrounding us. There are always rumours of war and Israel may well be at war when this Prayer Focus is published, according to some observers! Pray that the Lord will cover the school with His wing of protection, and that fear will not prevail.
- That there will continue to be peace and harmony between parents, staff and students.
- That I continue to have all the strength and wisdom to accomplish the task God has given me in leading this amazing school. Living and working in Jerusalem is a struggle as we seek to overcome the many pressures around us. Leading the school is a heavy responsibility and the grace and strength of God is much needed.

- That the heads of Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary will have all the wisdom and strength they need to accomplish what God has called them to achieve each day.
- That the believers will continue in unity, be seen as His disciples and that others will be drawn into the Kingdom.
- That the campus women's fellowship would really grow as a close community of believers who are seen to be His disciples.
- That political tensions stay out of school and peace and harmony prevail.
- For health and strength of all the staff; that they remain fit and well and inspired to teach the students in their care.
- For the Sponsorship Fund, which has begun to grow. Pray that we will have sufficient funds for students seeking sponsors so we can help raise up Israel's future leaders.
- Late update: We are still waiting for the English teacher's visa. The maths teacher has got his and will hopefully be arriving at the end of this week.

### ***Shoresh Study Tours, Israel:***

- Please continue to pray for the smooth transition of the new Shoresh director, Scott Morgan, who says he is fitting in well but that there is a lot to learn.
- Please pray for our tour guides. Due to increased demand for the tours, we are in the process of locating and training new guides. We obviously need to be led by the Spirit as we seek those who are not only skilled and licensed but also able to teach the roots of the Jewish faith which can be complicated to do at times.
- During June's GAFCON (Global Anglican Future Conference), which drew more than 2,000 Anglican church leaders to Jerusalem, Shoresh was able to speak with many participants and talk about planning tours. Please pray for good fruit and for many tours to come out of the seeds planted.
- We are continuing to work with tour leaders from around the world. Please pray that those who have brought tours to Israel in the past will continue to use us, but also for new leaders to rise up, particularly from Africa and Asia.

### ***Beit Bracha, Migdal, Galilee – Kent Splawn writes:***

Shalom to all the Aarons and Hurs who faithfully pray for us. Shawna and I have returned from the States, where we made a sudden trip due to my father's ill health. At the time of our arrival in late June, he wasn't doing well at all, but praise the Lord he has made a remarkable recovery. Still a way to go, but much hope encourages us all.

As I write, a wonderful song from Hillsong, *Man of Sorrows*, is playing in the

background...Hope indeed springs eternal, as we look to Him. After a fairly tumultuous July, which saw more than ten earthquakes in and around the Galilee, along with the Syrian fighting across the border from us during which two rockets landed in the Sea of Galilee and the Israeli Air Force shot down a Syrian fighter, the tempest swirls around us. But Yahweh keeps his promises never to leave or forsake us. He does indeed watch over this land and its people. On day-to-day practicalities, we have a serious need for volunteers. The High Holy Days of Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Sukkot are fast approaching, and we have very few volunteers to join us as we serve the multi-national guests arriving over the next month. We would truly appreciate your prayers for Jehovah Jireh, our provider, to supply us with the right servants for our delightful work. His hand of blessing is also sought for projects which are needed to maintain and develop the work but are limited by available finances. With prayer He will provide.

Thanks to all for your sacrificial prayers!

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## ASSOCIATE MINISTRIES

Over the years we have faithfully reported on a number of ministries associated with CMJ, but now feel that they have sufficient support independently of us, though in the case of the Sunshine School, it has now sadly had to close. Others continuing to operate independently of us, but which have previously been closely linked with CMJ, include Beit Netanel in Jerusalem, the Makor HaTikvah School, the Ethiopian congregation meeting at the Anglican International School in Jerusalem and Kehilat HaCarmel in Haifa. Here is a link to the Carmel website:

<http://carmelcongregation.org.il/welcome-kehilat-hacarmel>

### 3. CMJ WORLDWIDE

***CMJ South Africa (Messiah's People) – Edith Sher writes:***

- Sandra, a Jewish woman with whom I did Bible studies for many years after leading her to the Lord, has sadly passed away recently, a victim of cancer. She used to invite other residents (both Jew and Gentile) at the home for the aged where she lived to join our Bible studies in her room. Please pray that these studies would continue and that somebody would offer their room as a venue.
- Continue to pray for Dorothy, one of the aforementioned group, who recently suffered a stroke.

- Pray for our weekly Torah groups which are now recorded and can be heard on SoundCloud. Simply key in 'John Atkinson' to listen. Pray that the recordings will reach many, and also for numerical growth for the young adults' group.
- Please pray for Michael Kunz, our website manager, who suffered a stroke but is slowly on the mend.
- Continue to pray for our thrice-yearly 'Roots & Shoots' Conferences. The next one is in October. Pray too for the weekly radio programme to reach an even wider audience.
- Pray for South Africa as anti-Semitic utterances from high-profile political figures become increasingly overt. Despite Muslims comprising a mere 2% of the population, Islam is highly favoured by the government, which of course lends impetus to the BDS movement and the annual Israel Apartheid Week.

### ***CMJ Canada – Sharon Hayton writes:***

#### FOR PRAYER:

- We are thankful for Joy who manages our Facebook page, but are still looking for someone to take on our website.
- We will have started advertising our 2019 tour in September; pray for good response.
- We intend to raise awareness within local churches; pray for open doors.
- Bless Gavin and Melodie for their good work in establishing and growing our CMJ presence in Edmonton.
- For wisdom as we begin the process of succession for our National Director.
- For a better fundraising strategy.
- For our directors as we engage in strategic planning.

#### FOR PRAISE:

We have much for which to be thankful. The Lord is continually surprising us with unexpected connections and interested people. It has taken us a few years to be a recognized ministry in our huge country, but now it seems we are. Our team is doing good work. In our city of Victoria there is a House of Prayer that focuses on Israel and related ministries one evening per week, which is a tremendous blessing for us as they pray specifically for CMJ Canada. This, along with our regular intercessors, gives us a strong prayer support. Praise the Lord!

### ***CMJ Australia-NZ – Martin Weatherston writes:***

#### GIVE THANKS:

- For the opportunity provided by the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans

(GAFCON) held in Jerusalem in June to showcase the work of CMJ; and that Canon John Simons was able to represent CMJ-ANZ there.

- And for the provision of resources for three other people to attend the CMJ International Conference.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For registrations for our 2019 Tabernacles Tour of Jordan and Israel;
- For those who would partner with us in this mission;
- For Stephen (India), Linda (NZ), Keven and me as we attend the International Conference from November 26 - 28 and for the CMJ Israel Board meeting to follow.

Bless you as you bless Israel (Genesis 12:3).

### ***CMJ-USA – led by Executive Director Daryl Fenton:***

- Daryl spent two weeks in September touring the Chicago area with the Ancient Hebrew Scroll exhibit, designed as a way to connect with Jewish people and develop relationships. It also serves to strengthen knowledge of Jewish roots in the church. Pray that fruit will come from contacts made during the tour.
- CMJ USA experienced a drop in giving during the late summer. Pray that appeal letters will bear fruit and that God will raise up new supporters out of contacts made.
- Pray for the outreach team in Akron, Ohio, as they follow up their Sukkot outreach to their Jewish friends.
- Daryl will be meeting with pastors in Atlanta with a view to the formation of outreach teams there.
- Pray for a relationship being formed with the Southern Baptist denomination toward a new partnership in outreach.
- Pray for the Lord to provide an associate to help Daryl with the growing work, and for the funding to support them.
- Continue to pray for both our countries (USA & UK) against the growing anti-Semitism in universities and elsewhere.

### ***CMJ Ireland – Patricia Davidson writes:***

It's been a busy summer for us exhibiting at events across Northern Ireland. We give thanks and praise to the Lord for the number of people from various churches and denominations who visited our stand at:

- Summer Madness – Ireland's largest Christian youth festival that brings together young people and groups from all over.

- New Horizon – A seven-day Christian festival attended by thousands of people of all ages.
- Open Skies worship festival – a three-day event drawing people from all backgrounds.
- Bangor Worldwide Global Village – This year’s theme was ‘Pray the Lord of the Harvest’ – that the Lord would use it to call people to be more involved in mission.

We give thanks for the many great conversations we had and the interest shown in CMJ’s ministry. We also had a wonderful week of deputations with Rev Aaron Eime in September. Many were blessed by his teaching on the Hebraic roots of the Lord’s Prayer, and we give thanks for the new churches and groups we visited and the contacts made.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- The conversations and contacts made at the various events over the summer.
- The young people at Summer Madness who came to the stall to hear about ‘The Great Big Story’ – that the seeds sown would bear fruit in their lives.
- For the young Jewish girl who wanted to know more about Yeshua. Pray she will have a revelation of Jesus as Messiah.
- The new relationships established and the strengthening of those already existing.
- The new contacts made in the south.
- The AGM and autumn meeting in October – for Idan Pinhas, director of the Christ Church Heritage Centre, who will be guest speaker.
- That the committee would have the Lord’s wisdom and direction as we build on the foundations we have laid and plan for the months ahead.
- Preparations underway for the Bible Comes to Life exhibition at St Columbanus Parish, Bangor, from 28th November to 1st December. For Paul, Janey and their team of volunteers as they share the Christ-centred talks with the schoolchildren and adults who will be coming. Pray that, through the relationships we build, more people will join us and offer to support the ministry here.

***CMJ Argentina – Peter and Christine Clarke, retired missionaries in Buenos Aires, write:***

Economic instability in Argentina is no rarity, but in the last few months inflation has been a real problem. Various members of the previous government are accused of massive corruption, but the judicial system is such that the process is

by no means simple. Pray that Argentina may not become like Venezuela should the present government fall. Pray for Venezuela too! Meanwhile give thanks for interest shown by a few members of the congregation of St Saviour's, Belgrano, in the evangelization of the Jews – Belgrano is an area with a large Jewish population.

***CMJ France – Jane Moxon writes:***

PRAISE GOD:

- For the faithful members of CMJ France
- For Francis Dognon, David Deniaux, Christian Vives, Olivier Reber, M & Mme Baron and other pastors and church leaders as they bless CMJ
- For Robin and Jean Jones who lead an English-speaking group in Southern Normandy.
- For the faithful musicians and translators who attend meetings with us

PLEASE PRAY:

- For our plans for next year which will be our ninth as CMJ France
- For plans to start further work in Rouen
- Over our continuing need for a president to develop the work in France.
- And for all faithful supporters in the country

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.*

Philippians 4:6

## CHRISTMAS CARDS / CALENDARS / BOOKS / GIFTS

This year we have partnered with *Gospel Cards etc.* for the sale of Christmas cards, other cards and gifts. They share 20% of their Christmas card sales and 5% of the sale of other items with CMJ UK.

Produced to a very high standard, the calendars, books, etc. make excellent gifts for children and adults; while the cards are perfect for sending to Christians and non-Christian family and friends.

Please remember to mention CMJ UK when you place an order. Thank you.

For full details of the cards, etc. see the catalogue, or their website [www.GospelCardsEtc.com](http://www.GospelCardsEtc.com) or you can ask them for a catalogue -

Tel. 01656 647551 (10:00am to 1:00pm), or write to

*Gospel Cards etc., 15 Brackla Street Centre, Bridgend, CF31 1DD*

## UPCOMING TOURS TO ISRAEL

Thinking of planning a trip to Israel? We have an interesting variety of options on our website — [www.cmj.org.uk/shoresh/book-tour](http://www.cmj.org.uk/shoresh/book-tour)

- **Hanukkah 2018 Israel Tour:**

Led by: Chris & Jane Moxon

Tour Dates: 1 – 10 December 2018

- **God's Faithfulness:**

Led by: Ray & Jill Lockart

Tour Dates: 28 March – 7 April 2019

- **Prayer Tour:**

Led by: Robin & Sue Aldridge

Tour Dates: 27 September – 6 October 2019

- **With Jesus at Sukkot:**

Led by: Martin Weatherston

Tour Dates: 9 – 24 October 2019

## PASSOVERS

We are already taking bookings for Passovers so please contact us ([01623 883960](tel:01623883960) / [office@cmj.org.uk](mailto:office@cmj.org.uk)) to see what dates fit best with your plans.



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