

Week 1  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>



## FIEC Prayer News—August 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, Janice Bowman, Tim Oldridge and Roy Saint  
Pastors' Association: Basil Howlett and Elisabeth Smyth  
Prepared for Service: David and Laraine Cook  
Regular Volunteer: Margery Badams  
FIEC Limited: Alan Manzie, Jayne Oldridge and Gemma Adam. Volunteers: Derek Alcock and Mike Smith

#### Key Prayer Points This Week

- Sunday 1st As we meet today for worship, may we be enabled to declare with confidence and joy the unchanging truth of Jesus, the one who came to bring salvation to all who believe in him.
- Monday 2nd Please pray for Richard Underwood (General Secretary) that he will be able to support the staff and churches of the Fellowship through a period of change. Pray for safety in travel, wisdom in the many decisions he has to make and time to stay close to the Lord. At the beginning of next month he takes up his new role as Churches' and Pastors' Support Director. **Please contact Richard today with items to be included in the all-new September Prayer News – email him on richard@fiec.org.uk.**
- Tuesday 3rd We thank God for our President, Rupert Bentley-Taylor, and for his leadership of the Fellowship over the past three years. Please pray for him as he brings his commitments as FIEC President to a fitting conclusion at the end of this month and as he develops his ongoing ministry at Widcombe Baptist Church, Bath and beyond.
- Wednesday 4th Please pray for John Stevens (Director-Designate) as he takes up his new role on 1st September, and as he, Ursula and the family hope to be able to move into a permanent home in Market Harborough at the end of the month.
- Thursday 5th Thank God for the faithful ministry of the FIEC Council as trustees of the Fellowship over many years. Please pray for the newly elected members of the new FIEC Trust Board under the chairmanship of Colin Tamplin (Monyhull Church, Birmingham) as they prepare to take up their governance responsibilities for the Fellowship next month.
- Friday 6th 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 for Peter Shelley, as he fills the demanding role of FIEC Treasurer.
- Saturday 7th Please pray for all the Christian young couples getting married this summer. Let's ask that God will build many strong Christian marriages which can be a great encouragement in our churches and be a tangible witness to unbelievers.

Week 2  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday 16<sup>th</sup>



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

### Key Prayer Points This Week

Sunday 8th	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 that we will always be welcoming to newcomers, both Christian and non-Christian, as they visit our churches.
Monday 9th	Summer is a great opportunity for camps, beach missions, houseparties and open air evangelism. Pray that God will use many of the young people in our churches particularly to share their faith boldly and have the joy of seeing young and older won for the Lord Jesus.
Tuesday 10th	Please pray for the Media Team. 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 11th	Please pray for the Pastoral Link Team. 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.
Thursday 12th	Please pray for Terry Martin and the Church Restoration Team. 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.
Friday 13th	Pray for the Women's Ministry Team. The WMT aims to encourage biblical women's ministries and to support and encourage pastors' wives and other women in ministry in our churches.
Saturday 14th	Please pray for the Training Team whose purpose is to embed a culture of training in our churches and to provide top quality training through Prepared for Service. Join us in thanking God for the appointment of Trevor Archer as Training Director; he will take up this post full time from 1st January 2011.
Sunday 15th	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.
Monday 16th	<b>Contagious</b> is a Bible-centred youth conference which is being held in two different locations for the first time this year. From today until Sunday, <b>Contagious East</b> for 14-19 year olds and <b>Contagious Nano</b> for 11-13 year olds will run concurrently at Culford School, Bury St Edmunds. Please pray for the staff and youngsters attending that this will be a great week for learning more about Jesus. This year, <b>Contagious</b> will be exploring the book of <b>Revelation</b> .

Week 3  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>



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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 focused 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

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reaching our communities with the gospel is one of our greatest challenges and our biggest priorities as a movement of churches. Please pray as we seek to develop ways of supporting missional ministry across the nation.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	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.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Please pray for the Care and Recognition Team. The CART addresses the needs that arise within and between churches. It is also responsible for administering the Visitor scheme.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	The Pastoral Introductions service helps many churches to find pastors. Thank God for 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.
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Please pray for FIEC's church planters as they undergo a period of change—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.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Please pray for all the churches of the Fellowship as we meet today to declare the truth about the Lord Jesus Christ with confidence and joy. Please pray for pastors and church leaders suffering from ill-health, worry or discouragement. May the Lord strengthen them in his love and enable them to return to their ministries, full of the Holy Spirit.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Please pray today for the young people aged 14-19 years old, who will attend the first <b>Contagious West</b> Youth Conference at Hebron Hall, Cardiff starting today, running until Sunday. Pray too for the leaders as they seek to disciple these young people and prepare them for future service in days to come.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	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.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	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.

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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 e.g. LTS, Oak Hill and WEST	Proclamation Trust – and Cornhill Training Course
Association of Evangelists	New Word Alive

#### Key Prayer Points This Week

Thursday 26th	Please pray for <b>Affinity</b> which is a network of more than 1200 Bible-centred churches and Christian agencies in the UK. Seeking to be conservative in doctrine and contemporary in culture, <b>Affinity</b> exists to promote biblical church unity for the furtherance of the gospel. <b>Affinity</b> is delighted to announce the appointment of Peter Milsom as its new part-time Director; please pray for Peter as he takes on this new role from 1st September and for Richard (chairman) as he steers the <b>Affinity</b> Council through a period of change.
Friday 27th	Please pray for the work of FIEC Ltd. Pray for Gemma Adam who has recently joined the staff to work alongside Jayne Oldridge and Alan Manzie, with Derek Alcock and Mike Smith who serve on a voluntary basis. Pray for them all in the invaluable work they do for so many churches both inside and outside the Fellowship.
Saturday 28th	Please start to pray about <b>Envision: The FIEC Leaders' Conference</b> which will take place from 20-22 October, entitled 'Building for the Future'. The Conference will be a great opportunity for leaders in our churches, whether elders, deacons, youth leaders or women's workers, together with their spouses, to join together for mutual encouragement and to shape the vision and direction of the Fellowship.
Sunday 29th	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.
Monday 30th	Please pray for the Overseas Relationships Team which 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.
Tuesday 31st	As the summer holidays draw to a close, let us pray for all our young people preparing to return to (or go to for the first time) school, college, university or work. Pray too for all teachers at the start of the new academic year that they may know the Lord's help and wisdom in what is a very difficult and demanding occupation.

**IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WISHES TO SIGN UP FOR THE PRAYER NEWS, PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM TO COMPLETE THE 'CONTACT US' FORM ON THE WEBSITE – [www.fiec.org.uk](http://www.fiec.org.uk)**