

Tuesday

28. Events: pray for Prospects' involvement in major events running meetings for people with learning disabilities during 2012 at Spring Harvest, ECG, Spring Harvest Holidays in France, Keswick Convention, New Horizon, CLAN Gathering, Detling and Grapevine. Pray for team members preparing ministry and for the 500 (approx) people who will attend.

Wednesday

29. Family partnerships: give thanks for the dozens of families that Prospects works with who wish for Prospects to support a family member. Pray for Business Development Managers Pamela Marsden and Sarah Holmes as they work to bring about suitable provision for each person.

MARCH

Thursday

1. Support services: Prospects is restructuring at present in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of service provision. Pray for staff members who have been affected by the changes. Pray for people supported by Prospects during this time of change.

Friday

2. Gift income: pray for the gift income needed to sustain the ministry work of Prospects. There has been a sharp downturn in gifts in the current financial year. Ask God to release the resources needed not only to sustain but to develop Prospects' ministry.

Saturday

3. Volunteers: give thanks for the 1300 church-based volunteers who lead groups and bring the Good News of Jesus to people with learning disabilities. Pray for additional helpers and leaders where needed.

4. This Sunday: pray for all people with learning disabilities across the UK that they hear and understand the Good News of Jesus. Pray that their God-given gifts be encouraged and used to bless and strengthen churches.

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FEBRUARY 2012

1. Ministry: pray for the Church Leaders' lunch in London today, that attendees will be moved to act on what they hear.

2. Conwy Services: give thanks and pray for blessing for members of staff who are going to receive long service awards (10+ years).

3. Ministry: pray for the first Fife Prayer and Encouragement day in Burntisland tomorrow.

4. New venture: pray for Trowbridge Friends Link, an exciting new project for adults with a learning disability launching today.

5. Ministry: give thanks for the Prospects Group in Milton Keynes as they celebrate their first anniversary this month.

6. Thames Valley services: please pray for several people we support who have recently moved house, or are about to move.

7. Ambassadors: pray for today's Prospects Ambassadors Lunch, that they will discover new ways of making our work known.

8. Ministry: please pray for Parkhead charity shop in Glasgow.

9. Ministry: pray for the Wolverhampton Group GEM in their new venue, and pray that all members will find the new venue suitable.

10. Southend Services: please pray that three people we support enjoy the Mencap Valentine party tonight.

11. Ministry: pray for the leaders of the groups in the Berkshire area as they meet together for prayer today.

12. Leadership: pray for Prospects leaders as they explore how the charity can reach out to churches which have greater diversity.

13. Ministry: please pray for more church-based groups to be started, especially in areas where there is currently no provision.

14. Leadership: pray for Fundraiser, Gordon Gill to gain the income support needed for our ministry team to meet the enormous need.

15. Ministry: Reading Greyfriars' theme this term is "Following in Jesus' footsteps". Pray that this may help them understand Jesus better.

16. Southend Services: pray that two of the people we support enjoy Southend v Crewe Alexandra on Saturday and Southend will win!!!

17. Ministry: please pray for the Skills Enriching Day for Sussex Group Leaders being held in Lewes tomorrow.

18. Ministry: pray for the awareness event of Spred & Prospects in Newtownabbey today.

19. Northern Ireland Services: pray for the new developments that are being set up.

20. Leadership: pray for the members of the Prospects Forum as they represent people we support in their regions.

21. Ministry: pray for Meet Monday (West Berkshire) as they fundraise for Prospects.

22. All staff: pray for those members of staff who have to travel long distances very often – that they will always be safe.

23. Leadership: pray for our CEO, Paul Ashton as he leads through challenging times.

24. Ministry: pray for people to come to help and continue the work of the March Group.

25. Possible new services: pray for today's information day for families and carers in East Yorkshire.

26-4 March: Week of prayer – see detachable bookmark

MARCH 2011

4. This Sunday: pray for all people with learning disabilities across the UK that they hear and understand the Good News of Jesus. Pray that their God-given gifts be encouraged and used to bless and strengthen churches.

5. Leadership: pray for today's Board of Trustees meeting, that the Holy Spirit would give wisdom and unity.

6. Ministry: praise God for two new helpers at the Bracknell Cameo Group.

7. Midlands Service Project: pray for today's "Transition" event that links Christian charities and groups together who work locally for people with learning disabilities.

8. All Services: please pray that where there are vacancies in services, the right people to support will be found soon.

9. Families: pray for families as they engage with local authorities about funding for their relatives with learning disabilities, for wisdom and perseverance.

10. Ministry: pray for the Canterbury Ministry training day today, run by Pete Winmill.

11. Leadership: pray for Practice Development Manager, Pam Killick as she works to make sure we always follow best practices in our work.

12. Leadership: pray for Trustees as they work to lead the charity into a season of growth.

13. Ministry: pray for the new Options for Life Short Breaks centre in Wombourne, that this will meet the need for respite care in the area.

14. Southend Services: please pray for two people we support as they lead today's Person-Centred session at the Induction of new staff.

15. Reading Office: give thanks for the team of volunteers who give their time regularly to help despatch mailings.

16. Ministry: pray for Pete Winmill as he prepares for the Wasingborough Ministry Training day tomorrow. Pray that many people from Lincolnshire will attend.

17. Ministry: pray for the Scottish Networking and Training day in Perth today.

18. New services: pray for good relationships with local providers and authorities in the areas where we work to establish new services for people with learning disabilities.

19. Ministry: pray that the St Albans group will find ways to contact more people with learning disabilities and invite them to their meetings.

20. Ministry: pray for Berkshire Groups Easter Celebration, that it will be an inspirational time.

21. Aberystwyth Services: pray for administrator Pat Thomas' health as she recovers from illness.

22. Ministry: give thanks for the Sutton Coldfield Group's new venue, and for all the new friends they are making.

23. Ministry: ask for God's wisdom as we seek new ways to support existing Prospects Groups and encourage new ones.

24. Leadership: pray for wisdom so that we will always use our resources wisely and efficiently.

25. Broadstairs Services: pray for one person moving nearer to her parents in April, that it will be a smooth transition so she settles in quickly.

26. Ministry: join with 'Fizz ... faith is in Walsall' thanking God for two recent newcomers and pray for more people to come along.

27. Staff: pray that Prospects staff everywhere will gain the prayer support of their churches for their vital work in God's kingdom.

28. Ministry: pray for God to provide the resources for the ministry across the UK.

29. Ministry: thanks for the many volunteers across the country who run ministry groups.

30. Fundraising: pray that the new Friends Programme will encourage our supporters and staff to talk to their friends about Prospects.

31. Northern Ireland: pray for many good contacts made at the CARE Conference today.

APRIL 2012

1. **Ministry:** pray for the Taw and Torridge DCF holiday to Seaton this month, that they have a good time and get to know the Lord better.
2. **All Services:** pray for some people we support whose needs are changing, that we will always quickly find the right ways to support them.
3. **Leadership:** pray for Mission Development Co-ordinator for London, Laura Gullan, as she develops new church contacts in London.
4. **Ministry:** pray for the new team on the steering group as they move the work of "In The Father's Hand" forward in the greater York area.
5. **Ministry:** pray for all attending this week's celebrations led by Prospects at Spring Harvest.
6. **Leadership:** pray for Assistant Director of Ministry, Pete Winmill as he manages and develops the ministry network.
7. **Ministry:** pray for a new monthly discipleship group at Grace Community Church to support and include people from the Stevenage group.
8. **Awareness:** pray for the planning of our presence at the Christian Resources Exhibition which starts a month today.
9. **Ministry:** give thanks for the Bedford group's opportunities to share all that Jesus means to them. Pray for members to know the Lord's peace where they live.
10. **Ministry:** pray for the Prospects Celebrations at the ECG Methodist Conference in Scarborough that start today.
11. **All Services:** pray for the health of people we support throughout the country.
12. **Leadership:** pray with Mission Development Co-ordinator for Scotland, Ivy Blair, for more contacts with churches who do not yet have groups.
13. **Services:** give thanks for the many volunteers nationwide who give their time in our services.
14. **Ministry:** Pray for the Prospects stall at ROOTS Scotland Perth – pray for lots of interest.
15. **All Services:** pray for swift progress as we work with families who have been waiting for a Prospects service to start.

16. **Thames Valley:** pray for our work to start a Charity Shop in Reading that will support the ministry work of Prospects through extra income.
17. **Ministry:** pray for new people to come to 'Celebrate Mondays Together' in Exeter and the Teignmouth Alberta Court group.
18. **Reading Office:** please pray for the staff at the main office as they work to support Prospects staff across the UK.
19. **Ministry:** thank God for the East Reading Team and pray for new people to join the team and take on responsibilities.
20. **Southend Services:** please pray for two people we support who are taking part in a 24 hour Musicathon event on Southend Pier.
21. **Ministry:** pray for the Moving on with Makaton Training day in Cambridge today. Give thanks for the tremendous interest.
22. **Prospects staff:** pray that, where there are staff vacancies, the right people will be found quickly.
23. **Ministry:** pray for God to add more new members to the West Edinburgh group.
24. **Leadership:** pray for Mission Development Co-ordinator for South & Central England, Andrew Mackie, as he supports churches and pioneers new work.
25. **Ministry:** pray for Director of Ministry, Tony Phelps-Jones, as he writes a book about making church accessible which will be published by the Bible Reading Fellowship.
26. **Ireland Services:** pray for opportunities to explore support possibilities in the Republic of Ireland.
27. **Leadership:** pray for the Prospects team of Directors: Mike Howard – Services, Tony Phelps-Jones – Ministry, Helen Preece – Finance and Steve Crowther – HR.
28. **Ministry:** pray for Scilla Roynane as she leads the Makaton Training Day for the Salvation Army in Portsmouth today.
29. **New services:** pray for the right housing providers to be found for us to work with in establishing new support services for people with learning disabilities.
30. **Ministry:** pray for Laura Gullan, Mission Development Coordinator in London, as she seeks to organise a choral fundraising event.

Prayer diary

Give Thanks

"Praise the LORD because he is good. His faithful love will last forever."
Ps. 136:1 (ERV)

We look back over 2011 and are thankful as we see God's goodness and generosity. So many answers to prayer; so many expressions of his grace in the lives of people with learning disabilities.

Thank you for your commitment to praying for Prospects. This is a challenging time of change for Prospects: a management restructure in service provision across the country, provision changes in Reading, and new initiatives starting too, both to start new services and to raise funds for ministry.

Please will you join us in the week of 26th February – 4th March as a special week of prayer for Prospects? Do encourage your church and your Christian friends to hold a special prayer meeting during that week. You'll be joining with people across the UK in praying for services and ministry among people with learning disabilities, people very dear to God's heart.

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26 Feb - 4 Mar

Special week of Prayer for Prospects

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2

FEBRUARY

Sunday

26. **Groups:** give thanks for 200 church-based ministry groups in partnership with Prospects and for the churches that have developed and nurtured such effective ministry. Pray for churches everywhere to be better at including people with learning disabilities and encouraging their spiritual growth.

Monday

27. **Support services:** pray as Prospects works to support people in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to live life to the full. Pray that hopes and ambitions can be turned into reality.

Please pray:

That many more people with learning disabilities will come to know Jesus as churches open their doors to accessible worship, teaching and celebration.

For volunteers in churches, sharing God's love in Prospects Ministry Groups.

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