

November Prayer Focus – TEARFUND

Tearfund are asking us to pray for 'forgotten' crises, in parts of the world that rarely make the news:

5 million Venezuelans have made journeys, through dangerous terrain, to flee the economic and political crisis that has devastated their country. Nearly 2 million people fled to neighbouring Colombia.

Tearfund is working with local churches in Colombia to welcome Venezuelan refugees and to help them to rebuild their lives.

In the last few years in the Sahel region of West Africa, thousands of people have been killed and more than a million people have fled their homes due to the growing insecurity. One of the main factors behind an increasing level of violence is hunger. From landmine explosions to ambushes, kidnappings and carjackings, the risk of violence towards the people we serve (as well as our local staff and partners) is high. 'Without faith and a firm conviction that Christ died and rose again, it is impossible to survive in such an environment,' shares Seid Zebe, who leads Tearfund's work in Mali.

When disasters strike it is people living in poverty who are hit the hardest - in areas prone to flooding, landslides and cyclones, and in houses that cannot withstand these shocks. And all through no fault of their own – they cannot afford to live anywhere safer. These families often did not have the income to meet their basic needs before the disaster hit, they have no savings and are desperate.

Violence against women and girls is an affront to God. Through our *Transforming Masculinities* work, Tearfund is equipping church leaders around the world to help change attitudes about women and cultural norms, which are often the cause of violence.

We often hear about crises in the news when they happen, but rarely about the solutions; these take time and are difficult to report. But God is always moving and there are countless stories of answered prayers and of God's goodness that we can delight in. In one year alone more than 200 children in the community of Matana were sick – all due to malnutrition. This was in part due to the climate crisis changing weather patterns, meaning even less food to go around. The Anglican Diocese of Matana, working with Tearfund, turned this around by offering support and training in farming techniques. Through this, the community of Matana has completely eradicated hunger.



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Vision Verse: 'Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes' – Isaiah 54:2

Verse of the Year - "If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." Romans 14:8

Notice Sheet - 20.11.2022

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We welcome you to our service this morning. This week we are continuing our series entitled 'Jesus speaks into modern life', this week thinking about 'Dangerous Curiosity' looking at Luke chapter 23 verses 1-12. This week is also a sharing Sunday, so come and share how God is at work.

As well as joining together in the church building we also live stream our service through Zoom and the log in details are:-
Meeting ID - 81280104638 Passcode - worship

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- Nov. 21st - Roots Community Café at WBC
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
 - Nov. 22nd - Thrive@Roots - 2.30p.m.
 - Nov. 23rd - Home from Home - 2-5.00p.m.
 - Nov. 24th - Home from Home - 2-5.00p.m.
 - Nov. 25th - Roots Community Café at WBC
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
 - Nov. 27th - TEAR Fund Sunday
 - Nov. 27th - Church Members Meeting - 12.30p.m. - **BRING YOUR LUNCH**
 - Nov. 28th - Roots Community Café at WBC
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
 - Nov. 29th - Thrive@Roots - 2.30p.m.
 - Nov. 30th - Home from Home - 2-5.00p.m.
 - Nov. 30th - Windmill House service
 - Dec. 1st - Home from Home - 2-5.00p.m.
 - Dec. 2nd - Roots Community Café
10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m.
 - Dec. 2nd - Friday Night Youth

OUR VISION - To be 'An authentic church with a place for everyone'



Remember in your prayers, thoughts and actions:-
Jenni and family, Vernon and Daphne, Penelope, Christine, Susie, Katherine, David and others who are facing difficult health issues at this current time. Remember also the fellowship at Attleborough and for their Outreach programme and the new activities that they are planning to start.

Home from Home meeting - Invites everyone to come along and share in our Warm Space on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon 2-5p.m. Tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits are available and a warm welcome, puzzles to do, games to play, newspapers to read and people to chat to.



The latest edition of Root and Branch, the magazine of A Rocha UK/ Eco Church is out and pinned up on the Eco Church notice board in the church. This edition includes an interview with Hannah Gray who lives in Norfolk and co-ordinates BUEN (Baptist Union Environment Network) in our region. Please feel free to read the magazine, perhaps over a coffee at Roots, but return the magazine to the board when finished. Thank you and enjoy!

[WWF Footprint Calculator](#) - The planet is in crisis - from climate change to the pollution in our oceans and devastation of our forests. It's up to all of us to fix it. Take your first step with our environmental footprint calculator. We encourage you to check your carbon footprint, by using this easy calculator and then consider how you might improve it. footprint.wwf.org.uk

PAUL'S RECOGNITION INTERVIEWS - If you haven't already signed up to pray for Paul on Monday and Tuesday this week during his interviews, please sign up today. **Paul's ordination is planned for 7/8 Jan. 2023**

WYNTERFEST- Please sign up if you are able to help on December 4th at Wynterfest.

If you are planning to do any **Christmas shopping** through Amazon and would like to support the church finances at no extra cost to yourself – follow this link (before you start shopping) <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1199302-0> and then carry on to do your shopping and WBC will receive a 0.5% of your shop value at no cost to yourself.

The Rooted Life - Please think about what you can contribute and make sure it is with Cathy in the Office by next Sunday, 27th November