

PRAYER DIARY

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WELCOME

to the prayer diary

With the excitement of Christmas now behind us, we look forward to a new year of reaching the lost world of sport with the Gospel. The beginning of a new year is often a time of reflection, on what has come before as well as a time of excitement looking forward to what lies ahead. We praise God for 2018 and look to Him to guide us in 2019.

Isaiah 43:18-19 says “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” This verse reminds us that He can always do the good things He has done for us in the past just like He says He can make water in the wasteland.

As we embark on a new year please join us in praying that the good news would go out to sports people like water in the wasteland.

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ELITE SPORT

3 - 16 Feb

Heavy training and competition schedules take elite athletes and coaches away from home for long periods of time, meaning they can miss a lot of church teaching and church fellowship. Please join us in praying for the world of elite sport and all those within it.

Sun 3rd Young Performance Athletes parents/guardians gatherings. Thank God for the YPAs parent/guardians' gatherings that have taken place this term in Wales and England. Praise God for the opportunity parents had to share experiences and Godly wisdom of dealing with their child's involvement in elite sport.

Mon 4th Disability Sport. Pray for the opportunity to get the Bible open more with elite disability athletes in 2019. Praise God for the Christians and seekers we know of in this world, for trust and relationships to grow between the athletes and staff supporting them, and for the Lord to give the athletes a hunger to read His Word.

Tue 5th Seekers. Praise God for the way he is moving in the hearts of the 104 seeking elite athletes that have heard the Gospel through Bible studies and guest events in the last few months. Ask that the Lord would draw each one closer to Him and open blind eyes in 2019.

Wed 6th Vitality Netball Superleague. Thank God for the growing community of believers playing within the top UK netball league. Pray for opportunities for them to encourage each other as sisters in Christ.

Thu 7th Christian elite athletes. Praise God for the opportunity the team had to do over 250 one-two-one and group Bible studies with Christian elite athletes over the last few months. Pray that God's Word would be their anchor and guidance throughout the highs and lows of their performances in 2019. Pray that they would be rooted in their local churches and standing firm on God's promises.

Fri 8th Football. Thank God for the living faith many footballers have in the top English leagues. In a world full of temptation, pray that they would remain faithful to God in all things.

Sat 9th Elite rowing. Thank God for the rowers who attended Christmas carols and other Christmas guest events in Henley over December. Pray that seeds would have been planted in their hearts and that God would continue to draw athletes to Him.

Sun 10th Northern Ireland Football. Pray for Russell Bowers and a core team of leaders reaching out to the world of elite football in Northern Ireland. Pray that the Lord would use the team to envision and encourage others to live for Christ in this world.

Mon 11th Recently retired athletes. Retirement can be a hard and lonely transition for many athletes. Pray that they would be aware of His 'everlasting arms' upholding them through this time of change. For those who don't know Christ, pray that as their identity as an athlete is stripped away, it would lead them to find their true identity in our loving Lord.

Tue 12th Elite Hockey. Pray for Christian players and coaches involved in the international squads and Premier Leagues. Pray that they would enjoy the gifts they have been given and glorify God as they play, share life and the Gospel with their teammates this season.

Wed 13th Pro 14. Thank God for the many players professing in the Pro14 rugby union competition. Pray for open doors to meet with and support these players as we look to reach the world of rugby for Christ.

Thu 14th Golf Tours. Pray for the growing ministry taking place on the European Tour, Ladies European Tour and Tartan Tour. Pray for Kenny, Ali and Vincent as they take the Word of God to these tours, where golfers spend a lot of time away from their home churches.

Fri 15th Professional Tennis. Pray for an opportunity prior to each Grand Slam competition for Christians competing to meet for fellowship over dinner. Pray that this would be a helpful step in fostering Christian community on the tours as they travel the world, away from their local churches.

Sat 16th Muller Grand-Priz, Birmingham. Pray for world-class athletes competing at the Indoor Grand Prix in Birmingham today. Pray that God would raise up new followers of His and that this growing community would be an encouragement to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

NORTHERN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND

17 Feb - 2 Mar

With more than 20,000 registered sports clubs, Scotland and Northern Ireland remain a rich harvest field for this work and in need of many Gospel workers. Please join us in praying for Christians in sport and churches across these countries.

Sun 17th Northern Irish Clubhouses. Praise God for 7 Clubhouse training events which took place in Northern Ireland over the last number of months. Pray for the many people who were encouraged and equipped to think about the mission field of sport in their local areas.

Mon 18th Sullivan Upper School. Praise God for the dodgeball tournament which took place in Sullivan Upper School in January. Praise God for the group of Christian sportspeople there who have a real desire to share Jesus with their teammates and friends in school sport.

Tue 19th Ebrington Presbyterian Church
. Praise God for the big screen event Jack McQuillan organised in Ebrington Presbyterian Church in Londonderry in November. Pray that lives would be changed through hearing the Gospel message on the evening and pray for Jack and his ongoing witness to his teammates in his rugby team.

Wed 20th Ballymena Rugby Club. Praise God for the Quiz held in Ballymena Rugby Club in January and for Timmy, Phil & Matty who invited teammates to come along to hear something of the Gospel message. Pray for them as they follow up with the people who came.

Thu 21st Strandtown Baptist Church. Pray for Kate and other sportspeople in Strandtown Baptist Church who met in January to pray for teammates in their sports clubs & teams. Pray for the plans they've made to host a Sports Quiz in March in the East Belfast area.

Fri 22nd Ballymena Hockey Club. Praise God for the male and female hockey players at Ballymena Hockey club who came along to Clubhouse Ballymena and have begun to gather regularly before training to pray for their teammates in the club.

Sat 23rd Malone Rugby Club. Continue to pray for Dan in Malone RFC who has been reading the Bible regularly with a teammate in the rugby club. Pray for more opportunities to share the gospel with other teammates and praise God for the influence He has there.

Sun 24th Clubhouses in Scotland. Give thanks for the Clubhouse training events which took place across Scotland last Autumn. Pray that they equipped people to live for Jesus in their sport and specifically helped them towards inviting friends to upcoming events.

Mon 25th Scottish Graduates. Pray that all graduates in Scotland will have settled into a church smoothly and are continuing to reach the world of sport for Christ through joining a sports club or group.

Tue 26th Scotland Mission. Over the next four days, we have our Regional Mission in Scotland where we look to engage hundreds of sportspeople with the Gospel through a variety of events. Ask God to use the team boldly to achieve His plans and purposes in the next four days.

Wed 27th School and Youth Events. Pray for school RME lessons and youth dodgeball tournaments taking place today. Pray that those who attend will be encouraged to consider Christ personally for themselves and decide to follow Him.

Thu 28th Sports Quizzes. Pray for the six sports quizzes that are taking place in Scotland this week. Pray that sports people will attend and have a positive experience. Ask God to open doors for further Gospel conversations for the Christians who bring their friends.

Fri 1st March Clubhouses. Ask God to use the Clubhouse training events in Falkirk (yesterday) and Inverness (tonight) to establish and empower a Christian presence in the sports clubs and teams of those towns.

Sat 2nd Young Performance Athletes. Thank God for the Christian young performance athletes in Scotland. Pray that they can bring many friends from their sport to tonight's event where Linvoy Primus will share his story.

STUDENTS

3 - 16 Mar

Thousands of students train and compete in their sport every week and the need for gospel workers in this harvest field remains great. Join us in praying particularly that God will empower student sportspeople to pray, play and say among their teammates.

Sun 3rd Clubhouse Xtra 2019. Rejoice over the way God has used Clubhouse Xtra 2019 to equip students to live boldly for him this term. Ask God to continue to use every Christian student to witness faithfully to their university sports friends this year.

Mon 4th Freshers. Continue to pray for all 1st year students who have started university standing tall for Christ. Pray that they continue to remain faithful to Christ and persevere through the challenges of being a fresher in the world of sport.

Tue 5th New university groups. Thank God for the new university groups that have started this year. Pray that they strengthen quickly and ask God to use the groups powerfully in order to proclaim Christ to the sports people at their university.

Wed 6th Recent Graduates. Pray for students who graduated in 2018 as they continue to adjust to post-university life. Pray each one has remained faithful to Christ, found a new church and continues to make sport their mission.

Thu 7th Dialogue Dinners. Praise God for the 18 dialogue dinners that took place in the first term, where sportspeople invited their friends to hear more about the Gospel. Pray for many more meals like this in the remaining months and ask God to allow the seed to fall on good soil and bring salvation to many.

Fri 8th Group Leaders. Pray for the Christians in Sport group leaders that they continue to lead their groups with godliness and integrity. Ask God to equip and empower them to spur their groups on to bold living in the world of student sport.

Sat 9th Transitions. Pray for the transitions' work that seeks to help Christians in sport start university well. Ask God to protect and use His people in the world of student sport during this crucial stage.

Sun 10th Interns. We currently have 12 interns, of graduate age, based around the UK and Ireland. Thank God for the way He has used them to serve Christ in the student work this year. Pray for the new internship applications and ask God to guide the selection process so that His name will be glorified.

Mon 11th Churches. Rejoice over the many churches across the UK that disciple Christian students and support them in their sports clubs. Ask God to increase healthy relationships between the Christians in Sport student team and these churches.

Tue 12th Evangelistic events. Praise the Lord for using around 30 dodgeball tournaments and sports quizzes in term 1 to expose sportspeople to the truth of the Gospel. Ask Him to enable many more events like these to open the eyes of sport students.

Wed 13th More workers. Ask The Lord of the Harvest to send workers into harvest fields of universities where we know of few or no Christians playing university sport. Pray towards a faithful witness in every university sports club across the British Isles.

Thu 14th Mission Weeks. Thank God for the opportunity He gave us to support the Cardiff Met and Loughborough University CU mission weeks this year. Ask Him to guide us as we decide on where to go for next year's missions.

Fri 15th Summer activity. Pray ahead of the summer, that God would use Sports Plus camps and the European Sports Mission to encourage and equip Christian students to return to university in September 2019 and make Him known in their sports club.

Sat 16th Every student. Cry out to God to have mercy on the hearts and lives of every student in the British Isles. Ask Him to use Christians in their university sports clubs to set forth the Truth plainly so that many repent and believe in Christ.

BIG PRAYERS

17 -30 Mar

We read in Ephesians 3 v 20-21 that God can do “immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine”, so let’s pray big. As we look ahead, please join us in praying for the long-term aims of different areas of the work, that we would depend on God in everything.

Sun 17th Professional tennis. Pray for a vibrant Christian fellowship to be established on the ATP and WTA tours, where players are hungry to get together and read God’s Word together.

Mon 18th Partners. The prayers, money and time of our partners enable the work. We praise God for them all and pray that He would mightily use these gifts for His glory.

Tue 19th Gaelic Sports. Pray for sports such as Gaelic football and hurling across Northern Ireland and Ireland. Pray that Christian contacts would be found and sportspeople across the many club teams would get the opportunity to hear and respond to the good news about Jesus.

Wed 20th Universities. Pray that the Lord will open the eyes of at least one sportsperson at every university in the UK and cause them to deny themselves, pick up their cross and follow Jesus as Lord.

Thu 21st Financial provision. Christians in Sport is funded entirely by donations. It is an honour and a privilege to steward these gifts well. In this financial year we are seeking to raise £1.65m in donations which reflects our most significant budget increase in many years. We ask that God would raise up hundreds more financial partners to enable this to happen.

Fri 22nd Difficulties in Europe. Pray for our brothers and sisters across Europe who face persecution, discrimination or difficulties for being a Christian. Pray for their faith to remain strong and their numbers to grow in the midst of trial.

Sat 23rd Sustainable Mission. By 2020, we long to see leaders in 300 towns, cities and elite sports, all around the world, serving to reach the world of sport for Christ in their local area. Please pray that God would raise up more leaders to carry this out.

Sun 24th Sports Plus. Please pray for the hundreds of young people attending Sports Plus camps this summer. Pray for those coming who don't yet trust in Jesus, that their eyes will be opened to their need of Him.

Mon 25th Growth of Sports Plus. Pray that God would enable Sports Plus to continue to grow in the coming years by providing new venues, more young sportspeople and raising up new leaders to make this a reality.

Tue 26th. Adult Dialogue Dinners. Last season, we prayed for students to host meals for teammates to come and ask questions about Jesus – we have seen amazing fruit. This season, pray for 40 dialogue dinners run in non-university clubs and teams.

Wed 27th Sportspeople hearing the gospel. Our goal is that 150,000 sportspeople across the UK are given the opportunity to hear and respond to Jesus by 2020. Pray for open doors for the gospel message and that the seeds that are planted would fall on good soil.

Thu 28th New website and brand. As our new website is launched at soon, pray that it is a useful resource for sports people around the world. Pray that it is a great gateway for anyone wanting to get involved with Christians in Sport for the first time.

Fri 29th New training kit. As our refreshed training material is launched alongside the new website, pray that the new resources equip people brilliantly to share their faith in the world of sport.

Sat 30th Sports Mission Pack. Pray for churches to make use of the pack to reach sportspeople in their local area this coming year. With the cricket, netball, women's football and rugby world cups all taking place this Summer, pray for them to make the most of the opportunities that major sports events bring.

ENGLAND AND WALES

31 Mar - 13 Apr

Starting with Northern Ireland in 2002, we now have small teams in each of the four home nations. Praise God for His goodness in guiding this expansion. This fortnight, we commit England and Wales in prayer - Scotland and Northern Ireland will follow in January.

Sun 31st Newcastle Sports Quiz. Give thanks for those who organised the October quiz at St James' Park. Nearly 200 people came, many of whom had never heard the Gospel before. Pray for bold follow-up this Easter time.

Mon 1st Apr Clubhouses. Dozens were trained in sports evangelism for the first time at these two Clubhouses - South Coast (18th Jan) and Guildford (15th Feb). Praise God He is raising up more workers for His harvest field.

Tue 2nd Oxford. Give thanks for a group of 25 sportspeople who meet up monthly to study the Bible and pray. Pray this group would grow, and that God would use members to share Christ with sportspeople across the city.

Wed 3rd Cambridge. Thank God for open doors to read the Bible with teammates this season, especially in hockey and football. Pray that Jesus would soon reveal Himself to those who are searching.

Thu 4th Liverpool Rowing Quiz. Last term, a quiz was held for Liverpool Uni boat club vs the local adult rowing club. Praise God for the 43 guests, and pray that the seeds planted during ex-Olympic rower Debbie Flood's testimony would take root.

Fri 5th Bath. Pray for Christian sportspeople in Bath as they seek to find other Christians involved in local sports clubs and to help equip those in their churches involved in sport. Pray that God would help them connect with those who could be served by this work.

Sat 6th London Clubhouse. Thank God for all those who attended the London Clubhouse in February and who will attend the London Clubhouse on Sat 27th April. Pray these events would be effective in inspiring and equipping Christians involved in sport in London.

Sun 7th Newport. Thank God that we have an established group of Christians in Sport in Newport who have met together to be equipped and to pray for sports people in their city. Pray for each Christian as they share Jesus in their club or team, and for the evangelistic event we plan to hold this summer.

Mon 8th Sports Plus Xtra. Thank God for the growth in young people attending the Sports Plus Xtra one day camps, and pray that this summer at Brecon Sports Plus we'd see many more Welsh young sports people being encouraged to explore Jesus, grow in their faith and become equipped to share Him.

Tue 9th West Wales. Thank God for new connections with key Churches in towns across West Wales with Clubhouse events arranged for the first time there this year.

Wed 10th Events in West Wales. Please Pray for Events to be held across West Wales by sports people where their teammates can come and hear the Gospel being proclaimed.

Thu 11th South Wales BBQ. In July we will meet for a BBQ from all across South Wales with our families to look back and thank God for all He's done in Welsh sport. Pray this night would be an encouragement and would spur us on to continue to share Jesus faithfully, even when it's often hard to do so in isolation.

Fri 12th Netball. Thank God for the Christians playing netball across Wales. Pray they'd be faithfully staying in contact with teammates across the off season, and prayerfully planning how they can make an impact with the Gospel next season

Sat 13th Cardiff Mission. Give thanks for the Cardiff Universities' mission we were able to be a part of in November. Pray for all the sports people who heard the gospel that week, that they might turn to follow Jesus.

THANKSGIVING

14 - 27 Apr

Since all our blessings flow from God, we have much to be grateful for. This fortnight, let us praise and thank God for all He has been doing in the world of sport.

Sun 14th Young Performance Athletes (YPAs). Give thanks for the Christians we know of around the UK competing in elite youth sport. Pray that from a young age they would be able to acknowledge that their gifts come from God and be able to worship Him as they train and compete.

Mon 15th Technology. Pray that our investment in new technology, such as an improved website and new systems in the office, as we look to support a growing work, will enable a greater impact for God's Kingdom.

Tue 16th Partners. The work of Christians in Sport is financed through donations and so we give thanks to God for those who enable the work through their giving.

Wed 17th Financial Provision. Last year we spent £2k more than we got in based on expenditure of £1.92m. We praise God for His provision through His people and pray that we seek to be faith-filled and financially wise in our work.

Thu 18th Sports Plus 2018. Praise God for the 675 young people who attended the six Sports Plus camps in 2018 and heard the Gospel truth taught from the book of Luke. Give thanks for all that happened over those six weeks and that many lives would have been transformed.

Fri 19th Scotland Mission Week. Give thanks for the many opportunities we had to explain the Gospel to sports people across Scotland during the regional mission in February. Ask God to have mercy on every person and lead many to faith in Christ.

Sat 20th Scottish Churches. Pray that churches across Scotland will be praying specifically for sports clubs and teams in their church prayer meetings and/or through small prayer gatherings.

Sun 21st University Group Leaders. Thank God for the efforts and faithfulness of the 2018-2019 university group leaders. Pray for the training of the new leaders in March and ask God to use them effectively across the country from April onwards.

Mon 22nd Mission Weeks. Praise God for the Cardiff Met and Loughborough University mission weeks which we were able to support this year. Ask God to be bearing fruit in the hearts of all who attended events and had conversations with the team on campus.

Tue 23rd Key leaders in churches. Praise God for those in churches across the UK who have a passion for sport. Give thanks for their desire to find and help others like them in their churches to live for Jesus.

Wed 24th Church partnerships. Give thanks for churches who recognise the value of sport and the urgent need to reach out to their local sports communities. Pray we might serve and resource them brilliantly.

Thu 25th The European Sport Mission. Thank God for time to invest in our key demographic of 18-25 year olds through the European Sports Mission. Getting a month to invest in these lives is a great opportunity to train future leaders who we pray will be bold disciples wherever they end up.

Fri 26th Sports Mission Pack. Thank God for all those who have downloaded the Sports Mission Pack this year and the many opportunities to reach sportspeople with the Gospel this has led to.

Sat 27th London Clubhouse. Thank God for London Clubhouse taking place today in Euston. We're so thankful for the many sportspeople and leaders in London that we know who are looking to reach London for Christ.

CHURCHES

28 Apr - 11 May

The local church is vital to our mission – it's the primary community through which sportspeople come to know Jesus and grow in Him, and from which they are sent out to make disciples in the world of sport. Please join us in praying for different aspects of the church's ministry to sportspeople.

Sun 28th Christian Resources Exhibition (North).

Praise God for this recent opportunity to meet church leaders from Manchester, a city where we know only a handful of Christians in Sport. Pray that together we can find and equip more people with a heart for the lost world of sport.

Mon 29th Ministry of Sport. Give thanks for the Ministry of Sport initiative launched by the Church of England in 2012, which encourages every diocese to have a specific outreach to sportspeople and fans. Pray for wisdom as each diocese and church looks to implement strategies to reach people who play sport in their parishes.

Tue 30th Evangelism seminars. Thank God for the privilege to serve local churches by running evangelism seminars for sportspeople. Pray for more of these events across the UK, and that each person leaves feeling equipped to tell friends about Jesus.

Wed 1st May World Cup guest events. The summer of 2019 features World Cups in three major sports – netball, cricket and rugby. Pray for churches to make the most of this opportunity to engage local clubs through big-screen showings, themed quizzes and other guest events. Pray that our Sports Mission Pack is widely used to help these events.

Thu 2nd Ministry to local sportspeople. Pray for those churches who hold services and groups specifically to cater for sports people and their families. Pray these meetings would be an encouragement and a time of equipping for their lives, as well as a catalyst for evangelism.

Fri 3rd Evangelistic courses. Praise God for the hundreds of churches running courses for those investigating Jesus. If you know of one locally, why not pray for it now and any sportspeople you know who are attending?

Sat 4th Partner churches. Thank God for churches involved in the mission to reach the world of sport for Christ through prayer, giving or sending leaders to Sports Plus. Pray these partnerships would strengthen and increase in number as the work grows.

Sun 5th Sunday sport. With much sport now being played on Sundays, pray that churches would be able to work with sportspeople and parents to help them to be active members of both their local sports clubs and their churches.

Mon 6th Youth leaders. Give thanks for all those who dedicate time to teaching young people about Jesus. Pray for wisdom as they guide families and young people in their thinking around issues of sport and faith.

Tue 7th Young people. Praise God for the thousands of young people in the UK who love sport and love Jesus. Pray they would feel at home in their church, and that they would be a distinctive witness in their clubs and teams.

Wed 8th School chaplains. Praise God for the Christian heritage of schools with permanent chaplains. As these chaplains minister to many unbelieving pupils and staff involved in sport, pray God would be opening blind eyes.

Thu 9th Church leaders who play sport. Thank God for church leaders who are themselves involved in sport. Pray they can continue to find time to train and socialise with teammates, and that God might open a door for their message.

Fri 10th Interns. Each of our interns are based part-time at a church. Thank God for these placement churches and pray that the interns would not only serve well, but would appreciate the value of the local church in strengthening their own faith.

Sat 11th The worldwide church. Give thanks that through Jesus we are part of a global family. Pray for churches engaged in sports mission across the world especially in those countries where there is serious persecution.

GLOBAL MISSION

12 - 25 May

We are part of a global movement whose European arm is the European Christian Sports Union (ECSU). Please join us in thanking God for all He is doing in the world of sports mission and pray for the coming months.

Sun 12th Ready Set Go. After the global ReadySetGO resources were launched three years ago, work has continued to deepen this resource package as well as adding new strategies that have been developed since. Pray for the launch of this supplementary material which took place last week.

Mon 13th Competitive sports. Attached to the May launch was a strategy meeting specifically for those involved in Competitive sport around the world. We pray that through this meeting, more sportspeople take the good news of Christ into their clubs and teams.

Tue 14th Evangelistic films. Our evangelistic films have been translated into over ten languages to be used worldwide. Give thanks that we can support sports mission friends with good Bible teaching remotely and for the wonder of modern technology.

Wed 15th ECSU Gathering. Tomorrow is the start of the ECSU biennial Gathering in Germany. We are expecting over 400 people from across Europe to attend to be trained together, encourage one another and pray for our continent. Pray for safe travel.

Thu 16th Unstoppable. Each morning and evening delegates will gather for Bible teaching. As we look at Ezekiel in the evenings, pray for hearts to be renewed by the joy of God taking dry bones and making them flesh. how unstoppable is the Gospel message!

Fri 17th Different contexts. Each morning delegates will be split into their sports mission contexts of Competitive Sport, Community Sport and Health and Fitness. These contexts help train and develop individuals passionate about this area as well as share best practice.

Sat 18th Thinking about key issues. Alongside main sessions and contexts, are workshops and spotlight talks around key issues in Europe, such as engaging with migrant populations, making the most of major sporting events and various sports mission strategies. Pray these well equip people in their current areas and encourage them to engage outside their focus.

Sun 19th Closed countries. As delegates travel home today, pray for those returning to 'closed' countries where it is illegal or very difficult to share their faith. Thank God for the freedom we have in the UK and pray for our brothers and sisters that God would open a door for His message.

Mon 20th Small teams. As people return to normal life, pray for those working in small teams or who work alone. Having been with 400 brothers and sisters, pray they are sustained and inspired rather than dejected and pray for God's protection over all the delegates.

Tue 21st ECSU network. With the ECSU network growing, pray we are able to support effectively the number of people we now interact with to best serve them in their culture and sports mission context.

Wed 22nd ECSU teams. Pray for the Planning Team of five and the Facilitation Team of 16 who help co-ordinate the work of the ECSU, many of them in their spare time. Give thanks for these servant hearts and pray for momentum to be sustained in Europe.

Thu 23rd Jersey. Pray for Christians in sport in Jersey to come together to encourage and support one another as they seek to share Jesus in their clubs and teams. Pray for training events as we equip them to share their faith.

Fri 24th Boldness in Jersey. Pray for boldness from the Christians in Jersey to have the courage to talk about Jesus with their teammates. Pray that non-Christian friends respond well and God softens their hearts.

Sat 25th Sports Plus Xtra Jersey. Pray for Sports Plus Xtra - the monthly after school club - and for plans to relaunch Sports Plus Jersey this year.

SPORTS PLUS

26 May - 8 June

Please pray for the summer of Sports Plus summer camps. This year we have 7 camps, kicking off with a brand new camp in Dublin in June.

Sun 26th Monkton Sports Plus. Last summer saw our first Sports Plus at Monkton Combe School, Bath. Praise God for the provision of this new venue and pray that this camp would continue to grow and become established in Monkton.

Mon 27th Support Staff. Over 100 people will serve on the Support Staff, including Medical Teams, Tech Teams and Childcare Teams, this summer. Thank God for their servant hearts and all they do behind the scenes to enable Sports Plus to run smoothly.

Tue 28th Dublin Sports Plus. Summer 2019 sees the first Sports Plus in Ireland. Praise God for the provision of St Columba's College to hold the camp and pray for good relations with the school in our first year on site.

Wed 29th Sports Plus Bursary Fund. The Bursary Fund has enabled over 1,400 young people to attend Sports Plus over the past eight years who would otherwise have been unable to. Thank God for all those who have donated to the Bursary Fund; enabling these young people to attend.

Thu 30th Young people. Over 750 young people will attend across the seven camps this summer. Pray that those who are Christians would be strengthened, by the Gospel, in their faith and leave better equipped to represent Jesus in their sport.

Fri 31st Young people. Pray that as those young people who come to Sports Plus, who don't yet trust in Jesus, hear the good news that they would trust in it for the forgiveness of sins.

Sat 1st June Dublin Sports Plus Leaders. A month today leaders will arrive at Dublin Sports Plus for the training weekend. Praise God for raising up a team of leaders for this new camp and pray that the training weekend would prepare them for their roles throughout the week.

Sun 2nd Coaches. Thank God for those who will coach at Sports Plus this summer. Pray that they may build good relationships with the young people they are coaching and may be good witnesses for the Lord Jesus during their coaching sessions.

Mon 3rd Teaching. This summer we will be in the book of Mark. Pray that all those who will open the Bible with the young people would be faithful to God's Word in preparation and relevant in the delivery of talks, Bible studies and water breaks.

Tue 4th Belfast Sports Plus. There has been significant growth in the number of young people attending Belfast Sports Plus over the past few years. Praise God for the provision of more space at Campbell College which will enable even more young people to attend this summer.

Wed 5th Trainees. Thank God for the opportunity to invest in the lives of over 90 Trainees this summer. Pray that the training and experience they receive will equip them for future roles both within Christians in Sport and also their local church.

Thu 6th Schools. Praise God for the provision of the schools to hold Sports Plus. Pray that we would be a good witness to the staff on site and have opportunities to share the good news with them.

Fri 7th Team Leaders. Pray that as the Team Leaders receive their Team Meeting preparation material they will prepare well, enjoy their time in God's Word and deliver engaging studies for the young people in their teams.

Sat 8th Parents/Guardians. Thank God for the hundreds of parents and guardians who will send their young people to Sports Plus this summer. Pray that they too would be impacted by their children's experience of Sports Plus.

LOOKING AHEAD

9 -22 June

As we look ahead to the summer and beyond, we want to lift up a few big prayers to the Lord.

Sun 9th Vitality Netball World Cup, Liverpool 2019.

Over the last few years we have been praying for God to raise up Christians in international netball. At the Commonwealth Games, 8 netballers from 3 nations came together to meet and encourage each other in God's Word. Pray that the Lord would provide opportunities to develop this international community at the Liverpool World Cup in July 2019.

Mon 10th Wimbledon 2019. Pray for an opportunity prior to Wimbledon starting for Christians competing to meet for fellowship over dinner like last year. Pray that this would be a helpful step in fostering Christian community on the ATP and WTA tours, as they travel the world away from their local churches.

Tue 11th Sports Plus Bursary Fund. The Sports Plus bursary fund has blessed many families, enabling their young people to attend camp. Pray this year the fund would continue to grow to facilitate more young people attending Sports Plus

Wed 12th Auditing. As the year draws towards an end pray that the auditing process would help us to continue to be rigorous in adhering to the latest legislation.

Thu 13th Dublin Sports Plus. Pray for the Sports Plus camp kicking off in Dublin in July. Praise God for the young people who have signed up to come and pray that He would provide leaders and coaches to help coach sport and share Christ with the young people during the week.

Fri 14th Clubhouses in Northern Ireland. Pray for 'Clubhouse' training events to be run in at least 10 towns and cities in Northern Ireland next year. Pray that Christians involved in a range of sports would be envisioned to represent Christ in their sporting context.

Sat 15th Sports Plus. Pray that as Sports Plus grows and develops it would continue to be a place for young sportspeople to improve in their sport, while exploring more about the Christian faith and what it means to be a Christian sports player.

Sun 16th Scotland. Pray as we look to find more Christians in sport in Inverness, Dunfermline, Troon, Ayr and in the Scottish Borders. Ask God to lead the staff team and raise up workers in the mission field of sport.

Mon 17th Perth Sports Plus. Pray that Sports Plus Perth, held at Glenalmond College, will lead many young sportspeople to faith in Christ. And ask God to envision and equip the leaders to continue to make sport their mission throughout the rest of the year.

Tue 18th University freshers. Pray ahead of the 2019 academic year that the freshers' events which are planned will be effective in finding and equipping more Christians in sport in universities across the UK. Pray particularly for 1st years arriving at these universities.

Wed 19th Clubhouse Xtra 2020. Pray for the planning of Clubhouse Xtra 2020 so that more students can attend, be built up and sent out, so that God's Name will be glorified throughout student sport.

Thu 20th Rugby World Cup, Japan 2019. Pray for churches to make the most of the opportunities a major event like the Rugby World Cup brings to reach sportspeople with the Gospel. Pray our Sports Mission Pack will be useful for supporting them.

Fri 21st Welsh Rugby. Please pray that over the Summer as rugby boys get back in to pre-season training that they would be intentional in being open about their faith, living it out and sharing it so that many more Rugby players across Wales would come to know Christ.

Sat 22nd 2020. Next year we celebrate 40 years of Christians in Sport operating and 25 years of Sports Plus. We're so thankful for God's faithfulness and the many who have come to faith through the work. Praise God for all He is doing in the world of sport for His glory.

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