

Dear Friends in the Lord,

It is hard to believe that this will be our last monthly prayer/news bulletin for 2021. We will send out more of a yearly "round-up" letter shortly but this bulletin will bring you more specific items for prayer.

Another Alpha course has started and got off to a good start last Friday 26th November. There were four people who came along to follow the course and we trust that this will continue for future sessions. The biggest struggle with this kind of activity is getting people to come along and to get them to come regularly. A young man who has come along to sessions in the past wants to come again but for various reasons it's a struggle for him to come. Please pray for "J" and that he will soon be among us again soon.

Back in July we started a new activity, that of a get together for couples called 'Open hearts'. Different aspects of marriage have been spoken about and experienced couples from the church have been treating the different subjects. Another session will take place on Saturday 4th. As has been the case during other sessions it will be open to everybody and there may be non Christians there too. Please pray for this session which we ourselves will be responsible for on the subject of 'Resolving Conflict in Marriage'.

This session is coming at a very important time as we have some couples in the church at the moment that are going through a very difficult time in their relationship and we do pray that this session will be of help to those who are struggling.

As has been the case for a good number of years now a Christmas Carol service in English is organised on the first Sunday of December and will be held again this year on the 5th. It is the International English speaking church who organise this and somewhere around a thousand people attend in the Cathedral (kindly granted) here in Aix-en-Provence. While many English speaking people attend many French people come along too. Everything is translated from English into French and there is always a clear Gospel message given.

We do pray that as the Gospel is preached that many will understand the true meaning of Christmas and turn to the one who is Emmanuel, God with us.

Our own special Christmas program in the church will take place on Sunday 19th. Different activities are being prepared with the children and young people and we are looking forward to the different performances on the day. A small choir is being set up this year too by one of our musicians and the song 'Joy to the World' will be rendered. While looking forward to the program, above all we look to the Lord to speak through what will be presented and that the true meaning and message of Christmas will be clearly understood and accepted.

We join again in thanking you for your interest, practical fellowship and prayers and in sending our warm greetings in the Lord,

Graham et Alison.

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