

# Birmingham Student CMF Prayer Letter



## - Summer 2015 -

Dear All,

We're now just starting the new academic year. As we begin the year we have so much to thank and praise God for and we're excited to share news of our upcoming events with you. We are so grateful for your prayers and support in helping us live out our faith and share Christ with those around us and hope that this prayer letter will encourage you and help keep you updated about Birmingham student CMF.

### What is the point of CMF?

**DISCIPLESHIP:** to **unite** Christian doctors and medical students in Christ, and to encourage them to deepen their faith, **live like Christ**, and serve him obediently, particularly through **acting competently and with compassion** in their medical practice.

**EVANGELISM:** to encourage Christian doctors and medical students to be **witnesses for Christ** among all those they meet.

**MISSION:** to mobilise and support all Christian doctors, medical students and other healthcare professionals, especially members, in **servicing Christ throughout the world**.

**VALUES:** to **promote Christian values, especially in bioethics and healthcare**, among doctors and medical students, in the church and in society

...So all the events we put on and schemes we run should be for the purpose of fulfilling these four aims.

### News from 2014-2015

The **preclinical group**, consisting of 15-20 who meet weekly at Wednesday lunchtimes for a time of fellowship and teaching, have had a really encouraging year, addressing issues such as euthanasia to coping with the stress of exams. The preclinical leaders recently changed, please thank God for the faithful service of the outgoing leaders, Clare, Anna and James. The new leaders are Julia, Emily and Isaac. Please pray for them, especially as they welcome Freshers, plan a programme and start leading meetings. Please pray specifically for the Freshers fair on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, that Freshers would be interested in signing up for CMF. Please pray more generally for Freshers, that those who are Christians would quickly settle into a church and that those who are not Christians would use this newfound independence to investigate Jesus' claims for themselves.

This year, we have begun running ethics and prayer breakfasts on Saturdays about once a month for the clinical students to meet up regularly. So far we have had very helpful talks on psychiatry and brain injuries, as well as hearing from fourth years about their electives. We have also had a great BBQ to kick the year off hosted by our medical school CMF link, James Tomlinson. Praise God for the continued support we receive from James, and also from Ross Bryson, who is our other medical school link and who gave the talk on psychiatry. Please pray for clinical students, that they may be salt and light in hospitals and be an encouragement to each other and those in more junior years.

### Upcoming Events in the Autumn Term

- **Junior doctors evening:** this evening involves inviting junior doctors to come and discuss what the life of a junior medic is really like. In the past, it's been helpful for all years to see what hospitals and the world of work is really like, as well as providing encouragement and perspective for those of us still at medical school. It will be taking place on the 17<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Freshers welcome curry:** This event is planned for the 7<sup>th</sup> October and is a chance for us to welcome the Freshers and an opportunity for them to meet other first year Christians and older CMF students. Please pray for good numbers to attend and that this event may help build CMF into a supportive interyear community.

- **CMF day away:** Always a highlight of the CMF calendar, our day away will be taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> October and involves CMF members going to a church in Aldridge for the day to listen to bible teaching, play games and get to know each other better as a group. Please pray that it would be a helpful and encouraging day and that through it we would be better equipped to live and speak for Jesus as Christian medical students. Please do also pray that a good number of first year students would come along as it is a great opportunity to get to know them and let them know what CMF is about.
- **Life matters:** We are planning this event (10<sup>th</sup> November) to help people think through a compassionate Biblical response to the issues of abortion, contraception and euthanasia. John Wyatt will be speaking and there will be time for group discussion and questions to a panel. The event is aimed at Christian students, including those who are not medics, to help us all think through these important issues. Please pray that this event may be helpful, pitched at the right level, and may bring glory to God as we try and live in line with his word.
- **Christmas meal (8th December):** Another regular on the CMF calendar! We will be providing a free Christmas dinner – the purpose being to enjoy good food, good company, and to use the event as a platform to present the gospel through a talk given between courses. Please pray for the practicalities of this event which is a complex one to organise, that God will provide financially, and that people will respond to the gospel message.

Please forward this on to any relevant people, or let us know via email ([cmfbirmingham@gmail.com](mailto:cmfbirmingham@gmail.com)) anyone you think we should add to our prayer list. If you would like to support us financially, please email our treasurer using the email address above. If you would prefer not to receive this prayer letter please also feel free to let us know and we will remove you from the mailing list. Thank you very much for your continued support, whether in prayer or financially.

In Christ,  
The CMF committee

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