

Week 1
Monday 1st – Saturday 6th



FIEC Prayer News - February 2010

FIEC Council & Staff

General Prayer Points

The affairs of FIEC are handled by the 35 members of Council (our Trustees), supported by a network of teams and committees, and administered by the staff—most of whom are based at the Market Harborough office. The Council usually meets three times each year and is mostly comprised of church leaders from busy pastorates; please pray that they may be effective in their own ministries and in steering the work of FIEC.

Personnel

President: Rupert Bentley-Taylor

General Secretary : Richard Underwood

Director Designate: John Stevens

Treasurer: Peter Shelley

Office Staff: Rod Badams, Roy Saint, Tim Oldridge, Janice Bowman

Pastors' Association: Basil Howlett and Elisabeth Smyth

Prepared for Service: David and Laraine Cook

Regular Volunteer : Margery Badams

FIEC Limited: Alan Manzie, Jayne Oldridge; Derek Alcock, Mike Smith (volunteers)

- Monday 1st Please pray for Prepared for Service (PFS). Today PFS South module 13 commences in Reading, running until Wednesday. Pray that the students, staff and lecturers on this part-time training course preparing folk for work in local churches would know God's abundant blessing. Rupert is lecturing at Cornhill today, John is at the Pastoral Refreshment Conference until Wednesday and Richard is speaking to Grace Baptist groups in Suffolk about Affinity this evening and tomorrow. Please pray for these busy men! The FIEC Ltd Board also meets today.
- Tuesday 2nd The Christian Institute is holding a number of Charity Roadshows around the country in the next few weeks. Rod Badams has been invited to lead sessions on a number of relevant subjects so please pray for him as he prepares and speaks at these. Today he is speaking in Darlington.
- Wednesday 3rd We thank God for our President, Rupert Bentley-Taylor, and for his leadership of the Fellowship over the past two years. Please pray for him as he juggles the priorities of leading his own church, Widcombe Baptist Church and fulfilling his commitments to the churches of the Fellowship. Rupert is lecturing at PFS today, Rod is speaking in Cardiff and Richard is at a meeting of the Affinity Board in London.
- Thursday 4th Please pray for John Stevens (Director Designate) Pray that he will quickly settle into his new role, and for all the practical arrangements so that the family can relocate to Market Harborough as soon as possible. John is lecturing on the Midlands Ministry Training Course (MMTC) today and most Thursdays. Rod is leading a seminar at the Charity Roadshow in Rochdale today.
- Friday 5th Please pray for Richard Underwood (General Secretary) that he will be able to support the staff in their work and the churches of the Fellowship in all their rich diversity. Pray for safety in travel, wisdom in the many decisions he has to make and time to stay close to the Lord.
- Saturday 6th Please pray today for the commencement of a new ministry at Stapleford BC, Nottingham. Jason Griffiths will be welcomed as the pastor today so let us pray for the Lord's rich blessing on this new ministry. The SE Gospel Partnership is holding its Annual Conference in London today with Rico Tice and Mark Dever speaking on the subject of *Making Disciples for Christ*.

Week 2
Sunday 7th – Sunday 14th



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FIEC Ministries

General Prayer Points

The various ministry teams do a significant amount of work 'behind the scenes'. Please pray that each team may be aware that its work is valued as we seek to work out the aims and objectives of FIEC, which are to support churches, reach communities and grow leaders. Pray for each team to be enthused with their task of adding gospel value to the life of the churches

Teams

Executive Committee	Overseas Relationships Team
Finance Committee	Pastoral Link Team (PLT)
Care & Recognition Team (CART)	Training Teams
Media Team	Women's Ministry Team
Outreach Teams	FIEC Limited

Key Prayer Points This Week

Sunday 7th	Please pray for the 500 churches of the Fellowship as we meet today to declare the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ with confidence and joy. John is preaching at City EC, Birmingham, today.
Monday 8th	Please pray for Affinity today. Seeking to be conservative in doctrine and contemporary in culture, Affinity exists to promote biblical church unity for the furtherance of the gospel; please pray for Richard (Affinity chairman) as he helps to steer the Affinity Council through a period of change. Pray for Rod Badams at a meeting of the Affinity Social Issues Team, Rupert lecturing at Cornhill and John at a ministers' fraternal in Bath today.
Tuesday 9th	Please pray for the Pastoral Link Team which meets in Reading today. The PLT manages the Pastors' Association which supports and cares for pastors, encourages young men entering pastoral ministry and acts as a link for pastors seeking a church and vice versa.
Wednesday 10th	Please pray for the Overseas Relationship Team which meets today. The ORT works to promote contact with, and assistance of, churches in need overseas. It also enables folk from the UK to make overseas visits to encourage missionaries linked with their churches.
Thursday 11th	The Pastoral Introductions service helps many churches to find pastors. Thank God for the new ministries which have commenced in recent months and pray for churches who long to find the right man to lead, love and teach them. Richard is at a meeting of the NW Visitors and the W Midlands reps.
Friday 12th	Please pray for all the staff as the Fellowship undergoes the process of change. The work they do is essential to the smooth running of all the services FIEC brings to the churches. Thank God too for Peter Shelley, as he fills the demanding role of FIEC Treasurer. John is lecturing at the London Theological Seminary today.
Saturday 13th	Thank God for those involved in church planting ministries. Church planting is a great way of reaching a new community with the good news about Jesus and keeping a congregation fresh and vibrant. Rod is at a Charity Roadshow in Bristol today.
Sunday 14th	The church is the hope of the world. Please pray that as we meet today, the Lord would instil in us more deeply the needs of our nation and his heart for the lost. Pray too for pastors and church leaders suffering from ill-health, worry or discouragement today. May the Lord strengthen them in his love and enable them to return to their ministries, full of the Holy Spirit. Richard is preaching at Bridgnorth EC today.

Week 3
Monday 15th – Sunday 21st



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Supporting Churches, Reaching Communities, Growing Leaders

General Prayer Points

The church is the special object of God's love and the hope of the world. FIEC exists to equip churches to fulfil their divine mandate at a challenging time in our nation. We need to keep our hearts focussed on the glory of God, our wills aligned with God's saving purpose and our vision fixed on the goal of making disciples from every nation.

FIEC Ministries

FIEC Visitors and local church groups	Learn2Lead
Pastors' Association	Conferences and Consultations
Advice & Support from the FIEC office	Church Planting
Prepared for Service (PFS)	Church Restoration

Key Prayer Points This Week

Please let us have items for inclusion in the March prayer news by Friday 19th February - email richard@fiec.org.uk

Monday 15th	Please thank God for, and pray for the FIEC Council and Executive Committee as they lead the churches of FIEC into what will be a challenging year.
Tuesday 16th	Please pray for the Evangelical Housing Association which meets today. The EHA is an independent charity which provides and maintains property for retired pastors who had not been able to buy their own homes during their years of ministry. Pray too for the Media Team which meets today. It has a wide range of tasks connected with the presentation of the Fellowship's work including <i>Together</i> magazine and the FIEC website.
Wednesday 17th	Please pray for the Outreach Team. Reaching our communities with the gospel is one of our churches' greatest challenges and FIEC's biggest priorities and the team is responsible for evangelistic resources and strategy, church planting and the care and support of FIEC's own church planting staff.
Thursday 18th	Please pray for FIEC's church planters—the Asghers in Cranford, W London, the Reberas in Brighton, the Hutchinsons in Blackpool, the Swales in Newcastle and the Birmingham team. Praise God for the way he has blessed these ministries through the salvation of many people
Friday 19th	People from our churches are faithfully serving the Lord in many parts of the world. Please pray that the Lord will use them and raise up a new generation of young people who will serve him as missionaries taking the gospel to the whole world.
Saturday 20th	Pray for all ministries amongst children and young people - they are not just the church of tomorrow; they are a vital part of the church today. The work can be discouraging at times so please pray for Sunday School teachers and all children's and youth workers. This year three <i>Contagious</i> Bible boot camps are being held during the last two weeks of August so that many more young people can attend—details available from www.contagious.org.uk .
Sunday 21st	Thank God that we are able to worship without fear today. Let's remember to pray for those believers throughout the world who do not enjoy religious freedom that the Lord will strengthen them in the face of opposition and possibly strong persecution. Please pray for Rupert preaching at Whiteshill EC, Hambrook, Bristol, Richard at Thornton Heath EC and John at West Street BC, Dunstable (am) and City EC, Birmingham (pm).

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Pursuing Evangelical Unity & Growing Partnerships

General Prayer Points

FIEC seeks to foster good relationships in the wider evangelical world and contribute to gospel work through informal networks, membership of organisations like Affinity and with representatives on the boards of various agencies (e.g. Go Teach and the Evangelical Housing Association).

Partner or Related Ministries

Affinity	Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches
Evangelical Housing Association	Evangelical Movement of Wales
Go Teach	Grace Baptist Associations
Bible Colleges like LTS, Oak Hill and WEST	Proclamation Trust – and Cornhill Training Course
Association of Evangelists	New Word Alive

Key Prayer Points This Week

Monday 22nd	Please pray for the Care and Recognition Team under the chairmanship of Michael Teutsch. The CART addresses the needs that arise within and between churches. It is also responsible for administering the Visitor scheme.
Tuesday 23rd	Many FIEC churches are involved in <i>A Passion for Life</i> outreach events at Easter this year; please pray that the Lord would bless gospel churches as they pray and plan together to seek the lost for him. John is at a meeting of the Midlands Gospel Partnership today.
Wednesday 24th	Please pray today for the work of FIEC Limited, and for Jayne Oldridge and Alan Manzie, with the able assistance of Derek Alcock and Mike Smith on a voluntary basis, in the invaluable work they do for so many of our churches.
Thursday 25th	Pray for the Women's Ministry Team (WMT) which meets today. The WMT aims to encourage biblical women's ministries and to support and encourage pastors' wives. Thank God for the growing influence of its bulletin <i>News and Views</i> .
Friday 26th	Please pray for Terry Martin and the Church Restoration Group. The work they do to help struggling churches throughout the country is greatly needed. May the Lord give them wisdom, discernment, inner strength and safety in their travels and hope to the churches. Richard, John and Janice are at a meeting of the W. Midlands reps today.
Saturday 27th	Please pray for the ministry of all the FIEC Visitors around the country in their vital work of supporting churches and pastors. Thank God for new Visitors and ask him to help us identify more men who could fulfil this vital role.
Sunday 28th	As we meet today for worship, may we be enabled to declare the unchanging truth of Jesus, the one who came to bring salvation to all who believe in him. Pray too that we will always be welcoming to newcomers, both Christian and non-Christian, as they visit our churches. Pray for Rupert as he preaches at Scott Drive Church, Exmouth, today.

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