

Monday 29 June 2020

RML Overview, summer at St Helen's,
UK mission, international mission, departures & arrivalsLeading **Henry ET**

¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. ¹³ For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. Colossians 4:12–13 ESVUK

- Prayer flowed out of his commitment to serve others
- Prayer focused on his concern for others to stand mature

RML OVERVIEW

Praise God for...

- the glorious truths we've seen about God and his works of salvation throughout the Bible story this year (cf Ephesians 1:3–23)
- every individual who has done RML Overview this year—for their spiritual hunger, hard work, transformation in thinking, understanding and attitude
- every study led—for leaders' and slobbers' hard work, especially with online challenges
- our online new creation weekend in May

Pray for...

- an ongoing desire to keep reading the whole Bible now that RML Overview has finished
- help to keep applying the truths we've learned this year, including deeper God-centeredness, commitment to live radically for Jesus and greater confidence in the future
- RML group members to make wise decisions about which small groups to serve in next year and for them to welcome newcomers warmly

SUMMER AT ST HELEN'S

1. Preachers
2. Us as listeners
3. One another
4. Our response

Sundays:

10.30am	July—Ezekiel (William), John 17 (Gwilym);	August—(Charlie, Luke, William)
2.30pm	July—Isaiah 51–55 (Tom L and Henry);	August—John 18–19 (Will, Brian, Tom C, Sam, ZH)
4pm	July—Isaiah (Aneirin and Tim);	August—(George, Mickey, Aneirin)
6pm	July—Isaiah (Mickey and Tim);	August—(George, Mickey, Aneirin)

Midweek:

'If you could ask God for anything'—looking at seven Bible prayers (Tim, Anand, Simon, Charles, Adriel, Sam, Ali)

Summerlink:

'Surviving and thriving in the Psalms' (Luke, George, Will, Will, Campbell, Ryan, Tom L, John)

UK MISSION: ReNew

Thanks:

- despite COVID-19 pandemic many of ReNew's 200+ churches have adapted to online ministry and are seeing new visitors/viewers and growing prayer meetings
- clear convictions believed deeply in church culture so can adapt to changing context eg evangelism
- new churches pioneered just before lockdown eg Cornerstone Grays (Mike and Amanda) and plans for pioneering other churches eg Liverpool, Warrington
- Regional groups and regional leaders, trustees and planning team (including Brian), William (chairman)

Pray:

- Churches—many are weary, take time to learn lessons from lockdown and review ministries, avoid unrealistic expectations, threat of disunity as only some able to return, medium and long term planning for creative gospel growth, spectators moved to engaging with Jesus
- Unchained—unchanging convictions in a changing world, an online conference from 9am–1pm, Monday 14 September. Speakers: Hugh P, Justin H (from 31:8), William and others. Brian and Chris organising/ administering. Free so more church leaders can join (with donations...)
- Future Leaders Conference, 15–17 January 2021—envisioning the next generation of gospel workers—speakers: Charlotte C, Richard L, Charlie, Robin W

INTERNATIONAL MISSION

Focused on a few places, to send and support mission partners, to work with regional partners and link ministry here and there

French Speaking Europe

- Similar to UK, but more publicly secularising, and some residual Roman Catholicism
- Give thanks for last 30 years of missionaries, but some trickiness
- Post-Brexit???

Will and Joanna C-B to IBB

Give thanks for:

- The opportunity to study at IBB, and the course and pray ministry opportunities enables them to be effective servants of Jesus

Please pray for:

- One or two fellow IBB students with whom they can develop long-lasting relationships and encourage in the Lord
- The provision of a house, as well as help to move abroad
- Humility and patience as they do life in French, and that Joanna in particular would settle in quickly and make good friends

Ministry in London

Trevor and Priscilla (mission partners in Belgium)

Maxime and Demelza (regional partners in Bordeaux)

Etienne and Laurence (regional partners in Paris)

DEPARTURES & ARRIVALS

“Reach, build, send”

Colossians 2:6–7 rooted, built up, established, full of thankfulness

Moving on: staff and volunteers: Charlotte A, Sarah B, Katya C, Will and Joanna C-B.

Associates: Sam B, David B, Gillian C, Michele C, Hanna G, Aimee G, Dancan M, Simon R, Abraham S and Emma W.

Staying: associates joining the staff team: Amy M, Merv K, Will S and Tiff S.

Arriving: associates: Tom C, Zach D, Rhys G, Jonty H, Harry J, Matthew L C, James L, Joel M, Brian McA, Charlie N, James R, Ralf W, Christine A, Leah H, Ping L, Sarah Q, Mandy S, Susannah T and Annaliese W.