

**December 2011**

## Please pray for us

Welcome to this month's FIEC News & Prayer. We want to bring you monthly updates on the activities of the FIEC and also bring to your attention prayer requests that we receive from our churches and other organisations.

Please email [sarah@fiec.org.uk](mailto:sarah@fiec.org.uk) with prayer requests for January/February by December 16<sup>th</sup> – we would encourage you to share these with us so we can pray more specifically for one another.

### News...

**You can now download the main talks & directors' updates from our recent Leaders' Conference.** The MP3 recordings can be downloaded from our website free of charge for individuals and churches to listen to. Please note that the copyright remains with the FIEC, so if you would like to reproduce them or use them in any other way please contact the office first.

Those who have received Together magazine and/or attended the Leaders' Conference will know we have a **new visual identity** (also reflected in the on-line News & Prayer header). This was developed in-house to better convey the identity and work of FIEC. If you need to use the FIEC logo please do take a look at the guidelines and use the new logos which will shortly be available from our website.

### Prayer...

As we begin the run up to Christmas let us pray for our pastors and church workers who are preparing services and events to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ. Praise God for the opportunity to engage with local communities at a time of year when people are more receptive to the story of the birth of Jesus.

This month please pray for **Evangelical Baptist Church in Hatfield**. Their pastor Murray Gifkins writes: "We are in the process of trying to buy an existing church building which has come up for sale in our South Hatfield community. We currently meet in a community centre. Please pray with us that the Lord's hand would be upon the decision making process and that the building may be saved from redevelopment (as a block of 12 flats). In tandem with that, please pray with us about the fundraising objective to buy the building, which will be about £350,000. We have raised just over £50,000 of gifts and pledges so far, but this is a big mountain to climb!"

Do pray for the planning of next years Pastors' Association Regional Conferences. The theme will be Caring for God's Church and 12 conferences are planned throughout the country. Venue details will be available in January.



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December 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>: PfS (Prepared for Service) takes place at the Carey Centre, Reading this week. Seven of the 37 students are finishing the course this month and a number are looking forward to joining in February. Do pray for these students that they might continue to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the bible.

December 12<sup>th</sup>: We are encouraged by the number of churches and pastors who have expressed interest in affiliating with the FIEC or joining the Pastors Association. Please pray for the National Recognition Team (NRT) which meets today to consider applications from churches and pastors.

December 14<sup>th</sup>&16<sup>th</sup>: Members of Kensington Baptist Church are carol singing at their local Tesco's on Wednesday and are involved in a community action event on Friday. Do pray for these opportunities to reach out to those in inner city Bristol.

December 25<sup>th</sup>: Give thanks and praise for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### **Office closure...**

Please note the FIEC office will be closed from Friday 23rd December, re-opening Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.