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Prayer for the Family

December 2020 -
January 2021



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MONTHLY FOCUS

Social trends in Digital

Individuals: Pray for parents who are raising teenagers in this digital age. Pray that they will help their children to be safe online and find the right balance between screen time and family time.

Local church: Please pray for the local church to find new and creative ways to engage with parents and children online.

National church: Pray that the Church leads the way in campaigning for a safer online experience for children and young people.

1-6 DECEMBER

On the Isle of Man, *Let's Stick Together*, our resource for new mums and dads, is being promoted the first Saturday of each month at the online parentcraft days and on the ante natal classes' website. It is encouraging to hear that parents are downloading and using our resource as a result of this promotion.

Thank God that new parents are downloading *Let's Stick Together*. Pray that more new parents are enticed to go and watch it and that it encourages and supports them in this new stage of their relationship.

Filming for our Christmas Advent social media campaign

and for our new video series, *The Mum Show*, (launching next Spring) concludes this week.

Please pray for all those involved from the speakers to the production team. Pray that the Christmas Advent campaign spreads joy and hope to those who watch it. Pray that *The Mum Show* is all done to its deadline.

7-13 DECEMBER

In March, all our events switched from being in-person, to online as we quickly adapted to the effects of COVID-19. Our bereavement support team worked hard with our befrienders to make our support days possible online. The feedback received is so positive and we found that those who wouldn't usually be able to attend, due to location, found it accessible.

Thank God for our Bereaved Parents and Widowed Young team, along with their befrienders, who were able to support those who have lost a child or a spouse. Please pray as they prepare for next year's events whether online or in person.

14-20 DECEMBER

Schools across the UK prepare for last day of school for the year.

Please pray for those who work in schools that they will use the time to rest after what

has been an unusual school year for them all.

21-27 DECEMBER

As we remember the birth of Jesus and share the good news with our community, please pray that parents will use this opportunity to share their faith with their children.

Please pray that we will all use this time to share the love of Jesus with those we meet. Please pray for those for whom this year has been difficult for one reason or another. Pray that they will be comforted and supported during this festive period.

28 DECEMBER - 3 JANUARY

With the start of 2021, please pray and thank God for the privilege Care for the Family has in supporting families.

Pray that we will reach and support more people and that we will be a blessing to those we encourage and support. Please pray for continued creativity and wisdom as we continue to support family life during the pandemic.

Continue to pray for *Let's Stick Together* being promoted on the Isle of Man this Saturday.

4-10 JANUARY

Pray for the children going back to school as they adjust to new routines.

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Please pray for children who have additional needs that they will be able to adapt to the new routine quickly and enjoy going back to school. Please pray for every child that there will be no anxiety returning after the Christmas break.

The post-Christmas season can put added strain on family life for some people - especially through financial pressures.

Please pray for those who are finding the start of the year difficult. Pray that God will strengthen them and give them peace.

11-17 JANUARY

Last year our Kitchen Table Project team spoke to hundreds of church leaders and workers about supporting families and children during lockdown.

Please pray for the team as they continue to support Church Leaders and Workers during this season as they look at creative ways to keep faith in the family. Pray for churches as they continue to adapt and change with technology and find creative ways to support families.

18-24 JANUARY

Our CareLine Team are a group of trained counsellors that give initial advice and support over the phone to then signpost to other help.

Please pray for the team as they support people across the UK and Isle of Man, helping them with various issues. Pray for guidance and wisdom for the team as they provide a listening ear to those who need it.

25-31 JANUARY

Our first Trustees meeting of the year will take place online on Tuesday (26th).

Please pray for wisdom and guidance as we share our plans with them for the New Year.

Filming begins for our spring events next month.

Please pray for everyone who plays a part in making our online events possible. Please pray that the content of these events will have an impact on those who watch them.