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When

hen the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do? The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne.

Psalm 11:3-4a

When

hen the earth and all its people quake, it is I who hold its pillars firm.

Psalm 75:3

Do

o you find yourself being shaken at the moment? Is your work, family or church facing hard times and uncertainty? Maybe you don't have a personal 'earthquake' to face, but you see the turmoil in the nations or in our country, and wonder where God is.

These verses from the Psalms are a huge comfort to me when all about seems in turmoil and uncertainty. The world changes, God does not. When things seem uncertain, he is certain. When it looks as if all will fall apart, he holds everything together. If we do see things collapse, we can trust that God is building something new from the wreckage, to fulfil his good and perfect will.

This also is why we are called to pray. Prayer reminds us that it is God who is on the heavenly throne, and not you or I. Given my tendency to make bad decisions, that is a huge relief! To hand it all over to God, knowing I do not have the answer, but that he does is very reassuring.

I hope you will join with me and many other CMF members in prayer this spring and summer for the many needs and uncertainties faced by the world, our nation and our members, handing over to God what only he can truly deal with.

God bless,
Steve



31 MARCH – 6 APRIL

CMF LOCAL GROUPS

SUNDAY 31 MARCH

CMF local groups meet up and down the country. Please pray that they would connect well with members in their region and be a place where members grow in faith and hope as they meet to encourage one another.

MONDAY 1 APRIL

Dr Mick Leach leads a group in Harrogate with a focus on praying for each other. Please pray for Christian healthcare professionals in North Yorkshire to be encouraged and spurred on in their faith by this group.

TUESDAY 2 APRIL

Autism Awareness Day. Many autistic people are misunderstood and misrepresented in popular media. Pray that CMF and the church would be places that welcome and include people on the autistic spectrum, and that CMF members working in this area would be godly influencers of policy and advocates for patients.

REGION OF THE
MONTH (April)
South-East

MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Norwich

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

Pray that more local groups will start across the UK, with the purpose of uniting and equipping medics and nurses to live and speak for Jesus in the places they spend most of their time. CMF publishes a Local Group Starter Pack and a Reading Group Starter Pack – pray these might be used well.

THURSDAY 4 APRIL

The Morecombe Bay group has been thinking through questions including 'How can we create a compassionate hope-filled culture in healthcare?' and 'How can we serve and bless our colleagues?' Pray for forthcoming sessions including 'How do we create a culture of joy?' and a social involving breakfast and a hike in the Lake District.

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

Four local groups meet across north London as part of the North London Catalyst Team led by Abigail Randall. Pray for the leaders of these groups, for connections in their workplaces, and for encouragement as they share discussions and learning points via WhatsApp.

SATURDAY 6 APRIL

A 'growth group' meets every other month in Coventry. Pray for Matt Baines as he leads the group and for those who share from the Bible, that they would effectively encourage and support one another in demanding work environments.



7 – 13 APRIL

CARERS' WEEK

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

World Health Day. Pray for universal health coverage and access to affordable healthcare for all. Thank God that there has been partial success through the UN's focus on achieving the Millennial Development goals; both the child mortality rate and the global maternal mortality rate have reduced by nearly a half over the past 25 years. Pray wealthy countries will intentionally invest and focus on helping developing nations fully achieve these goals.

MONDAY 8 APRIL

Pray for the seven million carers in the UK, many of whom say that being a carer has had an adverse effect on 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 look after themselves, manage to take time out, and to seek professional help if needed.

TUESDAY 9 APRIL

The burden of care can fall particularly hard on young carers who are often bullied at school. 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 (April)

South-East

MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Oxford

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

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

THURSDAY 11 APRIL

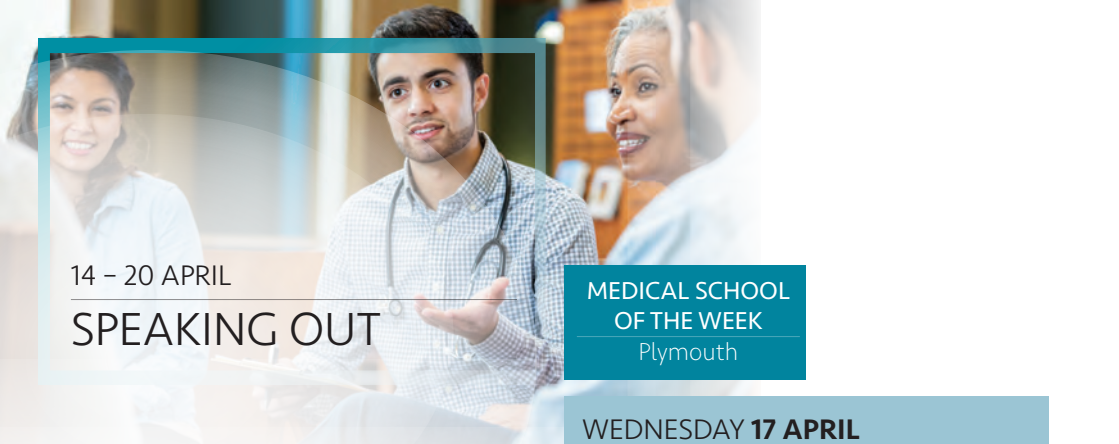
Parkinson's Awareness Day. Pray for those living with Parkinson's disease and for all those with progressive neurological conditions: for the best treatments, breakthroughs in research, good support, and (as much as possible) ongoing hope and enjoyment of life.

FRIDAY 12 APRIL

One in four carers is a mental health carer. Behavioural problems associated with mental disorders increases stress levels of carers and 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 adult mental health services so they can cope with the huge demand for swifter and fuller support.

SATURDAY 13 APRIL

Pray that as Christians, we would better support our neighbours, friends and family members who are carers, and would have wisdom and insight in how best to serve them. Pray that Christian carers would feel able to ask for help from churches and would know the Lord's comfort and strength as they care.



14 – 20 APRIL

SPEAKING OUT

**MEDICAL SCHOOL
OF THE WEEK**
Plymouth

SUNDAY 14 APRIL

Palm Sunday. As we remember Jesus's entry to Jerusalem, pray that God would raise up others who would follow our Lord's example of speaking the truth to the world, regardless of the cost.

MONDAY 15 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 (and even their career) or standing up for the truth and what is right.

TUESDAY 16 APRIL

Pray for the CMF Advocacy and 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 17 APRIL

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

THURSDAY 18 APRIL

Pray for those CMF members who have, or are still facing discrimination, disciplinarys 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.

FRIDAY 19 APRIL

Good Friday. As we remember the death of Jesus on the cross for our sins, give thanks to God that he has worked out such a great salvation, demonstrated through the sacrificial love of his Son. Pray that we might love him and his gospel all the more.

SATURDAY 20 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.



21 – 27 APRIL

IMMUNISATION

MEDICAL SCHOOL
OF THE WEEK
Queen's Belfast

SUNDAY 21 APRIL

Easter Sunday. Jesus Christ has risen! Give thanks and praise to God that we share in his resurrection life. Pray that we might go out into the world in hope and joy, as we remember all he has done for us.

MONDAY 22 APRIL

Easter Monday. Give thanks to the Father for all Christians working in healthcare around the world. Pray that they would live out the resurrection life of Jesus in the way they care for their patients and support their colleagues today, shining as lights for Christ in their places of work.

TUESDAY 23 APRIL

Today is the first day of **Experience of Care Week**, which seeks to highlight and improve the experiences of patients receiving NHS care. Pray for all those receiving care in the NHS at this time, that they would be well supported and looked after.

REGION OF THE
MONTH (April)
South-East

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL

Today is the first day of **World Immunisation Week**. 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.

THURSDAY 25 APRIL

World Malaria Day. Many still suffer needlessly from this preventable and mostly treatable parasitic disease, especially children. Pray for all those caring for people with malaria, and all those working to ensure this disease soon becomes a thing of the past.

FRIDAY 26 APRIL

Pray for all those working to tackle global health inequalities, from access to immunisations to access to basic primary healthcare, to access 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 27 APRIL

Lift up to God all those working in the NHS today, domestic services staff, doctors, porters, nurses, managers, laboratory staff and caterers etc.



28 APRIL – 4 MAY

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

SUNDAY 28 APRIL

World Day for Safety and Health at Work is an annual international campaign to promote safe, healthy and decent work. Please pray for improved work conditions throughout the world, and for those suffering from occupational accidents and work-related illnesses.

MONDAY 29 APRIL

The CMF National Conference is taking place on 3-5 May. Pray for the main speakers (Sinclair Ferguson on Romans and John Wyatt for the Rendle Short Lecture on artificial intelligence) and seminar leaders that they would speak faithfully as they make final preparations for their talks.

TUESDAY 30 APRIL

Pray for all the logistical preparations for the National Conference to go well and for prayerfulness and dependence on the Lord for all involved.

REGION OF THE MONTH (April)
South-East

MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE WEEK
RCSO

WEDNESDAY 1 MAY

Pray for the children and youth team from YWAM as they prepare to teach the young people at the National Conference, to do so faithfully and to help them apply God's word to their lives.

THURSDAY 2 MAY

Members of CMF's fledgling Catalyst Teams are meeting prior to the National Conference today and tomorrow. Pray that they will rejoice in what God is doing in and through these teams, and that inspiring ideas will be shared, and horizons expanded about what CMF can look like locally.

FRIDAY 3 MAY

Pray for our Lord Jesus to be glorified and for members to be encouraged at the National Conference by the Bible teaching in Romans, the seminars, and by each other as they speak the truth in love and encourage each other to live and speak for Jesus in the workplace.

SATURDAY 4 MAY

Pray for members to stand firm and strong, taking joy in the gospel and seeking to know and love the Lord Jesus more and more each day.



**MEDICAL SCHOOL
OF THE WEEK**
Southampton

5 – 11 MAY

MIDWIVES

SUNDAY 5 MAY

Day of the Midwife. Thank God for the wonderful midwives who serve in the UK, often giving sacrificially to keep our maternity services running. Pray for the Christians in this workforce that the Lord would help keep their compassion alive and that they in turn could encourage their colleagues.

MONDAY 6 MAY

In 2018, 55% of births were to women in their thirties or older, the highest since records began in 1938. With older women typically requiring more care during their pregnancy and postnatally, pray that already strained midwifery services will cope, that resources would be well deployed and general morale improve.

TUESDAY 7 MAY

World Asthma Day. Pray for good understanding of asthma as the number of asthma sufferers increases, that those with the illness will manage it well, have access and adhere to the right treatment and be able to adapt their lifestyle to avoid asthma triggers.

**REGION OF THE
MONTH (May)**
South-West

WEDNESDAY 8 MAY

Spreading the word that CMF welcomes midwives into the Fellowship is still a challenge; please pray that Christian midwives would hear about CMF and connect.

THURSDAY 9 MAY

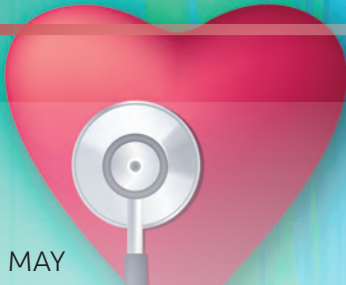
Pray for our CMF members who are midwives working internationally in global health. Pray that God uses them to advance his kingdom both in demonstration and in proclamation. Pray they would be able to train up local midwives and maternity support workers and be a blessing to their host country.

FRIDAY 10 MAY

Multi-disciplinary team relationships are not always ideal, especially under pressure; let's pray for good relationships especially between midwives and doctors. Pray that Christian healthcare workers would model a kind and servant-hearted way of relating to each other that would be both an example and a witness to others.

SATURDAY 11 MAY

March for Life Day. This is a mass annual rally for all pro-lifers in the United Kingdom. Pray that the march is a friendly and positive event, raising awareness of the damage abortion causes within the context of the message that all life is valuable. Pray that listeners would be convicted but not feel condemned.



12 – 18 MAY

#ThankGodforNurses

SEVEN DAYS OF PRAYER FOR NURSES

PLEASE PRAY:

SUNDAY 12 MAY (DAY ONE)

For nurses across our nation and across the world to show in the care of their patients the love and compassion that God showed us (2 Corinthians 5:14-14; Philippians 2:5-11).

MONDAY 13 MAY (DAY TWO)

For nurses working in understaffed and overstretched teams – for encouragement, rest, support and good leadership as they seek to give the best care in difficult circumstances (Matthew 11:28).

TUESDAY 14 MAY (DAY THREE)

For student nurses to grow in confidence and competence and for a strong sense of calling to the work (Colossians 3:17).

REGION OF THE
MONTH (May)
South-West

MEDICAL SCHOOL
OF THE WEEK
Sheffield

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY (DAY FOUR)

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

THURSDAY 16 MAY (DAY FIVE)


For the voices and role of nurses across the world in strengthening the health and well-being of their communities would be recognised and supported by governments, churches and other institutions.

FRIDAY 17 MAY (DAY SIX)

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

SATURDAY 18 MAY (DAY SEVEN)

A prayer for nurses: 'Heavenly Father, strengthen the hands and hearts of nurses and 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.'



19 – 25 MAY

DEEP:ER FELLOWS

SUNDAY 19 MAY

Deep:ER Fellowship is our one-year opportunity for intercalating students and gap-year medics. Please pray for our current Fellows: Kelly, Morenike, Emily, Mary and Lavinia to grow in faith and for fruit in their work as they serve across CMF.

MONDAY 20 MAY

Morenike Da Silva is living and studying in Bristol during her Deep:ER Fellowship year. Pray for her as she contributes to our electives database and writes blogs on global health issues.

TUESDAY 21 MAY

Every other Wednesday, Deep:ER Fellows receive training on topics such as speaking, writing, ethics, leadership and global health. Pray that session leaders would deliver high quality teaching for a new generation of Christian medics and nurses.

REGION OF THE
MONTH (May)
South-West

MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

St Andrews

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY

Dr Kelly Hibbert is a Deep:ER Fellow in Public Policy this year. Please pray for her as she researches and writes on issues such as surrogacy and beginning of life care. Pray for her spiritual growth as she combines the year with the Midlands Ministry Training Course in Birmingham.

THURSDAY 23 MAY


Today is the **Day to End Obstetric Fistula**. It is estimated that more than two million young women live with untreated obstetric fistula in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. Pray that Christians would be active in addressing this condition which disproportionately affects the materially poor in our world.

FRIDAY 24 MAY

Deep:ER Fellows work with CMF from September to July. Please pray for our 2019/20 intake – for awareness among members, strong applications and that God would prepare the hearts of those who come for a year to apply their faith to their work.

SATURDAY 25 MAY

Deep:ER Fellows have recently visited the L'Abri community in Hampshire for a residential. Pray that the lessons learnt there about Christian community and thinking through our faith deeply will have a lifelong impact.



26 MAY – 1 JUNE

ALLIED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

SUNDAY 26 MAY

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.

MONDAY 27 MAY

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.

TUESDAY 28 MAY

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

REGION OF THE
MONTH (May)
South-West

MEDICAL SCHOOL
OF THE WEEK
St George's

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY

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

THURSDAY 30 MAY

Ascension Day. Today, we remember that Jesus not only rose from the dead, but ascended to the right hand of his Father, where he reigns over all the earth (Philippians 2:9-11). Praise our risen, ascended, glorified and exalted Lord.

FRIDAY 31 MAY

World No Tobacco Day. Today, we remember 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.

SATURDAY 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.



2 – 8 JUNE

STUDENT MINISTRY

MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Swansea

SUNDAY 2 JUNE

Please pray for medical and nursing 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).

MONDAY 3 JUNE

Hold up in your prayers today our student links around the UK and Ireland as they lead groups in their local medical and nursing schools. Pray for wisdom, creativity and gospel unity.

TUESDAY 4 JUNE

As we recruit Deep:ER Fellows for the next year, may the Lord raise up the right people who will benefit from a year of training, service, mentorship and mutual encouragement.

REGION OF THE MONTH (June)

Wales

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE

The National Student Council met in May. Please pray for them as they represent students (their challenges and needs) up and down the UK; that CMF will be responsive to an ever-changing student culture and context.

THURSDAY 6 JUNE


We are blessed with a rich legacy of resources in CMF. Please pray that we continue to develop new media that rises to the fresh challenges our students face: ethical, personal, pastoral and clinical.

FRIDAY 7 JUNE

Please continue to pray for our Student Team (Rachel, Alex, Laurence, James and Marolin) to keep Christ central and to delight in the Lord.

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

Bring before the Lord final year medics, nurses and midwives who are finishing electives and final placements. May they finish well and begin their working life knowing who their ultimate boss is (Colossians 3:23).



9 – 16 JUNE

CMF GOVERNANCE

MEDICAL SCHOOL
OF THE WEEK
TCD

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

CMF is governed by a board of trustees who meet four times a year. Please pray that our Lord would continue to guide and direct them.

MONDAY 10 JUNE

Please remember in prayer, Maggy Spence, Chair of the Board of Trustees, as she leads the trustees and acts as the line manager for our new chief executive, Mark Pickering.

TUESDAY 11 JUNE

Philip Taylor, our treasurer, spends many hours each year on CMF financial work. Thank our Lord for Philip's willingness to serve in this way.

REGION OF THE
MONTH (June)
Wales

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

Ken Toop, Vice-Chair of the board, will be retiring from the board on Saturday, after many years of faithful service as a trustee including time being Chair. Please pray for Ken and his wife Fiona.

THURSDAY 13 JUNE

CMF's 70th birthday. Praise God for the way he has worked through CMF since 1949. Pray that our Lord would continue to empower and direct our ministry over the next seventy years.

FRIDAY 14 JUNE

The Business Advisory Committee is a group of business people who advise the board, meeting regularly throughout the year. Thank the Lord for their skill and dedication to serve in this way.

SATURDAY 15 JUNE

Annual General Meeting of CMF members. Thank God for another year of ministry to Christian doctors and nurses. Please pray for the AGM today and all those involved.



16 – 22 JUNE

CMF GLOBAL

SUNDAY 16 JUNE

Please pray for Fi McLachlan, Head of CMF Global, as she continues to recover from a major health challenge. Fi is the driving force behind CMF's international work and she has a big vision to encourage and equip members to serve and speak for Jesus abroad.

MONDAY 17 JUNE

A number of CMF members have chosen to work in countries where conditions are challenging at best, and hazardous at worst. Pray for God's protection over each one and that they will be effective witnesses for Christ. Pray also for wisdom in dealing with the issues of corruption and conflict of interest that many encounter in the course of their work.

TUESDAY 18 JUNE

The *Global Track* is a 16-month training programme for medical students, nurses and junior doctors thinking about or preparing to work overseas. Pray for all those involved, both participants and speakers, that the course will envision and equip them.

REGION OF THE
MONTH (June)

Wales

MEDICAL SCHOOL
OF THE WEEK

UCD

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

Pray for CMF members who work with global bodies and secular non-governmental organisations tackling global health issues. May they be gracious and 'salty' wherever God has placed them. In particular, may they have wisdom to know how to stand for what is right and true when this clashes with the values and ideology of those for whom they work.

THURSDAY 20 JUNE

World Refugee Day. With ever increasing numbers of people displaced by war, civil unrest and environmental stresses, today is a reminder to pray. With millions of people affected, the problem can seem overwhelming, but nothing is impossible with God!

FRIDAY 21 JUNE

CMF Global offers a day course for health professionals wanting to work with refugees within the UK whose health needs can be complex and challenging. Pray that members living in areas with high concentrations of refugees will feel moved to host our Refugee & Asylum Seeker Health course and for good participation.

SATURDAY 22 JUNE

The *Who is my Neighbour?* day course is a brief but comprehensive introduction to the possibilities for health professionals to use their skills and training to serve our 'neighbours' living in parts of the world where resources may be scarce, or the good news constrained. Pray for members to host this event in their area and to help promote it.



23 – 29 JUNE

ADVOCACY

SUNDAY 23 JUNE

The Annual Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association starts today. Please pray for all attending and debating issues that affect doctors and the practice of medicine across the UK. In particular, pray for CMF members attending, that they would stand for grace, truth, mercy and justice in all the debates.

MONDAY 24 JUNE

Pray for the Advocacy Team – Philippa, Rick and Rosemarie as they seek to engage with the issues where Christian faith and modern medicine, nursing and health policy intersect. They are a small, part-time and part-voluntary team with limited resources – ask God to grant them wisdom on where to focus their skills and energies.

TUESDAY 25 JUNE

CMF has many members with a huge range of knowledge, skill and experience in many contentious areas of modern healthcare, plus many friends in the legal, theological and pastoral worlds. Praise God that this wisdom can be pooled in our Medical Study Group (MSG) that meets three times a year. Pray for godly wisdom and guidance as they think through Christian perspectives and positions.

REGION OF THE MONTH (June)

Wales

**MEDICAL SCHOOL
OF THE WEEK**

UCL

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

Against Illicit Drug Use and Trafficking Day. Drug abuse takes 2,500 lives in England alone every year, the highest level since records began. Thank God for those working to tackle addiction and the illegal supply of drugs. Pray that they will be well-equipped and supported to help save lives and stop this scourge.

THURSDAY 27 JUNE

Pressure to legalise euthanasia, remove all legal safeguards and limits around abortion and more permissive legislation around genetic editing of human beings is a huge and ongoing challenge. CMF members and staff write, advise and encourage engagement among health professionals, church leaders and MPs in these and other issues. Pray that together we can stand firm for God's Kingdom.

FRIDAY 28 JUNE

Pray for Christian health professionals who face hard choices at work about values, faith and conscience in the face of changing social values and professional ethics. May they know God's wisdom and protection.

SATURDAY 29 JUNE

Pray that the church can tell a better story about all the ethical, social and moral challenges in the modern world. May we win many over to Christ by living and speaking the truth of the gospel, winsomely in the public square.



30 JUNE – 6 JULY

NHS

MEDICAL SCHOOL
OF THE WEEK
Warwick

SUNDAY 30 JUNE

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

MONDAY 1 JULY

Pray about the implications of Brexit for the NHS. Pray for the government and NHS leaders making decisions to have wisdom, and to seek to serve people well and prepare thoughtfully and thoroughly for the changes ahead.

TUESDAY 2 JULY

2-8 July is Health Information Week. Pray for high quality, reliable health information to be available and accessible to patients and the public, so that people can manage their health better with a positive impact on society and NHS resources.

WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

Pray that the Lord would open doors for gospel opportunities. Pray 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 4 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 5 JULY

Today is the 71st birthday of the NHS. Give thanks for the provision of free healthcare in this country by the NHS and those who work in it. Ask that God grants wisdom to all in authority in the Department of Health, the 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 6 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).

REGION OF THE
MONTH (July)
Central

7 – 13 JULY

COMMUNICATIONS

**MEDICAL SCHOOL
OF THE WEEK**

Belfast

SUNDAY 7 JULY

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

MONDAY 8 JULY

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

TUESDAY 9 JULY

CMF's magazine, *Triple Helix* takes weeks of writing, editing and design before it lands on doormats. Please pray for all those on the editorial and design team as they work on the next edition.

**REGION OF THE
MONTH (July)**
Central

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY

Nucleus is our student magazine. We are busy preparing the special Freshers' Edition which goes out to all our medical and nursing school groups in September. Please pray for the team putting this together. Pray that this special edition would encourage many students to join and connect with CMF.

THURSDAY 11 JULY

Thank God for all the books CMF has been able to publish down the years. Please pray for new books currently in production and for writers to come forward for new projects in the coming year. Ask the Lord to make these books a spiritual and professional encouragement and challenge to all who read them.

FRIDAY 12 JULY

Film and video are powerful tools for telling the story of what God is doing in the world of medicine and nursing. Pray for Philip, our video producer, as he seeks to capture and tell these stories to a wider audience.

SATURDAY 13 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.



14 – 20 JULY

SCIENCE

MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Manchester

SUNDAY 14 JULY

Praise and thank God for the human capacities of reason, curiosity and exploration that have enabled science to flourish and to deepen our understanding and engagement with God's good creation.

MONDAY 15 JULY

Pray for all those Christians engaged in scientific research, writing and publishing. May they reveal the truth of the Creator behind the mysteries of the creation that they are uncovering and be witnesses to the gospel in their places of work.

TUESDAY 15 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, with a wise balance struck between innovations and ethics.

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WEDNESDAY 17 JULY

Pray for all those involved in clinical research in medicine and nursing.

THURSDAY 18 JULY

May God bless and make fruitful, the work and ministry of Christian organisations such as Christians in Science and The Faraday Institute, as they seek to show the church that science does not challenge faith, and the scientific world that faith is not opposed to science.

FRIDAY 19 JULY

Pray for wisdom for all Christians involved in working out how we should respond to new scientific and technological developments in a godly manner – whether in medicine, information technology or other areas.

SATURDAY 20 JULY

Pray that new technology and science would be applied to the problems of the poor and marginalised, especially in the study of neglected tropical diseases. Pray that funding would be forthcoming for research in these areas.



21 – 27 JULY

SPIRITUAL CARE OF PATIENTS

SUNDAY 21 JULY

We thank God for hundreds who have attended Saline courses in 2019. Pray that they will continue to use what they have learnt to live and speak for Jesus and be salt and light in the workplace.

MONDAY 22 JULY

Today we pray for those who are patients in the UK and Ireland. May they find hope in Jesus in times of sickness or distress.

TUESDAY 23 JULY

Please pray for chaplains across the UK and Ireland, as they comfort those who are ill, caring for loved ones or those grieving.

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MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Newcastle

WEDNESDAY 24 JULY

Please pray for those nearing the end of their lives. May they receive excellent palliative care and spiritual comfort in the face of loneliness, fear and pain.

THURSDAY 25 JULY

Today we remember the host of unsung heroes who are caring (often unpaid) for their loved ones. May they find opportunities for rest and refreshment and continue with compassion and patience.

FRIDAY 26 JULY

Pray that healthcare workers would be able to meet the needs of their patients and discern whether those needs are spiritual, emotional or physical.

SATURDAY 27 JULY

Pray for wisdom for healthcare professionals who seek to make spiritual referrals.



28 JULY – 3 AUGUST

SUMMER BREAK

MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

Sunderland

SUNDAY 28 JULY

World Hepatitis Day. Over 300 million people live with viral hepatitis around the world. Most of them don't know they have it. 1.3 million people die a year from hepatitis related conditions, but there are vaccinations and treatments for most forms. Pray for all those raising hepatitis awareness, increasing access to prevention and treatment and supporting those living with the condition.

MONDAY 29 JULY

As students head off for the long summer break, pray that they do not lose a grip on the God who has taken hold of them, and that they hold on to faith as they return to families and home environments that may not always be friendly to the gospel.

TUESDAY 30 JULY

Pray for all of our medical school links during this quiet time of the year. May God 're-charge their batteries' during the summer break and renew their passion to serve and equip students when term resumes in the autumn.

WEDNESDAY 31 JULY

Pray for the new medical school reps to be refreshed and renewed over the summer, ready for the busyness and outreach of Freshers' Week.

THURSDAY 1 AUGUST

Pray for all those who will be awaiting 'A' Level & Highers results or who have received International Baccalaureate results and are now looking to which medical, nursing or midwifery school they will be attending in the autumn. Pray for those who are Christians to get connected with CMF groups early next term.

FRIDAY 2 AUGUST

Pray for all the staff at medical schools across the UK and Ireland as they break for the summer and prepare for the next academic year.

SATURDAY 3 AUGUST

Give thanks for all those who have been reached by CMF's student ministry in the last year, pray for all those who have come to faith, and ask God to strengthen all those with leadership roles and responsibilities in CMF student groups.

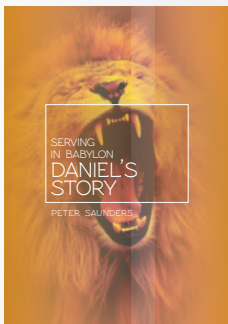
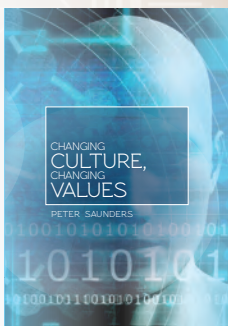
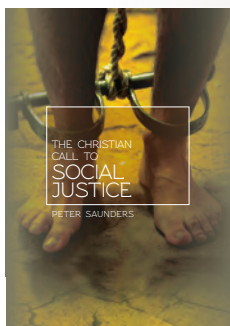
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- Is it practical?
- Do I have time?
- Would I get into trouble?
- How can I get involved?

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