

# ST JOHN'S COLINTON MAINS CHURCH

## Bulletin

16 September 2018  
Minister: Rev. Peter Nelson



A very warm welcome to worship. Please join us in the hall after the service for a cup of tea or coffee and a time to chat.

Welcome & Intimations

**Praise**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Prayer

Time Together

**Praise**

**My God Is So Big, So Strong And So Mighty**

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**Praise**

**In The Name Of The Father**

Reading

Acts 17: 22-34

Sermon

**Praise**

**Loved Before The Dawn Of Time**

Offering

Dedication of Offering

Prayer

**Praise**

**Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven**

Benediction

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### OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE: 16-23 September

TODAY	10:30	Prayer Meeting – Session Room
	11:00	Morning Service
MONDAY	19:30	Prayer Meeting – Session Room
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	10:00	Little Steps Baby & Toddler Group
	19:30	Nurture Group
	19:30	Small Group
THURSDAY		Small Group
FRIDAY	10:30	Small Group – Session Room
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY	10:30	Prayer meeting – Session Room
	11:00	Youth Dedication Service

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OUR GOAL IS GROWING – GROWING IN LOVE FOR GOD, EACH OTHER AND OUR NEIGHBOUR

## Please join us as we pray together

We meet for prayer each Sunday morning at 10:30am in the Session Room. Please join us if you are able – you will be very welcome.

• We meet in the Session Room for a time of congregational prayer each Monday evening from 7:30-9:00pm and we would be delighted if you would join us. Please don't worry if you don't feel comfortable praying aloud – come along anyway and join us in this special time in communion with the Lord, as we pray for our people, the work of our church, and the world at large.

### Prayer Requests

If you would like us to pray for you, please speak to Peter. Alternatively, you can put your prayer request in the box at the main door of the church (anonymously if you prefer) or email dianepfmackenzie@hotmail.co.uk. Your request will be treated in confidence.

We also have an email prayer circle of people who are willing to pray for you at any point in the week, so if you would like to be supported in prayer at any time, please email dianepfmackenzie@hotmail.co.uk. And email that address also if you would like to join the prayer circle.



*'And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.'*

Ephesians 6: 18

## LITTLE STEPS BABY & TODDLER GROUP

at St John's Colinton Mains

TELL YOUR  
FRIENDS!



'LIKE' ON  
FACEBOOK!

**Every Wednesday in term time, 10:00-11:30am – starts Wednesday 19 September.**

Run by church members for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers and their parents or carers.

No church connection necessary – just come along and you will be made very welcome.

Each week there will be: **Free Play • Games and Crafts • Bible Story and Song Time • Musical Instruments • Snacks for the Children • Coffee & Home Baking.**

Cost: parents/carers are invited to contribute £1 per family

### Davy Blackburn's Marathon Effort to Raise Money for Baby Timothy

Davy is running a half marathon on 23 September to raise funds towards a life-saving operation for Timothy, a baby from Ukraine who was born with a deformity of the skull that can lead to underdevelopment of the brain and loss of sight and hearing. His parents are unable to raise the £10,000 needed to pay for an operation that could cure the condition. If you would like to make a donation to the appeal for Timothy, there is a sponsor sheet in the hall, at the servery. Davy will be grateful for any funds raised in this good cause. He will even tell us how his run went when he has completed it.

## CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH, Sunday 7 October

This lunch is for everyone, so please put the date in your diary and come along after the morning service on Sunday 7 October. It is a good chance to share fellowship and get to know each other better. There is no cost— lunch is provided by the church, and those who have gluten free or similar dietary requirements will be catered for. There will be no tickets or vouchers – just come along on the day.

A representative from Tearfund will be at the morning service – Harvest Thanksgiving – and at the lunch, and will talk about the work of Tearfund.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE, 7 October

Our harvest gifts will be shared between Cunningham House, the CrossReach service for homeless people, and the Salvation Army foodbank. Both of these organisations welcome non-perishable donations, so tins and packets of food with a long shelf life or sell-by date are idea, rather than vegetables or perishable items.

## YOUTH DEDICATION SERVICE – next Sunday, 23 September

To mark the new session for all the young people connected to our church, we are encouraging the youth organisations to come along and worship with us.

**RELEASE INTERNATIONAL warmly invite you to a special event here at St John's Colinton Mains on Saturday 6 October:**

### **Listen, Learn, Love – an Introduction to Christian Work in the Islamic World.**

We will be joined by two guest speakers: Asif and Dr Sara Afshari. Asif was born in Pakistan and has served as an evangelist, trainer, apologist and regular contributor to TV ministry outreach in Asia. Sara was born in Iran and serves on Release International's Council of Reference. She is an expert on Christian media in the Middle East. Both will offer important insights into Christian ministry in the Muslim world. We would love you to join us.

A light buffet breakfast will be served at 10am and the event will run from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

There will be a bookstall (cash only) and there will also be an opportunity to ask questions, pray together, and give towards our work in the Muslim world.

To help us make arrangements, could you please let me know if you plan to attend by replying to [jfraser@releaseinternational.org](mailto:jfraser@releaseinternational.org).

## FAITH MISSION BIBLE COLLEGE FREE AUTUMN PUBLIC LECTURES

**Mondays 7:30-9:00pm, beginning on Monday 1 October. 2 Drum Street, EH17 8QG**

Bible training seminars and workshops designed to accelerate your growth, strengthen your faith, and equip you for your own mission field. Lecture topics and further details at [www.fmbiblecollege.org.uk/monday-p-m-lectures/](http://www.fmbiblecollege.org.uk/monday-p-m-lectures/)

## Prayers for Our World

**CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: 'WE RELY ONLY ON PRAYERS. PLEASE PRAY FOR US!'**  
from *Open Doors* ([www.opendoors.org](http://www.opendoors.org))

Our church family in the Central African Republic (CAR) are urgently asking for our prayers following the brutal killing of 14 Christians from an Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp in the city of Bria. Ex-Seleka militia, a group of Islamic extremists, were behind the attack. Amongst those killed were ten women, two men and two children. Open Doors workers have been informed that the male victims mostly had gunshot wounds, while the women and children died of slash wounds. At least one of the women was pregnant.

One church leader from Bria explained, "Christians never go to town. If they do, they are threatened, arrested, and asked to pay fines before they are released... We rely only on prayers. Please pray for us!"

Christians in CAR have been displaced, tortured and killed as fighting between various militant factions continues. The violence that began in 2013 was largely between Seleka, an Islamic extremist group, and anti-Balaka, a group made up of animists and nominal Christians. Christian leaders have condemned the actions of anti-Balaka, meaning that Christians and churches have been attacked by both sides.

But despite the ongoing violence against them, many Christians in CAR are continuing to serve in their communities. Veronique, whose husband, a pastor, was killed last year, says, "I will continue ministering even in my husband's absence just like I did while he was alive. I pray that the Almighty God forgives the attackers because they do not know what they are doing. And also that He will save them from that evil way."

Open Doors has been involved with the church in CAR for a number of years. Since 2013, we have been supporting the church to provide emotional and physical relief to Christians targeted in the violent uprising by Seleka through training to strengthen believers facing persecution, enhanced discipleship training, economic empowerment programmes and trauma care for persecuted Christians. **PLEASE PRAY:**

- That God's Holy Spirit would comfort and heal the families of those killed in the attack
  - For God's peace and protection to cover those who live in IDP camps in CAR
- That God would reveal Himself to those intent on harming Christians, that they would be transformed by His love.

### WORD FOR THE DAY

2 Timothy 1: 9-10 [NIVUK]

**He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.**

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