

# Protestant Truth Society

## Prayer Letter for January 2012

Come, let us anew  
Our journey pursue,  
Roll round with the year,  
And never stand still till the Master appear.

His adorable will  
Let us gladly fulfil,  
And our talents improve,  
By the patience of hope and the labour of love.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

### **Thanksgiving**

- As the old year ends and the new one begins, we praise the Lord for all that is past and trust Him for all that's to come.
- We give thanks for the Lord's provision and protection throughout another year of service, including the appointment of two additional full-time Wickliffe Preachers: Rev. Gearoid Marley (East of England) and Rev. Alisdair MacLeod-Mair (Scotland).
- Although the spiritual state of our land is far from healthy, we are thankful that there are still many faithful churches and chapels in our cities, towns, villages and hamlets.

### **The World**

- We continue to pray our Armed Forces serving in Afghanistan, and remember the vital work of the Soldiers and Airmen's Scripture Readers Association (SASRA).
- We remember the persecuted church, and pray for any and all of our fellow-believers who suffer persecution simply for naming the name of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.
- In a world where so many have so much, many more do not have the very basics necessary to life and health, and we pray for the delivery of both physical and spiritual aid.

### **The 'Keep Marriage Special' campaign**

- Duncan Boyd (PTS Council), Jeremy Brooks (Director of Ministry) and others are in process of establishing 'Keep Marriage Special' as a charitable company, and busy preparing to launch this national campaign against HM Government's avowed intention to "redefine" marriage to include same-sex unions. Please pray for the Lord's blessing.
- Continue to pray for Duncan Boyd in his role as Chairman of the 'Keep Marriage Special' campaign, and also for the right people to be willing to help in the various ways required. The desire is to run an expressly Christian campaign, but to do so in such a way that people of all faiths and none could feel able to support our stand for traditional British marriage.

### **The Churches**

- Pray for the Lord to raise up a new generation of young men to be mighty preachers of the gospel, whose ministries will be used by the Lord to the transformation of our nation.

- Pray for the regular activities among children and young people, that the Lord would be pleased to save many youngsters, that they might be pillars of the churches in the future.

### **The Ongoing Work**

- Next Council Meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.
- Director of Ministry – Rev. Jeremy Brooks
  - Jeremy is running a PTS stand at the Carey Conference in Swanick from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>. Pray for the Lord's blessing as he renews fellowship with old friends and develops new contacts for the Society.
  - Among many other engagements, Jeremy is doing a series of Bible studies on 'Genesis 2 – Current Flashpoints in Christian Living: The Lord's Day Sabbath; Our Work-Life Balance; and Marriage and the Family' at Welcome Hall Evangelical Church, Catshill, Bromsgrove on Tuesdays 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, and paying a return visit for another deputation meeting to Kensit Evangelical Church, Finchley on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Jeremy is also busy preparing for print a special booklet to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and a UK edition in booklet form of a recent article by Richard Bennett, *Is Roman Catholicism Christian?*
- Other Preachers – Stephen Holland, Gearoid Marley and Alisdair MacLeod-Mair
  - Stephen was recently on Channel 4, presenting one of their 4thought slots on 'Should we be free to express our religion in public?' We praise the Lord for this significant media opportunity. Stephen is taking midweek meetings in Liverpool (18<sup>th</sup>), Fole (24<sup>th</sup>) and Workington (31<sup>st</sup>), as well as preaching regularly in the open-air.
  - Gearoid and family are due to move house on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December. Please pray that everything will go smoothly. Gearoid is joining Jeremy for the day at the Carey Conference in Swanick on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, and is busy with Sunday ministry at Wolverhampton (1<sup>st</sup>), Leicester (8<sup>th</sup>), East Ham (15<sup>th</sup>) and Wood Green (22<sup>nd</sup>).
  - Rev. Alisdair MacLeod-Mair has now relocated within Glasgow, and begins as our new full-time Wickliffe Preacher for Scotland on 1<sup>st</sup> January. He will be representing the Society at the Crieff Fellowship (evangelical CofS ministers conference) from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, and visiting Jeremy in England from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - The whole preaching team are meeting for a Wickliffe Preachers Lunch near Birmingham on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for the Lord's blessing on their time together.
- Fleet Street
  - Pray for George and Sarah, that they would enjoy their break over the holiday season, and return safe and refreshed for another year of service.
  - The renamed 'Bitesize School of Theology' is going very well. Numbers remain good, and the Bible studies are greatly appreciated. Pray for Dr Ken Brownell, Pastor Keith Berry and Pastor Oliver Rice as they continue this significant ministry.
  - This month's Fleet Street Prayer Meeting will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January and next month's on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, both at 1-2pm.
- Time Travellers Club (TTC)
  - We are grateful to Paul Austin for all that he does in co-ordinating the TTC, and are encouraged by the steady trickle of new boys and girls wanting to join.
  - Please continue to pray about negotiations to establish a distribution arrangement for the TTC materials with a publisher in North America.

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