

St Marc's English-speaking Church, Grenoble

Prayer Diary January – March 2009

Please pray for the individuals named – and for each topic.

If you, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! (Matthew 6:11)

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| Mon | 5 | A new series of sermons begins next Sunday, on John 10-12, entitled, <i>The King in His Glory</i> . This will be accompanied by some weekday readings: resolve now to follow them! Pray for this! | Joseph & Maureen Agu ,
<i>Kachi, Chibokem</i> ,
Chimekoba & Chinyelum. |
| Tue | 6 | Pray for the success of a campaign organised by Barnabas Fund, seeking the abolition of the Muslim 'apostasy (Shari'a) law' that specifies death for converts from Islam to Christianity. | Anthony & Dominique
Ajakpoloho , Eanatoni-
Louis & Victoria. |
| Wed | 7 | Ask that we may be faithful in praying for one another. | Olaniyi Akinwunmi . |
| Thu | 8 | Pray for the situation in Gaza, for the wounded & dying; for doctors & aid workers; for peace & stability in the region. | <i>Paul-Louis & Nina</i>
Albertini , (<i>Serge</i>) & <i>Claire</i> . |
| Fri | 9 | Stephen takes a wedding at St-Pierre de Belleville. Pray for the couple & their guests – and for other young couples you know. | Craig & Juliette Alciati ,
Eva & Jessica. |
| Sat | 10 | Stephen & Marian have gone to Switzerland for a week's skiing. Pray for enjoyment, refreshment & safety! | Moray Allen . |
| Sun | 11 | Holy Communion 10h45 : Alan leads, and Dante preaches on John 10:1-21, <i>The Good Shepherd</i> | Jim & Linda Anderson . |
| Mon | 12 | Remember Mark, Carine & family in Burkina Faso – their health & work: Mark's Bible teaching and Carine's teaching about HIV/Aids. | Gill Baconnier , Hannah,
Rachel & Abigail. |
| Tue | 13 | Ladies' CBS 9h30 chez Coulavin. Pray for increased membership of all our home groups & a growing sense of their value to us. | David Bailey . |
| Wed | 14 | Church Council meets 20h00 at St-Marc's . Pray for the Vice-chairman who conducts, and all who take part in this meeting, that decisions may be in line with God's will for us as a church. | Keith & Debbie
Baldock , <i>Charlotte</i> , James,
Emily & Victoria. |
| Thu | 15 | Give thanks for those who, Sunday by Sunday, forego the input of our services, to teach & care for our children. | (<i>Xavier</i> &) Fanny
Belanger . |
| Fri | 16 | 20h15 French Bible study at St-Marc's, on Ezekiel 37. | (<i>George</i> &) Tammy Bohn . |
| Sat | 17 | Our <i>Alpha</i> course tomorrow: <i>Why & how should I tell others?</i> Pray for the Catering Ctee, the speakers & good attendance. | Suzanne Bonnefond . |
| Sun | 18 | Morning Worship : Stephen preaches on John 10:22-42, <i>Jesus</i> | Frédéric & Suzanne Bréant . |

the Christ. Lunch and *Alpha* follow.

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| Mon | 19 | Our Events Committee meets at 19h00: remember them, that they may plan thoughtfully and well. | <i>Hugh & Francine Brooking, Alice.</i> |
| Tue | 20 | Stephen meets the RC priest from Val d'Isère, to plan a service there during the World Ski Championship (on February 10). | Neil & Julie Brownrigg , Callum & Lewis. |
| Wed | 21 | Pray for Barack Obama, the new President of the USA, for great wisdom for him & his advisors, for courage to do only what is right, for safety for him & his family, for his reliance on God's grace. | Elizabeth Cherhal (& her daughter, <i>Melanie, in UK</i>) |
| Thu | 22 | 20h30 United Service at St-Marc's during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Korean Christians chose Ezk 37:17 as theme. | Hayley Clarke . |
| Fri | 23 | Give thanks for all that Stephen & Marian do for us; pray for the Holy Spirit's continual enrichment, wisdom & strengthening. | Stephen & Marian Coffin , (<i>Anna & Jenny</i>). |
| Sat | 24 | 14h00 – 17h00 Ecumenical children's afternoon at St-Marc's. | Jim & Marie Colbert . |
| Sun | 25 | Holy Communion 10h45: Alan preaches on John 11:1-44, <i>I am the Resurrection and the Life</i> . Pray our trust in Christ deepens! | <i>Joanna Collinson</i> |
| Mon | 26 | 17h30 St-Marc's Comité d'Animation. 20h00 Preachers' meeting. | Greg & Marilyn Cornish . |
| Tue | 27 | Give thanks Richard, our treasurer, and that our needs so far are being met. Pray about the impact of the financial crisis on us all. | Alison Coulavin (& family) |
| Wed | 28 | 12h30 Church Prayer Meeting at St-Marc's. Come at least for part of this hour. Great things happen when we pray together! | Hélène Dard , Elysabeth & Victorya. |
| Thu | 29 | Pray for future decisions on an Away Weekend this year: theme & speaker, place and time, and that more may come & profit from it! | Anne-Marie De Simone (& her mother, <i>Geneviève</i>). |
| Fri | 30 | Give thanks for the contribution Howard & Dona make to the life of ICG and St-Marc's & especially for their pastoral gifts & love. | Howard & Dona Diehl (& family) |
| Sat | 31 | Our <i>Alpha</i> course tomorrow: <i>Does God heal today?</i> Pray our faith grows! And for all those contributing and attending. | Emmanuel Fircsa . |
| Sun | 1 | Family Worship 10h45: Stephen speaks on John 11:45-12:11, <i>That one man should die for the people</i> . Lunch and <i>Alpha</i> follow. | <i>Cécile Forestini, Camille.</i> |
| Mon | 2 | Stephen & Marian have gone to the UK for a week, to visit their parents. Remember all those caring for the aged. | (<i>Emmanuel &</i>) Sally Gauthier , Hannah-Myriam. |
| Tue | 3 | Ladies' CBS 9h30 chez Coulavin: pray for all our home groups! | Christiane Genet . |
| Wed | 4 | Pray for our personal Bible reading, that God will speak through it to each one of us, and enable us to follow Christ more faithfully. | Shona Gillespie . |
| Thu | 5 | Give thanks for Alan & Valerie's continued good health and ability to serve; please pray for energy & the wisdom to use it wisely. | Alan & Valerie Golton (& family) |
| Fri | 6 | Pray for items in today's world news! Pray too for persecuted Christians who rarely get mentioned by the media. | Pamela Imafidon , Eve. |
| Sat | 7 | Give thanks for the Kerns & the blessings they have been to us; may God guide their future & continue to use them in his kingdom. | Jason & April Kern , Garret & Rachel. |

Sun	8	Holy Communion 10h45: Alan leads and Dante preaches on John 12:12-26, <i>Unless a grain of wheat dies...</i>	Chris Krause.
Mon	9	Pray for safety for those taking part in winter sports, especially during this half-term. Pray for mothers & families at home!	Jeanne-Marie Laveyssière.
Tue	10	19h00 Ecumenical Service, involving Stephen, at Val d'Isère, for the World Ski Championships. Pray many may hear the gospel!	(Francis &) Irmela Lesimple
Wed	11	Church Council 20h00 at St-Marc's. Give thanks for all who've served this year; pray for those to be elected at the Annual Mtg.	Mark & Carine Lewis, Anaëlle & Joshua
Thu	12	Give thanks for our <i>Alpha</i> attendees & pray that faith may be strengthened - & the desire to have more such courses!	Huihui Lu.
Fri	13	Pray for our Sunday School teachers, for their encouragement, & the Holy Spirit's empowerment and love as they prepare.	Ken MacKay, Hugo.
Sat	14	Last <i>Alpha</i> lunch & meeting tomorrow: <i>What about the Church?</i>	Montserrat Mane.
Sun	15	Morning Worship 10h45: Stephen preaches on John 12:27-50, <i>That you may become sons of light.</i> Lunch and <i>Alpha</i> follow.	Elsa Mathews.
Mon	16	Pray for any sick known to you, that they may experience the healing power of Christ, & be able to testify to his love & power.	Jim McLucas.
Tue	17	20h15 French Bible Study at St-Marc's: Jonah's prayer. Pray for those distressed, for whatever reason, that they may know peace.	Vincent & Laure Migeotte, Gabriel.
Wed	18	This coming Sunday sees the start of a new sermon series for Lent: <i>40 Days of Love: building relationships.</i> This has a workbook to accompany it – for home groups & private reflection.	Segun-Kay & Stella Odunlade, Wale-Charles, Peju-Joy, & Jide-Johnson.
Thu	19	18h00 Grenoble Council of Churches meets. Val's Mum is 95 today & celebrates with family & friends.	Godwin & Susan Omokaro Randy, Celine & Princely.
Fri	20	Pray we may be a church whose members care for one another, & those who would welcome a pastoral visit may not be overlooked.	Desmond & Ruth Onaghise, Jeremiah & Kindness.
Sat	21	Church 'Carnival Night' at St-Marc's! Come and have fun.	Donald Onuegbu.
Sun	22	10h45 Holy Communion: First in series on building relationships: Stephen preaches on 1 Cor 14: <i>What matters most – love.</i>	Maryse Parson, Raphael & Ornella.
Mon	23	Pray for our home groups as we study our Lenten theme of love.	Bill & Linda Paul.
Tue	24	Ladies' CBS 9h30 chez Coulavin. Ask that we may be more and more a praying church, confident in the power of prayer.	David & Sarah Paul, (Helen, Julia) & Emily.
Wed	25	Ash Wednesday [start of Lent]. Church Prayer meeting 12h30 at St-Marc's. Come if you can – or at least use emailed material!	Debe Paul.
Thu	26	Continue to pray for those in need of new employment, that God will guide and provide, and grow trust and give peace of mind.	Lilan Peng; Geoff Phillips.
Fri	27	18h30 St-Marc's Administrative Council: pray for willing sharing in the work of this unexciting but necessary committee.	Jean-Pierre Rigaud.
Sat	28	Are you on our electoral roll? If you are, you can vote for the new Council members, etc at the Annual Meeting [29 March probably].	Pascal & Christy Roget.

Sun	1	10h45 Family Worship: We hear from Mt 7:12 that <i>Love is kind</i> . Are we living like this? Church family lunch follows the service.	Chris & Alicia Ruemelin .
Mon	2	17h30 the Evangelical Pastors of Grenoble meet: pray for their mutual encouragement and concern. Our own preachers meet about 19h00 chez Coffin: pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.	Richard & Jane Sheppard , (<i>Louise, Stewart, Alexis & Timothy</i>).
Tue	3	Pray for our use of invitations to our Easter services – for their reception, that occasional attenders & others may hear the gospel.	Stephan Sinisuka .
Wed	4	Give thanks for liberal Muslim scholars in Iraq who have protested against all (mullahs included) who promote violence to Christians.	John & Nell Stinton , <i>their daughter Claire & family</i> .
Thu	5	Continue to pray for Christians in Orissa, who have suffered severe violence, loss of home & livelihood, from Hindu extremists who threaten to burn their houses & children to force conversion.	Williams-Charles & Marian Sylla ; Daniel, Mathilda & Williams-Charles jnr.
Fri	6	Give thanks, pray for the work of ACAT against torture & injustice.	Jeff Sylverwind .
Sat	7	Give thanks for Dante's preaching & adult S.School teaching; ask that more may profit from it. Pray for our other preachers, too!	Dante & Connie Thomas , Donovan.
Sun	8	10h45 Holy Communion: Third in our series on building relationships: James 3:6: <i>Love doesn't envy</i> .	<i>Clifford & Gloria Ugwonali and family</i> .
Mon	9	Pray for English-speaking students, <i>au pairs & assistant(e)s</i> , in Grenoble, in need of help & encouragement, that they may find us.	<i>Jonathan & Ellen Ugwonali, Nathan & Elya</i> .
Tue	10	Pray for national or world events in today's news: for all involved.	Veronica Venice , Dorian.
Wed	11	20h00 Church Council meets at St-Marc's. Pray any unfinished business may be completed. Give thanks for our Treasurer, Secretary, & our Wardens. Pray for our future needs.	Jean-Philippe & Penny Vincent-Sweet , Thomas, Stephanie & Yann.
Thu	12	Pray for your local community, its well-being, & those who serve it.	Selina Wesley .
Fri	13	Give thanks for our website www.grenoblechurch.org ; pray it may bring St-Marc's to the notice of more folk & attract them!	Jeff & Heatherlyne Wilkes , Charlotte & Elijah.
Sat	14	Continue to pray for converts from Islam: they face great hostility, violence, loss of wife & family, even murder by their own relatives.	<i>Mark & Carine Lewis, Anaëlle & Joshua</i>
Sun	15	10h45 Morning Worship: We hear from Proverbs 15:1 that, <i>Love is patient</i> . Most of us need to ask for this characteristic!	<i>Pray for our Wardens and Deputy Churchwardens.</i>
Mon	16	Reflect on yesterday's topic & ask for the help of the Holy Spirit!	<i>Pray for Church Secretary.</i>
Tue	17	Give thanks for the growth of the church in Algeria in recent years, pray for wisdom & steadfastness as it now faces opposition.	<i>Pray for our Church Council & their decisions.</i>
Wed	18	Give thanks for our freedom to worship & meet together, our many Christian resources. Ask we may not neglect our opportunities!	<i>Pray for Richard & our Finance Committee.</i>
Thu	19	Easter services in 3 weeks time: pray for those who will speak at these, that Christ may be lifted up & we be drawn to him afresh.	<i>Give thanks for Val & our Catering Committee.</i>
Fri	20	Pray for any ill or bereaved known to you; for their healing & peace	<i>Pray for Stephen & Marian.</i>
Sat	21	Give thanks for our teachers in S.School, and pray they may have skill in leading youngsters into a growing love for the Saviour.	<i>Pray for our Sunday School, and C rèche.</i>

Sun 22 **10h45 Holy Communion:** From 1 Peter 2:17 we learn that, *Love is respectful.* *Pray for our Home Groups.* Afterwards, an aperitif to celebrate Alan's 80 years!