



Prayer News for week beginning the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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## LEISTON BAPTIST CHURCH

This week we are praying together for the people and work of Leiston Baptist Church. Pastor Dan Bryant has sent the following information to help us. Their website can be found at <https://www.leistonbaptist.co.uk>.

### **1. Give thanks for new attenders**

We have been blessed by God over the past year to see eight new attenders start coming along. They are mostly Christians and church goers who have joined the fringe of the church, but it is encouraging that they have recognised the love of the church and the faithful ministry in the church and have stuck with us.

### **2. Give thanks for the opportunities to share the gospel across the Christmas period**

We had a number of opportunities over the Christmas period to share Jesus, the real joy of Christmas. These opportunities ranged from personal conversations and sharing through to the proclamation of the truth in our own services. We give thanks for God for the freedom of opportunity that we must not take for granted.

### **3. Pray for the salvation of regular unbelieving contacts**

By God's grace we have at least five unbelievers who come along each Sunday and many others who come along to our regular outreach events. But we long to see God apply what they hear, convict them of their sin, and save them from the wrath to come. Please be praying with us for God's mercy and their salvation.

### **4. Pray that we would grow in spiritual fellowship**

About a third of our Sunday attenders are not committed church members. Please be praying, as we long to see God growing our fringe in spiritual fellowship, so as they increasingly share in the life of God, they will be drawn deeper into the collective life that God grants in Christ, which finds its expression in membership.

### **5. Pray that our love would grow in depth, sincerity, generosity, intentionality, and equality**

Please be praying that as a church we would be growing in our love for God and each other. That our love would not be shallow and weak, but deep and strong. That our love would not be fake but sincerely seek what is true and good. That our love would not be miserly, but generously sacrificial. That our love would be intentional as we plan how to spur one another on. That our love would not play favourites, but we would have equal concern for each member of the body.

## **JIM GOURLEY VISITING NEPAL**

Jim Gourley, the Southeast England Regional Manager for Asialink, writes the following:

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

*I'm visiting our Asialink partners in Nepal 20th January until 3rd February. I have set up a (temporary) WhatsApp group for any interested in following along and praying, whenever you can, for the work. I'll try to drop in the odd picture etc.*

*If you'd like that, just send me a WhatsApp message (as simple as 'Nepal Prayer - yes' if you like) and I'll start adding names.*

*Happy New Year! And may it be one in which the Lord richly blesses you from the fund of His infinite riches in Christ (Philippians 4:19)*

Send your WhatsApp message to Jim on 07838220961. He can also be contacted by email at [jim@asialink.org](mailto:jim@asialink.org).

If you do not have WhatsApp then keep an eye on Prayer News where news and prayer requests from Jim will be posted.

## **PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER TOGETHER**

United Christian Broadcasters are calling for Christians to pray the Lord's Prayer together at 12 noon on Sunday 12th January. Perhaps this is something that you and/or your church would like to join in with. More details here: <http://lordsprayer.co.uk/>

Please go to <https://www.grace-ea.uk/news> to download a PowerPoint file containing slides of the above points and/or an image file or zip file containing image files of the above for use in your church presentations.

### **NEWS TO SHARE?**

If you have news or requests for prayer you would like to share with the Association Churches, please let us know at [prayer@grace-ea.uk](mailto:prayer@grace-ea.uk).

***And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)***