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# Prayer Diary


July — September 2008

**...**Jesus says...Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God.

*Matthew 5.3*



*Colin Brown*


 Thank you for your prayers for Fresh Expressions and other ways in which you support the team and initiative. One interpretation of 'poor in spirit' is those who know their need of God. This is certainly true for the Core Team, as well as many pioneers and leaders of fresh expressions of church. Pray for God's grace — to know our need of him and to look to him for guidance and provision. Pray also for those people for whom fresh expressions are all about — the many who do not currently relate to an inherited type of church. Pray that they too might know their need of God.


We are encouraging those involved in a fresh expression to join a learning network — groups of practitioners who meet regularly to learn together. Members of a network may have something in common; maybe they live in the same geographic area, or they are involved with a similar type of fresh expression. The important thing is that each member can learn from others — their mistakes as well as successes. Please pray for good communication and joining of these important networks.


Pray for the appointments of Director of Training and Methodist Connexional Missioner for Phase 2


*The Fresh Expressions Team*





 For the Methodist Church's partnership and support. Pray for good communication in training for pioneer ministry and the Connexional pioneers scheme to be implemented in September. Over the next few years this scheme will be seeking to match pioneers with projects primarily aimed at reaching non-churched younger people. Give thanks for recent key appointments.


 For Pete Pillinger's role as Methodist Connexional Missioner over the past three years. As Pete prepares to move to a new role as Chair to Plymouth and Exeter District in 2009, pray for the appointment of his successor for Phase 2 of the initiative.


 For Pam Macnaughton and her work on the website development over the past three years. Pray for her and her family as she is ordained Pioneer Ordinand and takes up a post. Pray for the appointment of her successor in the important role of website editor.

 For over 600 fresh expressions of church registered in the directory. See the website for specific fresh expressions' prayer needs.

 For the many people who have heard and responded to the gospel through fresh expressions in their village, town or city — and decided to love and follow Jesus.

 For the creative ways in which God is inspiring new Christian communities of faith throughout the country and abroad.

 For the hope, energy and renewed vision that Fresh Expressions is giving many people, both within and outside the Church.

 For the support and encouragement of key leaders in the church, as well as growing interest from other mission agencies.





*Martyn Atkins*  
**President of the  
Methodist  
Conference**





*Pam Macnaughton*





 For the development and availability of helpful and envisioning resources such as *vision days*, *mission shaped intro* and *mission shaped ministry* courses around the country and on the internet.

 For the 4000 people who have attended a *vision day* and for the way in which God is inspiring them to pray and develop a fresh expression of church in their area.

 For the provision and development of *Share*, the online guide. Pray for the growth in use of this place of sharing and learning.


 For the 47 people currently training as Ordained Pioneer Ministers, and 20 training as Church Army evangelists. Pray for the growing interest of many others in exploring a call to pioneering ministry.


 For *Bishop's Mission Orders* and their inclusion within the Church of England's structure.


 For the Methodist 'Fresh Ways Working Group' as they work to formulate guidelines for the Methodist Church for the development of fresh expressions and the selection, training and placement of lay and ordained pioneers.


## give thanks...

### Pray for fresh expressions of church


 For fresh expressions in places where people are marginalised and poor in spirit.


 For leaders and core teams of fresh expressions; that they might be faithful in prayer and discerning in following the move of the Spirit.


 For the editing and launch of the new publication 'Mixed Economy.'


 For new registrations of fresh expressions in the website directory. Pray that more people will find and use the website.


 For the development of materials for the Diocesan and District Synods tour beginning in September.


 For the use of *mission shaped intro* as a web-based resource. Pray for good communication and uptake across the church to enable new ways of looking at mission in our contemporary contexts.

 For international liaison. Pray for Bob Franklyn's new role in tracking the overseas interest in fresh expressions and dealing with requests from people visiting this country wanting to explore fresh expressions for their church back home.

 For the distribution of the booklet and DVD to communicate about Ordained Pioneer Ministry.

 For *mission shaped ministry* courses across the country. Pray for organizers, for the provision of key people in areas yet to hold a course. Pray for courses already running, for the leaders and participants, and for follow-on courses to develop. Pray especially for those completing the course — to put into action what they have learned.

 For preparations for the *key pioneers meetings* in Guildford, Oxford and York and for the tour of several Diocese and Districts, all due to happen in the autumn.

 For the appointment to the new post of Director of Training for Phase 2



Bob Franklyn

please  
pray for...



Steven Croft



Archbishop Rowan

### Steven Croft

1 (Archbishops' Missioner and Team Leader) for discernment over the way forward for the team and the initiative

### Diocesan Missioners Conference

2

### Norman Ivison

3 developing a new 'mission shaped Sunday' resource for local congregations

### Director of Training

4 appointment process

### *mission shaped ministry*

5 in Cheshire

### Ben Gardner

6 for connections with Christian Festivals

### Colin Brown

7 facilitating a 'Spirituality for Mission' gathering in Sheffield

### Methodist Conference

8 continues until 10th July

### Meeting

9 between Fresh Expressions and Hope 08

### Archbishops Rowan and John

10 give thanks for support and pray for wisdom and grace

### Bishop's Mission Orders

11 for those exploring, administering, and seeking ways to work together

### *mission shaped ministry*

12 in Stafford

### Rachel Westall

13 (Steven Croft's PA) for grace to support the initiative and its leader effectively.

### Team Day

14 core team meeting at Offa House

### Pete and Kath Atkins

15 for grace as they coordinate *mission shaped ministry*

### Anglo Catholic Round Table

16 at Lambeth

**Methodist Superintendents**

17 training course

**mission shaped ministry**

18 for those exploring and establishing a course in their area

**Andrew Wooding**

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**Pioneer ministries**

20 for all those engaged in mission on the edge

**New Monasticism**

21 pray for those attracted, and those in communities

**Sir Christopher Wates**

22 and the Board of Directors

**Lambeth Conference**

23 Fresh Expressions seminar and exhibition stand

**Partnerships**

24 pray for developing conversations with mission agencies and denominations

**Colin Brown**

25 and his research into spirituality in Fresh Expressions

**Martyn Atkins**

26 current president of the Methodist Conference

**Diocesan and District**

27 leaders and permission-givers

**Rachel Matthews**28 working on our *vision days* development**Pete Pillinger**

29 as he encourages fresh expressions through the Methodist Church

**Fresh Expressions Board**

30 for wisdom and grace

**Steven Croft**

31 teaching at London School of Theology

please  
pray for...

Andrew Wooding



Archbishop John

please  
pray for...



Rob Marshall



Norman Ivison



### Worship in FE

1 pray for ways to develop and share wider resources

### Lambeth Conference

2 concludes today

### Associate Missioners

3 as they communicate about fresh expressions across the country and host training days

### Lambeth Partners

4 give thanks for invaluable support and pray for more

### Research

5 for developing our understanding of what God is doing through fresh expressions

### mission shaped ministry launch

6 in Chandler's Ford

### Share

7 for the development of this online learning resource

### Learning networks

8 pray for people to come together

### Bishops & Methodists Superintendents

9 for wise leadership and engagement with fresh expressions

### vision days

10 pray for the places in the country that have yet to host a *vision day*

### Rob Marshall

11 and his media and PR contacts

### Rural Fresh Expressions

12 pray for God's blessing and fruit

### Norman Ivison

13 filming and editing material for an Anglo Catholic clergy conference

### Urban Fresh Expressions

14 pray for God's blessing and fruit

### Rachel Matthews

15 (**Events Administrator**) for organising *vision days* around the country

### Youth Fresh Expressions

16 pray for God's blessing and fruit

**Older peoples' Fresh Expressions**

17 pray for God's blessing and fruit

**Andrew Roberts**

18 for work on discipleship in fresh expressions

**Pam Macnaughton**19 **(Website Editor)** for her work on the website development and the appointment of her successor**Pray for the preparations...**

20 ...for a meeting in November of Archbishop Rowan, Area Deans, and Methodist Superintendents

**Church Army Evangelists**

21 developing fresh expressions of church

**Andrew Wooding**

22 for the development of learning networks

**Ordained pioneer ministry**

23 DVD and booklet launched at Momentum

**mission shaped intro**

24 for good use of this valuable resource

**Ben Clymo**

25 as he provides essential administrative support

**Enablers**

26 Diocesan Missioners &amp; District Evangelism Enablers for these key posts in our church structures

**Bob Franklyn**27 for his work developing *mission shaped intro***Lambeth Partnership**

28 give thanks for the support of many, and pray for new Partners

**Steven Croft**

29 meeting visitors from Uniting Church in Australia

**Pete and Kath Atkins**30 for grace as they coordinate *mission shaped ministry***Sir Christopher Wates**

31 and the Board of Directors

please  
**pray** for...

Andrew Roberts



Ben Clymo



please  
pray for...



Graham Stacey



Pete Pillinger



### Pioneer ministries

1 for all those engaged in mission on the edge

### Mixed Economy church

2 launch of a booklet on Mixed Economy church

### Graham Stacey

3 for the organisation of the Key Pioneers' Tour

### Steven Croft

4 teaching Methodist ordinands in Durham

### Pete Pillinger

5 Methodist Theological Tutors' Group

### Andrew Wooding

6 (**Online Guide Coordinator**) for the development of learning networks through conferences and meetings

### Prayer supporters

7 give thanks and pray for those who pray for us

### Lincolnshire Fresh Expressions

8 area strategy team meeting

### Team residential begins today

9 three days together at Hothorpe Hall, Leicestershire

### Ben Clymo

10 as he provides essential administrative support

### Pam Macnaughton

11 (**Website Editor**) for her work on the website re-development

### Pete Pillinger

12 (**Methodist Missioner**) as he develops coaching and mentoring

### mission shaped ministry

13 in Lincoln

### mission shaped ministry

14 residential in Rugby

### Fresh Expressions Board Meeting

15 Lambeth Palace

### Steven Croft

16 meeting Archbishop Rowan, Lambeth; also Bath and Wells Diocesan Conference, Swanwick

**Ordained Pioneer Ministry**

17

for those exploring a call; for DDOs and others testing that call

**Norman Ivison**

18

in Stockholm meeting with Diocese of Europe clergy

**Colin Brown**

19

**(Church Army Missioner)** for his role in developing and maintaining prayer support**mission shaped ministry**

20

launches in West Midlands, Norfolk, the North East and Kent

**Bob Franklyn**

21

**(Congregational Federation)** for his work in developing *mission shaped intro***Pete & Kath Atkins**

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for the development and running of *mission shaped ministry***Rachel Matthews**

23

**(Events Administrator)** for the development and roll-out of *vision days* around the country**Rachel Mallows**

24

Lyn, Maya and the support team at the Partnership office

**Orpington Vision day**

25

in Tonbridge, Kent, for those leading and attending

**mission shaped ministry**

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residential in Manchester

**mission shaped ministry**

27

launches in Leeds

**Mike Moynagh**

28

for the development of *Share* and learning networks**Pete Pillinger**

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District Chairs meeting in Northampton

**Steven Croft**

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for wise leadership of the team and project

please  
**pray** for...

Rachel Matthews



Mike Moynagh



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