

## Mission and Outreach - Keith Croxton



**Pray for** wisdom for MOG as we continue to think through developing and supporting current activities as well as discerning new areas of outreach and ministry. We face many needs and challenges in our community as we seek to share the great message of hope we have as Christians. It is crucial therefore we discern where the Lord is calling us to serve Him and how to

respond to that call.

**Please pray** for the Alpha and Freedom in Christ courses starting soon.

It's not too early **to start praying for** Holiday Club 2025: pray for all the planning and preparations.

**Pray for** guidance as we seek to explore a mission weekend in Buckingham this year.

MOG have also started to discern how we distribute the tithe for 2025. **Please pray** that the Spirit will continue to guide and prompt us as we deliberate.

**The Centre** The latest information is that the development plans that were being considered are not proceeding at this time. So we continue to occupy The Centre, hopefully until the lease expires in 2027 at least. This facility came as an amazing answer to prayer so please **give thanks** to the Lord for his continued watch over The Centre.

As mentioned last month, we celebrate 10 years in The Centre this autumn which is great but the maintenance bills creep up. So **give thanks** that the bookings and income stream remain strong.

**Please pray** for volunteers to come forward to help us in the garden this year, there is lots of work to do as we enter the growing season.

**Give thanks** for all the volunteers who make The Centre such a special place.

**Mission to the Elderly** **Please pray** for Sheeva, the new Manager at Clarendon House and Amir, who has been appointed Lifestyle Manager at Clarendon, that they will develop a strong sense of community there and that we will work well together as we seek to develop our ministry in 2025 at Clarendon.

**Continue to pray** the Lord will bless the times at Clarendon that they will be fruitful as we share the gospel through what we do and say.

**Give thanks** that some Clarendon residents have been across to The Centre for coffee and company and tea and chat.

**Please pray** for the small team of volunteers who visit Clarendon week by week.

**Food Bank** The winter period is usually a busy time so **please pray for** the team of volunteers as they deliver the food parcels to those in need in our community.

**Saturday Coffee** **Give thanks** for the growing number coming along to Saturday Coffee. A relaxed time of fellowship is enjoyed with visitors joining in as well (bit like a "village green" where all are welcomed to stop by for a chat).

**Mission Partners** **Please pray** for persecuted Christians in the volatile Middle East. In particular **pray for** the work of Open Doors.

**Please pray for** SOMA as they envision and empower local leaders for evangelism and equip and develop other leaders as well. A mission trip to Kenya with SOMA is being arranged for October 2025. **Please pray for** all the planning involved.

**Tuesday Lunch** There are 80 attending regularly and include the lonely, vulnerable and young mums and children. This is a great opportunity for building relationships and outreach, for example gossiping the gospel over a meal, so **please pray** for fruitful conversations.

## Created Creative (CC): Emma Elias



Thank you for your prayers and support over the last month for this ministry area, we appreciate and value them.

**Thank God** for the February sessions that happened both online and face to face.

**Please pray** for the sessions both in person and face to face in March and for the team who are facilitating them.

**Please pray** for those attending the sessions, especially those new to creativity, for the Lord to touch their hearts and to bring them closer to Him, for healing and restoration.

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## Our Church link BD7 churches, Bradford under John Bavington



**Please pray for** John, the leadership team and members of the BD7 churches as we strive to work to our **2025 vision** which is **'We share the blessing of Jesus with BD7'**

**We give thanks** for the guests who joined us through the 'Inn Churches' project. **Please pray** for them in the coming weeks that a more permanent place to stay will be found.

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**Please pray for:**

- **St Wilfrid's** and the plans continuing to take shape for the congregation plant at the Scholemoor Beacon Centre after Easter.
- **St Columba/Zindigi project** and the outreach work happening there.
- **RLP Hub** and the activities/events held for the Great Horton community.
- **All our volunteers** who give their time to serve our Lord.

**Prayer for the World: Zena Greig**

Whilst the eyes of the world are understandably on conflicts in Europe and the Middle East, an escalating conflict between M23 rebels and Congolese forces in the Democratic Republic of Congo ( DRC) has caused hundreds of thousands of people to flee for their lives. The Bishop of Goma is calling on Christians worldwide **to pray for** a miracle of peace for a nation weary of violent conflict. Prior to the most recent hostilities there had been significant church growth in the area.

**Pray for** new Christians to hold fast to Jesus and for pastors and church leaders to know how to encourage them.

**Pray too** for protection from violence and disease for the civilian population and that peaceful and diplomatic means will be found to end the conflict.

**Open Doors: Betsy Kolkea**



India has risen from 28 to 11 in the Open Doors World Watch List in the past ten years. Since the BJP party came to power in 2014, Hindu extremists have grown stronger, and the persecution of Christians (and those of any faith other than Hinduism) has increased.

Churches are burned, Pastors has been arrested and have gone missing, violent attacks are not uncommon on Christians. Persecution can also be more subtle, with false accusations raised, churches being closed down, and economic hardship experienced by Christians who are discriminated against in education and employment.

Let's stop and think about each of those elements of persecution. Let's individually consider what our own response would be. Let's be grateful that these Indian brothers and sisters are being courageous to stand firm, and that they are being counted worthy to share with Christ in his suffering and rejection. **Let's uphold them this month in prayer**, mindful that when one part of the Church suffers, all the parts suffer with it. (1 Cor: 12:26)



# The MOG Report

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