

May Prayer News from the Robinsons

Beyond expectation!

The Thai Fellowship Weekend had been planned to coincide with Easter so they could celebrate the Lord's resurrection together. However, just three weeks prior to Easter it seemed that numbers would be well down as many Thai would not be able to attend. Disappointing!

In faith the organisers continued to pray, plan and trust the Lord.

What a surprise and delight to welcome almost 70 to our weekend, and to have several past Thai members rejoin with us.

There was a great spirit of worship and joy, and they celebrated the resurrection of Jesus together. The three Bible talks were excellent, prayer for the Lord's work was keen and sharp.

Please pray that the experience of the Lord's uplifting grace will continue with all those who came.

A mobile surprise! In mid-April David and Mary got a call from one of the group members in the NorthEast. *"I'm returning home from a group meeting, and my friend who came with me is here in the car and wants to accept the Lord. Can she do it with you now, please?"* Of course, they prayed for this new seeker and feel a real work of grace took place.

Please pray for Ms Aem, that she might fully embrace new life in Christ and grow in her new faith.

Please also pray for:

- two new groups in the North and a tiny one in Colchester to flourish and that others will be started by keen Thai believers.
- more applications for the July Camp as they are coming in too slowly! To fill the place many more need to apply.
- Clear guidance for the Thai committee who have 2-days 'away' in mid-May to do some serious planning, both for the Camp and for the wider progress of the work.
- The side-effects of Mary's 3 years chemo to recede along with her back pain. Her chemo has finished with a clear scan result!



Bryn Independent Methodist Church

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Sunday 11th May

"Welcome" ☺

11.00 am Our speaker is Stuart Hunter

6.00 pm Communion Service

*Now my head shall be lifted high
above those who try to pull me down,
and I will offer sacrifices of joy in his
tabernacle*

*I will sing,
yes, I will sing praises to Jehovah.*

Psalm 27 v6

The LORD
is my light
and my
salvation;

whom
shall I
fear?

The LORD
is the
strength of
my life;

of whom
shall I be
afraid?

Psalm 27 v1

Next week at Bryn I.M.

Tuesdays	10.00 am	Toddlers
Tuesdays	2.00 pm	Men's coffee and chat.
Saturdays	9.00 am	Men's prayer meeting
Sunday 18 th May	11.00 am	Our speaker is David Leach

The God we worship and to whom we pray

Paul prayed for the Church in Ephesus *'to receive that illumination of the Spirit, which would make them realisehow tremendous the power available is, to those who believe in God.*

That power is the same divine energy which was demonstrated in Christ when God raised Him from the dead and give Him the place of supreme honour in Heaven – a place that is infinitely superior to any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else in this world or in the world to come. Ephesians 1 v17,19 – 21

In outrageous generosity and grace God has made his mighty power available to each of his children in order that we can live our lives in ways that bring glory to Him. Here are some of those ways:

God strengthens us with his power through his Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith.
Ephesians 3 v16-17a

Our Father God strengthens us with his mighty power so we can endure any circumstances with patience and joy. Colossians 1 v11

When we are at our weakest, then his power is greatest in us.
2 Corinthians 12 v9

By the power of God's Spirit, we can overflow with hope.
Romans 15 v13

In the spiritual battle in which we are all engaged, God has given us weapons that have divine power to destroy the strongholds of wrong thinking and behaviour. 2 Corinthians 10 v4

As we fight against satan and his schemes we are to let God make us strong and depend on his mighty power. Ephesians 6 v10

For your information and prayers

Sunday School Anniversary

Well, how God blessed and challenged us all through Amy's ministry! We were well fed physically too at our Bring and Share Lunch. Thank you to Rachael, 'Trish and team

Our gifts to Myanmar via Tearfund

We gave £190. Thanks be to God.

Appointment of Elders at the May Church Meeting

Let us all be prayerfully considering which of our Church Members would meet the criteria (1 Timothy 3 v1-7: Titus 1 v5-10) for being an Elder of Christ's Body here at Bryn IM.

When God has laid someone on your heart, there is a process to follow:

- Ask another Church Member if they would consider the person to be suitable and if so, be willing to second your nomination.
- Ask the person if they would consider joining the Eldership.
- If their answer is 'Yes', give the name of your nomination and the seconder to John.

The March Church Meeting in 2024 agreed that elders would be appointed for two years with some for one year to maintain continuity.

Therefore, this year, Joy is up for re-election but not Alan.

We need at least 2 elders, 3 would be ideal and 4 would be amazing.

House groups in May

House group at Margaret's in Orrell at 10.00 am	Monday	12 th May
House group at Simon and Cherith's at 7.00 pm	Thursday	15 th May.

A delegate from Byn IM for the IM Annual Meeting

We have not one, but two members willing to attend the I.M. Annual Meeting for 2025, at Haydock at the end of July.

Our two delegates are John Marrison and Chris Wilcock.

'Thank you to both for serving us in this way as well as the many other ways you serve us.'

Daily Prayer Guide

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27 v1

Sunday – thanksgiving

Psalm 27 v1

The LORD – Jehovah, the 'I AM', is your light in the dark times, He is your salvation and deliverer from danger. In his strength, you can be confident despite the spiritual battle.

This is personal, as each of his children can say 'the great I AM is always light for me, always my salvation, always the strength by which I live. All of Him for each of us! Amazing!

Monday – praise

Psalm 27 v1: Psalm 119 v105: Psalm 78 v72: Ephesians 1 v19-21

Because of the many dark and dangerous situations David had experienced, he knew that God is light, showing him the way to go, lighting the path for him. We can know this too.

David knew that when the enemy seemed too strong, God would deliver him as He had done so before. God will deliver us too in our spiritual battle, as we trust and obey Him.

David knew God to be his strength, his support – the power of the omnipotent 'I AM' was available for him to endure, to overcome, to wait, to lead and rule with righteousness and skill. Whatever our circumstances, as we trust and obey Him, we too will know his mighty strength for us.

Tuesday – pray for national leaders

Psalm 27 v1: Psalm 78 v72:

Please pray, by name, for the leaders of those nations with which God has burdened you. We see that King David knew God well and so he was able to shepherd his people with an upright heart and guide them with his skilful hand. Pray for these leaders to know God and be transformed.

Wednesday – pray for our nation

1 John 4 v18: Psalm 27 v1: Joshua 1 v9: lyrics by Kevin Prosch

Because of our changing and turbulent world, many are fearful. When the future is uncertain fear tightens its grip, bringing distress and mental and physical ill health.

In Scripture the antidote to fear is to know and believe in God's love and power and that always He is with us.

Let us seek God for a move of his Spirit across our land, in the Church and government, and all areas of society.

'Your Gospel, O Lord, is the hope of our nation.

It's the power of God for our salvation. You are the Lord.'

Thursday – pray for our neighbourhood

Lots of people live in fear – fear of those they are indebted to, fear of those who abuse and bully them, fear of no work or not being able to meet family needs, fear of ill health etc.

We can pray against the fear itself to be overcome by God's love. Let us pray for both the instigators and their victims to know God's love, and for the practical help they need.

Friday – pray for the Church at Bryn

Romans 8 v32: Mark 9 v24:

'Father, as your people who know your love and power and presence, may we increasingly trust You, as David did.

You gave your precious and only Son for us, therefore we can be sure that You will give us every other good gift.

Forgive our unbelief Father and help us believe.'

Saturday – pray for the Church at Bryn IM

Isaiah 55 v8-9: Psalm 27 v1

'Father, we know in our heads that You are light, salvation and strength for each one of us, but often we don't believe but fear. Forgive us, Father. We can all recall times when we have experienced your faithfulness, may we remember and trust You implicitly. Though we cannot understand or know your ways, we do know who You are, that you never change, and that always You are with us, so we need not fear.'