

# Missionary Interest

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Dear All,

In previous years we have been able to give Christmas cards to all residents. These have been provided by churches involved with the chaplaincy ministry at Heathrow IRC.

To this end, would your group be interested in being a part of this project this year?

Each card would be addressed to unnamed resident, could include a short word of encouragement (or simply use the printed greeting), and be signed (first name only or name of group).

Example (purely as illustration):

*Dear Resident / Friend*

*Praying you will know the peace of Jesus during this season.*

Or

*Wishing you a blessed Christmas.*

*From John or From St Michael's Church*

The cards will be distributed by hand to residents' rooms by the chaplains 23rd to 25th December, so we would need to receive them before this date. There are likely to be 750 residents at Christmas.

If you are interested in participating, do get in touch. It does not matter whether you or your group can do only a small number or a large number. This will all add to the final total.

Kind regards,

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

# Sermon Notes

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## Teach those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ Acts 28:31

December 2024

### Are you witnessing over Christmas?

**"And ye shall be witnesses unto Me." Acts 1:8**

In order to learn how to discharge your duty as a witness for Christ, look at His example. He is always witnessing: by the well of Samaria, or in the Temple of Jerusalem:

by the lake of Gennesaret, or on the mountain's brow. He is witnessing night and day; His mighty prayers are as vocal to God as His daily services. He witnesses under all circumstances; Scribes and Pharisees cannot shut His mouth; even before Pilate He witnesses a good confession. He witnesses so clearly, and distinctly that there is no mistake in Him. Christian, make your life a clear testimony. Be you as the brook wherein you may see every stone at the bottom--not as the muddy creek, of which you only see the surface--but clear and transparent, so that your heart's love to God and man may be visible to all. You need not say, "I am true:"

be true. Boast not of integrity but be upright. So shall your testimony be such that men cannot help seeing it. Never, for fear of feeble man, restrain your witness. Your lips have been warmed with a coal from off the altar; let them speak as like heaven-touched lips should do. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." Watch not the clouds, consult not the wind--in season and out of season witness for the Saviour, and if it shall come to pass that for Christ's sake and the gospel's you shall endure suffering in any shape, shrink not, but rejoice in the honour thus conferred upon you, that you are counted worthy to suffer with your Lord; and joy also in this--that your sufferings, your losses, and persecutions shall make you a platform, from which the more vigorously and with greater power you shall witness for Christ Jesus. Study your great Exemplar and be filled with His Spirit. Remember that you need much teaching, much upholding, much grace, and much humility, if your witnessing is to be to your Master's glory.

C H Charles H. Spurgeon

## Future Dates to Remember

December 11th	Cranford Infant School Christmas assembly 3pm
December 12th	Cranford Primary School Christmas assembly 2:30pm
December 14th	Christmas carols at Matthew's
December 19th	Christmas Carol service at HIRC 7:30pm
December 21st	Christmas Carols for the local neighbourhood

## This Month's Speakers

December 1st	Family worship and God willing Pete Killingley from CARE will be preaching and speaking about the ministry. After the service, we will have fellowship lunch on bring and share basis. A crèche is also available for toddlers during the second part of the service. Prayer meeting after the service at 2pm. Sunday evening service will be at 5:45pm and Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching.
December 8th	God willing Pastor Robin Asgher from will be preaching and leading the service. The service will be followed by the Lord's Supper. Sunday evening service will be at 5:45pm and Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching.
December 15th	God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service. Ambassador for Christ Baptism class 2pm Sunday evening service will be at 5:45pm and Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching.
December 22nd	God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service. Sunday afternoon service at the local detention centre 2pm Sunday evening service will be at 5:45pm and Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching.
December 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE at 11am followed by lunch
December 29nd	God willing Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching and leading the service. Sunday afternoon service at the local detention centre 2pm Sunday evening service will be at 5:45pm and Pastor Robin Asgher will be preaching.

## Weekly Meetings

Sundays	<b>Morning Service</b> <b>Evening Service</b>	11am 5:30pm
	<i>We thank God that He is a faithful God. We do not take up an offering during the service. Our offering box is located at the back of the church.</i>	
Tuesday	<b>Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at the Local Detention Centre</b>	9am - 5pm
Wednesday	<b>Toddler Group</b> <b>Morning Prayer Meeting</b> <b>Evening Prayer Meeting</b>	9am-11am 10am 7:00pm (Via Zoom)
Thursday	<b>Elders &amp; Deacons Prayer Meeting</b>	5:30pm
Friday	<b>Kids Club (5-8 years old)</b> <b>Kids Club (10-16 years old)</b>	4:00pm-5:30pm 6:00pm-8:00pm

If you are interested in any of these meetings or would like further information, please contact Pastor **Robin Asgher 020 8754 1184**

## Points for Prayer

We believe that the Scriptures call on churches as well as individual believers to pray fervently, reverently, humbly, sincerely, regularly and with faith (Luke 21:36 Watch therefore and pray always: James 5:16 The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much).

Please pray for Muno as she hasn't been well. Pray for healing.

Please pray for good response as we hoping to distribute 500 Christmas leaflets.

Please pray as we have organised various Christmas carols services for the Toddler group, Friday kids club and for the local Family community. Pray the message of the birth of Christ touch many hearts.

Please pray for I've been asked to take two Christmas assembly at local Infant and primary school. Pray for 400-500 children

and some teacher will be present and may the Lord please to speak to them.

Please pray for a Christmas carol service at the detention centre. Most men from Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa where they don't either have freedom to hear the gospel or some have false gospel.

We give thanks to the Lord for good number of teenagers attending BAPTISM CLASS and are studying Mark gospel and reached Ch13. Please pray for the salvation of our teenagers.

As you make your requests known to the Lord, include:

- greater love for your family,
- the work of missions around the world,
- Gospel sharing opportunities over Christmas season.

### Are you giving to Cranford BC via the Gift Aid scheme?

The Gift Aid Scheme is for gifts of money by individuals who pay UK tax. We are grateful for your support and thank you for your support for the work of the Lord Jesus

Christ at Cranford BC. For donations, please go on page give.net. You can click on the link. <https://www.give.net/20284501> or contact Mrs Mathews on 07825215940.

### Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.

#### Finally, close with this prayer:

To Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations... to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

(Romans 16:25-27)