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raise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3 & 4

This edition of *CMF Prayer Diary* coincides with the focal point of the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife. Over half of the global healthcare workforce are nurses or midwives, and the role of both professions in primary healthcare is crucial, as anyone who has worked in primary or public healthcare anywhere in the world will tell you.

Nurses and midwives are also a growing part of our fellowship here at CMF, but we want to see more of them join with us. So, we make no apologies for a big focus on nurses and midwives in this edition of the *Prayer Diary*. Do get your church to engage with our week of prayer for nurses and midwives between **12 and 18 May**, and do get extra copies of our prayer diary to share with your congregation and any Christian nurses and midwives you may know. Spread the word!

Of course, CMF's ministry and membership encompass a wide range of professional areas and many parts of the world, not just the UK and not just nursing and midwifery. So in this edition, we continue to look at the wide range of prayer needs across the fellowship and across the nations.

Finally, a big thank you to every one of you who has joined with us in prayer over the last year. We know that God works through the prayers of his saints. We have been so mindful of all he is doing around the Fellowship in response to your petitions.

Thank you!

In Christ,

Steve



5-11 APRIL

## GENERAL PRACTICE

### SUNDAY 5 APRIL

Pray that the Lord would uphold each doctor, nurse and midwife working in general practice and primary care throughout the country; that there would be good working relationships between them and honest communication between administrative staff, patients and medics.

### MONDAY 6 APRIL

Pray that GPs would be able to give adequate time and attention to every patient they see; to treat each person as someone loved and created by God, precious in his sight.

### TUESDAY 7 APRIL

Thank the Lord for the access to good healthcare we have in the UK. May we not take the blessing of the NHS for granted. Ask for wisdom for those practices and Clinical Commissioning Groups that are struggling with budgets and funding; that they would find ways to provide the best healthcare for their communities.

REGION OF THE  
MONTH (April)  
South East

### MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Norwich

### WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL

Remember GPs, practice nurses, community midwives, pharmacists or administrative staff who may be the only Christians in their surgery. Pray that they would stand for godly principles and that they would be a shining light for Jesus in their workplaces.

### THURSDAY 9 APRIL

Pray for all those involved with training and recruiting new GPs, and for all those undertaking training in this area. Pray that more doctors would be moved to work in primary care and that the necessary resources would be committed to provide a robust primary care service across the UK.

### FRIDAY 10 APRIL – GOOD FRIDAY

Give thanks and praise to God the Father that he loved the world so much that he sent his one and only son to die on the cross for our sins.

### SATURDAY 11 APRIL

Pray for Christian GP practices around the British Isles; that they can continue to live out the good news of Jesus in the way that they care for patients and serve their communities.



12-18 APRIL

## SPEAKING OUT

### MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Oxford nurses & medics

### SUNDAY 12 APRIL – EASTER SUNDAY

Praise God for the resurrection of Jesus; that through him, we too can rise to new life, and that death has been defeated. Pray for a renewal of hope in Jesus for all who follow him.

### MONDAY 13 APRIL

Pray for all health professionals who find themselves having to whistle-blow on bad practice and leadership in their workplaces. Pray especially for those who must choose between keeping their job (or even their career) or standing up for the truth and what is right.

### TUESDAY 14 APRIL

Pray for the **CMF Public Policy Team** as they speak up for the gospel and biblical truth in bioethics and clinical practice. May God give them wisdom, resources and the capacity to respond wisely and clearly to the challenging issues they address.

REGION OF THE  
MONTH (April)  
South East

### WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL

Pray for those CMF members who have, or are still facing discrimination, disciplinary hearings and other hostility in the workplace, for speaking out or taking a stand on issues of faith and ethics. May they know encouragement and peace and be granted gracious words and wise responses to those who accuse them.

### THURSDAY 16 APRIL

Pray that God would raise up Christians in our nation, to speak the truth of the gospel in all spheres of life, especially in the medical and nursing worlds.

### FRIDAY 17 APRIL

**World Haemophilia Day.** Please pray for all those caring for people with clotting disorders, and especially those caring and advocating for individuals infected by HIV, Hepatitis C and other blood-borne viruses because of past treatment with blood products.

### SATURDAY 18 APRIL

Pray for all those in the legal professions who support and advocate for Christian health professionals facing workplace disciplinary or legal cases as a result of standing up for truth and godly values in their workplaces. Grant wisdom, patience and grace as they navigate the complexities of current legislation and the legal system.



## MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Plymouth nurses & medics

19-25 APRIL

# STUDENTS

## SUNDAY 19 APRIL

Pray for new and existing student and nursing representatives as they provide the link between CMF and Christian students at their medical and nursing schools. Their enthusiasm is vital to the success of CMF groups, which can do so much to encourage and support Christians as well as reaching out to non-Christian students.

## MONDAY 20 APRIL

The **National Student Council** is made up of two student representatives from each region/country in the UK. They meet twice a year to help shape and plan the annual student conference and receive training that will help them in their future careers to live and speak for Jesus.

## TUESDAY 21 APRIL

Pray that all our student and nursing and midwifery reps around the UK may be encouraged and inspired as they network and make contact with other Christian students in their places of study or on clinical placements. Pray for divine appointments and coincidences.

## REGION OF THE MONTH (April)

South East

## WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

Every year we encourage graduating medical and nursing students to keep up their links with CMF by updating their address and (in the case of medics) rotation details. Pray that many will respond so that we don't lose touch with them at the beginning of their careers when they will need our support and encouragement more than ever.

## THURSDAY 23 APRIL

CMF is very grateful to qualified doctors, nurses and midwives who act as **Medical/Nursing School Links**. They support their local CMF student groups with hospitality, pastoral care and spiritual guidance. Pray for them as many have to fit this in with their own busy work schedules.

## FRIDAY 24 APRIL

CMF offers a range of training opportunities to students interested in developing their speaking, debating, writing or evangelistic skills. Also, the **Global Track** helps prepare students who are considering healthcare work abroad. Pray for those who lead these 'tracks' and for participants to be equipped for the roles they feel God is calling them to.

## SATURDAY 25 APRIL

A joint CMF and ICMDA student and junior doctors' conference will be taking place in Ireland from 31 October - 1 November. Please pray for wisdom for the planning team as they organise it and for more students and juniors from Ireland to come along and get involved in CMF groups.



26 APRIL–2 MAY

## IMMUNISATIONS

### MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Queen's, Belfast

#### SUNDAY 26 APRIL

Give thanks to God for the millions of lives saved around the world through simple vaccinations against measles, rubella, typhoid, smallpox and many other infectious diseases. Pray for all those involved in immunisation campaigns around the globe.

#### MONDAY 27 APRIL

Pray for the scientific community who seek to develop appropriate vaccines for diseases that threaten billions around the world, especially for those working on a COVID-19 vaccine.

#### TUESDAY 28 APRIL

Pray for all those involved in delivering vaccines to communities around the world. Pray especially for those working on innovative ways to get vaccinations to the most isolated, marginalised and vulnerable populations.

#### REGION OF THE MONTH (April)

South East

#### WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL

Pray for the World Health Organization as it seeks to work internationally to tackle vaccine hesitancy; that Ministries of Health would adopt the guidelines and roll these out throughout communities in every nation.

#### THURSDAY 30 APRIL

**Stress Awareness Month.** Stress is a condition for which there is no vaccine. Pray for someone you know who is either off sick currently due to stress, or those you know who are struggling with the pressures on them.

#### FRIDAY 1 MAY

Pray for all those working to tackle global health inequalities; such as access to immunisations and basic primary healthcare, or to essential ante and post-natal care. Ask that God would grant them hope and courage to serve and speak up for the poor and marginalised.

#### SATURDAY 2 MAY

Pray today for school nurses, especially ones we may know, who have contact with many children; that God would enable them to serve the children and the schools well. In particular, help them to allay the fears and misconceptions many parents and children have about immunisation.



3-9 MAY

## MIDWIVES

### MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

#### SUNDAY 3 MAY

Pray for student midwives in CMF groups and CUs across the country. Pray that they will live in such a way that their friends and coursemates will see in them something of Jesus' love. Pray that they will be bold in speaking about Jesus Christ and sharing his Good News.

#### MONDAY 4 MAY

Pray for midwives as they care for mothers who are struggling with mental illness during and after pregnancy. Pray that they will care with compassion and gentleness, as they walk through dark and confusing times.

#### TUESDAY 5 MAY

Pray for midwives working in public health as they seek to improve NHS services, especially to advance care for single mothers, teenage mothers and asylum seekers. May they seek to glorify God as they use the positions they have to demonstrate his love for those often on the fringes of society.

#### REGION OF THE MONTH (May)

South West

#### WEDNESDAY 6 MAY

Pray for midwives working in areas with overstretched resources and low morale; that they may find refreshment in Jesus, our living water.

#### THURSDAY 7 MAY

Pray for midwives as they journey with mothers through difficult times of grief. Pray that they can share something of the hope we have of a time where there will be no more pain or suffering, as well as of the Spirit as our comforter and counsellor here and now.

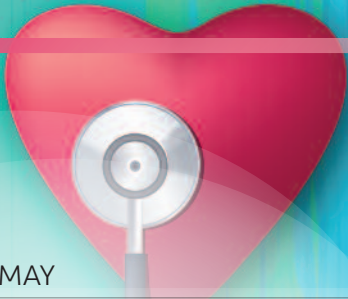
#### FRIDAY 8 MAY

Pray for midwives working in overseas mission settings. Pray that they will know afresh that salvation is by grace alone so that when things are going well, they can be protected from pride. When they feel things are going badly that they might not be discouraged in their service. Pray especially for those who are working in areas where believers face persecution.

#### SATURDAY 9 MAY

Pray for newly qualified midwives in this time of transition. Pray that those who have moved to a new place would soon settle into their new environment, new church family and new job. Pray for them as they build relationships with colleagues and adjust to the demands and challenges of this next career stage.





10-16 MAY

## #THANKGOD4NURSES

A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
NURSES AND MIDWIVES

### MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Southampton medics & nurses

#### SUNDAY 10 MAY

This week the world celebrates the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. In designating 2020 as the **International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife**, the World Health Organisation has recognised the vital role of nursing and midwifery in global health. Give thanks today for the generations of godly women and men who have followed Florence's example into the caring professions, and the impact they continue to have in the world.

#### MONDAY 11 MAY

Pray for CMF to be effective in raising the profile of its nursing and midwifery ministry. Pray for nurses and midwives who don't yet know about CMF. Pray that God would make it known that there is a fellowship longing to welcome, unite and equip them.

#### TUESDAY 12 MAY

Today, please pray for nurses and midwives across our nation and across the world to show in the care of their patients the love and compassion that God showed us in sending Jesus. (Philippians 2:5-11)

REGION OF THE  
MONTH (May)

South West

#### WEDNESDAY 13 MAY

Please pray for nurses and midwives working in understaffed and overstretched teams - for encouragement, rest, support and good leadership as they seek to give the best care under challenging circumstances. (Matthew 11:28)

#### THURSDAY 14 MAY

Pray for student nurses and midwives to grow in confidence and competence and for a strengthening of their sense of calling to the work. (Colossians 3:17)

#### FRIDAY 15 MAY

Intercede for Christian nurses and midwives facing challenges to their freedom of conscience and openness about their faith in secular workplaces; that they can keep their integrity while giving the best care to their patients and working within the guidelines of the profession. (1 Peter 3:13-17)

#### SATURDAY 16 MAY

Pray that the voices and roles of nurses and midwives across the world in strengthening the health and well-being of their communities would be recognised and supported by governments, churches and other institutions. (Proverbs 3:19)



## MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Sheffield medics & nurses

17-23 MAY

## DOCTORS, NURSES & MIDWIVES

### SUNDAY 17 MAY

Today, please pray for migrant nurses and midwives, away from their families and culture, having to work in an unfamiliar health system and a foreign language; may they find welcome, friendship, spiritual and social support for themselves as they care for others. (Leviticus 19:34)

### MONDAY 18 MAY

Heavenly Father, strengthen the hands and hearts of nurses & midwives to show your love and care for those in need, to grow in competence, to serve the common good and to act as examples of compassion and selfless care, in the name of your Son who laid aside his glory to serve and die for us, Amen.

### TUESDAY 19 MAY

Pray for the Doctors' Ministries team as they work together to support Juniors in training, career doctors and retirees. Pray for real understanding in the team of the needs of the doctors we seek to serve, that we may know what issues need to be addressed and what are the specific ways in which we can help.

## REGION OF THE MONTH (May)

South West

### WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

CMF Doctors' Ministries runs several conferences throughout the year. Pray for the planning and organisation of these events, that they may be a real blessing and encouragement to members. Pray that we can identify speakers and seminar leaders who will bring God's word to us.

### THURSDAY 21 MAY


Doctors' Ministries is responsible for developing **CMF Pastoral Care and Wellbeing for doctors**. Pray that we can engage volunteers to serve as Pastoral Care Partners and leaders to oversee this work as a Pastoral Care Advisory Group. Pray for the development of teaching and training materials for these roles. Pray for the launch of Pastoral Care Peer Support Groups in localities around the UK.

### FRIDAY 22 MAY

Pray for the work of the **Junior Doctors' Committee** as they plan for their autumn conference, 23-25 October. Pray that new members will come forward to serve in this committee. Pray for wisdom as the group sets priorities and plans how best to support and equip juniors.

### SATURDAY 23 MAY

**Biblical Justice and Advocacy** is a new area of ministry that the Doctors' Team are considering for development. Pray for wisdom as this is thought through and for clear priorities to be set and doors for effective service to be opened. Pray for the resources to develop this work, both volunteers with time to help, and finance to support the project.



24-30 MAY

## DEEP:ER

### SUNDAY 24 MAY

Pray for all the volunteers and associates that support the work of CMF. These include Deep:ER volunteers and those involved in developing teaching and pastoral care. Pray too for support staff in CMF who are vital to the effectiveness of all CMF's ministries.

### MONDAY 25 MAY

Deep:ER Fellow Ros has worked on our pastoral care resources amongst junior doctors this year. Pray that this growing pastoral work would benefit our juniors who are so often moving around and finding their feet in their region and speciality.

### TUESDAY 26 MAY

Deep:ER Fellow Caleb has worked with the student department to re-vamp our student leaders' training materials, which were put into effect at our recent training weekend. Pray that God would raise up many leaders from this cadre, like Caleb, who can in turn train others.

### REGION OF THE MONTH (May)

South West

### MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

St Andrew's

### WEDNESDAY 27 MAY

Applications for Deep:ER 2020 close on 22 June. Please pray for those who have applied and those yet to apply; that God would prepare them for the year as we plan projects. Pray that this would be a life-transforming year for them.

### THURSDAY 28 MAY

Deep:ER Fellow Jacob has been working on a Board governance project. Pray that this work would significantly enhance our governance structures and for Jacob as he takes his learning into his career.

### FRIDAY 29 MAY

Thank God for the work of Deep:ER Fellows Leo and Anastasia in making our Sydenham 1 conference possible this year. What an example of God taking their time and talents and multiplying them 100-fold and more. Such is the impact of the Deep:ER programme!

### SATURDAY 30 MAY

There are now 29 Deep:ER alumni since the programme's inception five years ago. Pray that each one would know God's leading and guidance, continued growth, building on what they have learnt, and that many would engage through CMF to teach and lead others.



31 MAY-6 JUNE

# ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK  
St George's

## SUNDAY 31 MAY

**World No Tobacco Day;** remembering the health dangers of smoking and nicotine addiction. Pray for all those seeking to quit smoking, that they would find the strength of will to overcome their cravings and find release from their addiction.

## MONDAY 1 JUNE

**Global Day of Parents.** Give thanks to God for parents everywhere and pray for families and parents that you know who are currently in need. Pray also for our nation to more actively support and value the role of parents and families in forming the next generation.

## TUESDAY 2 JUNE

Give thanks to God for all those in the professions allied to medicine who work alongside you in your workplace, in the services to which you regularly refer patients, or in your church. Ask the Lord to bless and encourage them in their roles.

## WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE

Pray for Christians in the allied professions to find fellowship and spiritual support in their workplaces and professions

## THURSDAY 4 JUNE

Pray for physios, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, chiropodists, dieticians and radiographers in the vital work they do in rehabilitation, discharge planning, clinical support, treatment and diagnostics.

## FRIDAY 5 JUNE

Pray that Christians in the allied professions would be able to have a clear, grace-filled and godly voice into the values and ethics of their professions and their places of work.

## SATURDAY 6 JUNE

Please pray for medical, nursing, midwifery and allied professional students who are completing their end of year exams. May they be disciplined both in work and rest and know the Lord, whose burden is light, and whose yoke is easy. (Matthew 11:28-30)

REGION OF THE MONTH (June)  
Wales



## MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Swansea



7-13 JUNE

## CARERS

### SUNDAY 7 JUNE

Please pray for CMF's nurse and midwife groups meeting regularly. May these groups be a place where nurses and midwives find much-needed refreshment, and through meeting together, may God stir up his nurses and midwives to love and good works. (Hebrews 10:24)

### MONDAY 8 JUNE

**National Carers' Week.** Pray for the seven million carers in the UK, many of whom say that being a carer has harmed their own physical and mental health. Pray for more encouragement for these carers, that they would feel listened to and supported in their demanding roles. For carers to learn also to look after themselves, manage to take time out, and seek professional help if needed.

### TUESDAY 9 JUNE

The burden of care falls particularly hard on young carers. On average, 48 school days a year are missed or cut short because of their caring role (*carers.org*). Pray that they would find sympathy and understanding at school and access to young carers' support groups.

### REGION OF THE MONTH (June)

Wales

### WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE

Young adult carers aged between 16 and 18 years are twice as likely not to be in education, employment, or training (NEET) as the general population, and nearly half report having mental health problems. Pray for support in school or work, and hope for these individuals.

### THURSDAY 11 JUNE

One in four carers is a mental health carer. Behavioural problems associated with psychiatric disorders increase stress levels of carers and other family members. Pray that marriages would stay together and united in the middle of this, for clear communication between family members, and for investment in CAMHS and other mental health services to cope with the considerable demand for swifter and fuller support.

### FRIDAY 12 JUNE

Pray for Christians caring for family members, friends or neighbours. Pray that the spiritual, as well as social and professional support that they need would be forthcoming, helping them to remain in fellowship with Christ and fellow believers.

### SATURDAY 13 JUNE

**CMF AGM.** Today, about 40-60 CMF members from around the UK will gather in London to hear reports, pray, and discuss the future direction and ministry of CMF. Please lift to the Lord all those gathering today, and pray that his Holy Spirit and the Scriptures would guide and give wisdom to all who are present.



14-20 JUNE

## CMF GOVERNANCE

### MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Trinity College Dublin

#### SUNDAY 14 JUNE

CMF has eight active administrative committees – Business Advisory, Junior Doctors’, Medical Study, National Student, Nursing, Global, *Triple Helix*, and Governance, Strategy & Risk. Please give a prayer of thanks for all those who serve as members of these groups.

#### MONDAY 15 JUNE

It is often difficult to find new members for some of these committees. Please pray that the right people would commit to serving in this way.

#### TUESDAY 16 JUNE

David Randall has recently become chair of the **Medical Study Group**, which works on ethical issues in medicine. Please pray for David and the rest of the group as they grapple with ethical issues in medical practice.

#### WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE

Thank God for the **National Student Council** and its 22 members; especially for the chair Silas Anderson, and vice-chair Sophie Latta. Pray that our Lord would continue to guide and direct this group.

#### THURSDAY 18 JUNE

Ministry to nurses and midwives continues to grow. Pray for the **Nursing Advisory Group** as it works with the Nursing Department in taking this work forward.

#### FRIDAY 19 JUNE

The **Triple Helix Committee** works as the editorial committee for CMF’s flagship magazine. David Smithard has recently been appointed as chair. Please pray for David and the committee as they plan future editions.

#### SATURDAY 20 JUNE

The first years after qualification can often be tricky. The **Junior Doctors’ Committee** works to promote fellowship between those embarking on a medical career. Please pray for their work and especially for the chair, Tobi Adeagbo.

#### REGION OF THE MONTH (June)

Wales



21-27 JUNE

## ADVOCACY

### SUNDAY 21 JUNE

The Annual Representatives Meeting (ARM) of the **British Medical Association** runs from today until Thursday. The BMA's position on assisted suicide will be debated during the week. Please pray for all CMF members attending, that they would have opportunities to speak up for truth and justice in debates and other settings, and the grace to do so wisely.

### MONDAY 22 JUNE

Christian medical professionals face many difficult choices at work around their values, faith and conscience in the face of changing social values and professional ethics. Pray that they will know God's wisdom and care as they seek to live and work with integrity.

### TUESDAY 23 JUNE

Please pray for the **CMF Public Policy Team**; Jennie Pollock and Rick Thomas, and our CEO, Mark Pickering, as they seek to support our members, engage with politicians and inform the public around areas of medical ethics. Pray for open doors and open hearts.

### REGION OF THE MONTH (June)

Wales

### MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

University College Dublin

### WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE

The Public Policy Team works with many other individuals and organisations in advocating for healthcare policies that protect the vulnerable and affirm the dignity of all human life. Please pray for continued excellent relationships with these allies and co-belligerents, and for effective strategies to be developed.

### THURSDAY 25 JUNE


There are persistent attempts in the UK Parliament, the national assemblies, and the legislative assemblies of the Crown Dependencies (Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man) to decriminalise assisted suicide, euthanasia and abortion. Please pray for parliamentarians to resist these pressures, and for CMF members who take a stand in the debates around these Bills. Pray for clarity, wisdom and protection.

### FRIDAY 26 JUNE

Our **Medical Study Group** meets three times a year to discuss topics for our *CMF Files* – papers helping Christians think through a biblical position on a range of ethical issues. Please pray that God would use this group to produce helpful, hopeful, life-giving resources on these critical issues.

### SATURDAY 27 JUNE

As believers, we have words of life and light to offer in the darkness of the ethical, social and moral challenges of our day. Please pray that we will hold out these words of life and that blinded eyes will see the truth. (2 Corinthians 4)



28 JUNE–4 JULY

## GLOBAL

### SUNDAY 28 JUNE

**Dementia Awareness Week.** Pray today for those you know who are anxious or isolated due to living with dementia. Pray for their carers to have patience, wisdom and love in the midst of their caring.

### MONDAY 29 JUNE

Pray today for our Global team, Fi McLachlan and Lavinia Mires, especially as they prepare for the **Developing Health Course** (12-24 July).

### TUESDAY 30 JUNE

Pray for all those who teach on the Developing Health Course, that they will have clarity and responsiveness to the needs of those attending.

### REGION OF THE MONTH (June)

Wales

### MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

University College London

### WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

Pray for the international bursary delegates who will attend the Developing Health Course; that they will feel welcomed and that what they learn will be of real benefit as they pass on their learning back in their own country

### THURSDAY 2 JULY

Pray for the **Attentive to God spiritual retreat** being held 18-19 July, especially for mission personnel; that God would grant renewal in all he has called them to do.


### FRIDAY 3 JULY

Pray that each CMF member would be alert to opportunities to befriend and share Christ's love with those from overseas who work alongside them.

### SATURDAY 4 JULY

Pray today for a CMF member or friend who is serving God in another country; for God to graciously sustain them, provide all they need and make them effective witnesses to the name of Christ.





5-11 JULY

## COMMUNICATIONS

### MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Belfast nurses & medics

#### SUNDAY 5 JULY

Pray that CMF can support and equip our members to communicate clearly the gospel, Christian values and ethics in healthcare to colleagues, and to stand up for the truth of Christ in the public square.

#### MONDAY 6 JULY

The CMF website is gradually being overhauled, with new functions, content and resources being developed. Pray for all those involved to use their gifts and skills wisely to the glory of God, and to create a website that will equip our members and communicate God's truth clearly and effectively.

#### TUESDAY 7 JULY

CMF's flagship magazine, *Triple Helix*, has a crucial role in sharing ideas and stimulating thinking on issues at the interface of Christianity and healthcare. We are currently looking at how it needs to develop to do this more effectively. Please pray for David Smithard, the Editor and Steve Fouch, the Managing Editor and the *Triple Helix* Committee as they do this.

#### REGION OF THE MONTH (July)

Central

#### WEDNESDAY 8 JULY

*Nucleus* is our student magazine that also goes to hundreds of medical students in other nations. Please pray for the team putting this together. Pray that this special edition would encourage many students in the UK and overseas to think through and live out their faith in their profession.

#### THURSDAY 9 JULY


Thank God for all the books CMF has been able to publish down the years. Pray for wisdom in selecting new titles and authors, and finding the resources to publish and promote them to the fellowship and the wider Christian community.

#### FRIDAY 10 JULY

**The Communications Team.** We had to make Oluwatosin, our copy editor, and Philip, our video editor, redundant at the start of the year. Pray for them as they seek their next steps, and for the remaining team as they manage with reduced capacity.

#### SATURDAY 11 JULY

Please pray, that through all CMF's resources, we can help to equip, encourage and empower Christians in the healing and caring professions to live and speak for the Lord Jesus Christ in every situation.



12-18 JULY

## THE NHS

### MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Chester nurses & midwives

#### SUNDAY 12 JULY

Pray for Christians working in the NHS to work heartily, as for the Lord in their workplaces, living and speaking for Jesus Christ.

#### MONDAY 13 JULY

With changes in public policy on training and recruitment of UK staff, the impact of Brexit on recruitment of overseas professionals, and the effects of stress and burnout on staff health and retention, pray for a thought-through strategy to train, recruit, retain and support healthcare staff across the NHS.

#### TUESDAY 14 JULY

Ask the Lord to establish networks of praying individuals in every hospital and NHS workplace, to bring a godly presence to all aspects of the NHS, to encourage and strengthen believers, and to bless all staff and patients.

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#### WEDNESDAY 15 JULY

Pray that the Lord would open doors for gospel opportunities and for boldness, sensitivity and wisdom for Christians working in the NHS, to share the good news of the Lord Jesus with those they come across.

#### THURSDAY 16 JULY


Uphold those dealing with difficult situations, working long hours or struggling at work. Pray that God would strengthen and comfort them and draw them close to himself.

#### FRIDAY 17 JULY

Give thanks once again for the provision of free healthcare in this country by the NHS. Ask that God grants wisdom to all in authority in the Department of Health, NHS Executive and devolved assemblies and authorities as they look to the long-term direction and resourcing of the NHS in all the nations of the UK.

#### SATURDAY 18 JULY

Pray for Christians in the NHS to connect with other Christians in their workplaces: for fellowship, prayer and encouragement to run with perseverance the race that is set before them, looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of their faith. (Hebrews 12:1-2)



19-25 JULY

## SCIENCE

### SUNDAY 19 JULY

Thank God for the amazing world he has created and pray for those Christians who are engaged in scientific research, writing and publishing, that they never lose a sense of wonder and worship.

### MONDAY 20 JULY

Thank God for his gifts to humanity – the capacities to be curious, to observe and to reason. Good science and good interpretation of the Bible should never conflict. Pray that faith and science will not be portrayed as mutual enemies but as complementary ways of understanding the truth about the Creator and his creation.

### TUESDAY 21 JULY

Pray that God will bless the work and witness of organisations like the **Faraday Institute** and **Christians in Science** as they seek to show young people in schools and colleges that science and faith need not conflict.

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### MEDICAL / NURSING SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Chelmsford nurses & midwives

### WEDNESDAY 22 JULY

Pray for wisdom for all those working in cutting edge areas such as genetics, fetal surgery, and robotics/artificial intelligence. May due weight be given to the unintended consequences of such technologies, as well as to the benefits, and may a wise balance be struck between the possible and the permissible.

### THURSDAY 23 JULY

The current trend towards prescribing puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones to children and young people is very worrying. There is insufficient scientific evidence to be sure of the long-term safety or side effects of these drugs. Please pray that the British government would recognise this and call for a moratorium on such treatments.

### FRIDAY 24 JULY

Pray that breakthroughs in science and technology will not merely 'follow the money' but be applied to the needs of the global poor, especially to the study of tropical diseases that struggle to compete with the maladies of the affluent world.

### SATURDAY 25 JULY

Thank God for the generosity of some super-rich individuals in their commitment to eradicating preventable diseases. Pray that the governments of developing world nations will be inspired to follow their example, not simply rely on their largesse.



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Leeds nurses & midwives

26 JULY-1 AUGUST

# SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL CARE

## SUNDAY 26 JULY

The need for pastoral and spiritual care as part of the service that CMF offers to its members has become increasingly apparent as work pressures and ethical dilemmas increase in the practice of medicine, nursing, and midwifery. Pray for Steve Sturman as he explore ways in which we can provide this to doctors and nurses.

## MONDAY 27 JULY

Ethical and faith issues are, as medical technology advances, an increasing and unwelcome challenge to those wanting to serve in healthcare. CMF has a long history of addressing these challenges and equipping its members to do so. Pray for continuing wisdom, and boldness with discretion.

## TUESDAY 28 JULY

Pray for Ashley Stewart, Associate Head of Student Ministries, as she develops new ways of supporting medical, nursing, and midwifery students who are struggling to cope with heavy workloads and personal problems. Thank God for the opportunities that arose at the student conference to assist some of these students.

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## WEDNESDAY 29 JULY

The Deep:ER fellowship programme takes students and juniors a step further in learning to live and speak for Jesus, as the name implies. In return, they offer invaluable voluntary assistance with important projects like the Sydenham programme for international medical, nursing, and midwifery students and the mission fair at the Developing Health Course.

## THURSDAY 30 JULY

The Saline Solution course, specifically designed to help Christians in healthcare share their faith wisely and effectively, is held at frequent intervals in many different locations. A course will be organised for students in Ireland later this year. Pray for good participation and a real increase in confidence for those attending.

## FRIDAY 31 JULY

It is sometimes difficult for students to maintain their walk with God amidst the pressures of study and university life. Pray that they will continue to prioritise time with God and fellow believers and that local churches will support them well. (Matthew 6:33)

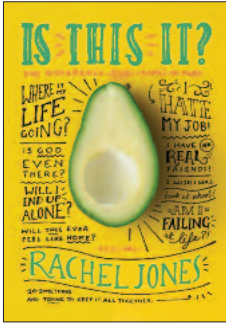
## SATURDAY 1 AUGUST

Pray for local church leaders and workers in university towns and cities; that they will effectively and consistently offer spiritual nourishment and support to medical, midwifery and nursing students, taking into account their unique needs and challenges.

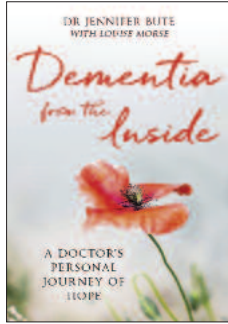


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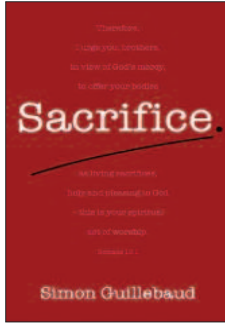
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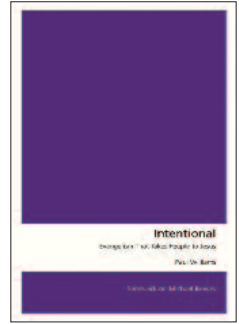
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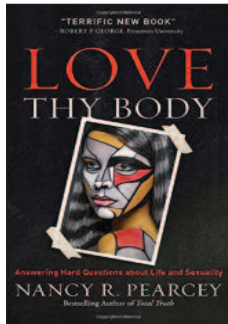
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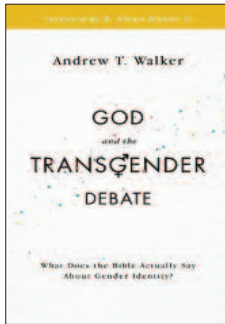
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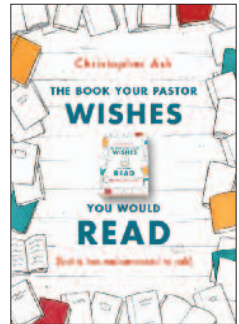
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# Upcoming Events

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## April

24-26 **CMF National Conference.**  
CMF's yearly conference for  
doctors, nurses, midwives,  
and their families  
Yarnfield Park, Staffs

## June

13 **CMF Annual General Meeting**  
Johnson House, London

## July

12-24 **Developing Health Course.**  
CMF Global's two-week training  
course  
London School of Theology,  
Northwood

18-19 **Attentive to God:**  
**Global mission spiritual retreat**  
London School of Theology,  
Northwood

## October

23-25 **Junior Doctors' Conference**  
Hothorpe Hall, Leics

## November

7 **Scottish Day Conference**  
Bruntsfield Evangelical Church,  
Edinburgh

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