

# Crossways Community Prayer Letter



".....and you have persevered and have patience, and have laboured for My name's sake and have not become weary"  
Rev. 2: 3



## Answered Prayer

- ◇ *For the appointment of a Manager for Culverdale.*
- ◇ *Restoration at Beacon Church was a success.*
- ◇ *For the Lord's continued provision in all areas of Crossways.*
- ◇ *Resident vacancy at Culverdale has been occupied.*

## News for our Prayer Partners:

### Our Own Weapons of Prayer

A very warm greeting to one and all. I was looking at David a little while ago and took note of what David said about all the armour that the army of Israel expected him to wear. At the end David settled for what he was familiar with, his sling and a couple of smooth stones. That is all God expects from us ... not to try another man's methods or ways for us to be used of God; we already have what it takes for us to be used of the Lord. So can I encourage you to continue using what God has given you ... your wonderful natural talents?

### Thank you Lord for ...

In our last letter we asked that you would pray for a lady in Bethel Court who was particularly unwell. Well, just to say that the Lord undertook in a wonderful way, she is now back at home after an operation and now in the process of recovery, so thank you for your prayers. I would like to ask that you continue to remember her in your prayer time.

We also thank the Lord for continued good favour we receive from outside agencies who we work with; visitors often say that they feel a sense of peace when entering the buildings ... thank you Lord for your continued presence at Crossways.

I would like us to give thanks to all those who are part of the "Friends of Crossways" group and at the same time ask that you would consider praying for this group as I feel this may be the time to look at doing something a little different. Please do write or email our office with any ideas you may have on this.

### Call to Prayer in Changing Times

As you are aware, Crossways Community is in the throws of change and no matter how exciting or how well one may prepare for change, for most people it can be an unsettling time. Just to re-cap: Stefanie Tegelaars has taken over the Chair of Directors; Mary Tuckwell and Katherine Rose are appointed as Directors; Martin Granger is retiring in October; John Neel takes over as CEO in November; Ginny Swaffer takes over as Manager of Culverdale in October; new Support Workers have and are being employed. All this will have an impact not only on our staff, but more importantly on those that the Lord has called us to serve. Can I call you to pray on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009, we have set aside this day to pray for Crossways Community and specifically for the changes that are to take place, and for the changes that have taken place.

**"David settled for what he was familiar with"...**



**"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

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## **Prayer Notes**

*The Spirit is upon me,  
because he has  
anointed me to  
preach good tidings  
unto the meek: he  
has sent me to bind  
up the broken  
hearted, to proclaim  
liberty to the  
captives, and the  
opening of prison to  
them that are bound.  
Isaiah 61.1*

## **Corporate**

- For the interviews taking place for the position of Support Worker in both Number 8 and Culverdale
- That the Lord would grant our new Directors and Management continued wisdom and direction
- For the two new Psychiatrist that have taken up their posts at Highlands House
- For Martin Granger and family as they prepare for his retirement in October 2009

## **Culverdale**

- For continued health for both staff and our residents, more so now as winter is approaching.
- That the Lord will continue to use our staff as they minister and support our residents.

## **Number 8**

- For a number of our residents who are not particularly well at present.
- That we are able to fill the resident vacancies which we have at present.

## **Bethel Court**

- Speedy recovery for one of our residents

## **Admin**

- For continued wisdom in handling the legal affairs of Crossways Community
- Wisdom in the planning stages of our new Admin block that we are proposing to build.

## **Restoration/Mental Health Awareness**

- For increased profile and God's leadership in our Mental Health Awareness outreach.

## **Snap-shot Profile:**

### **Ginny Swaffer:**

Ginny joined Culverdale some two years ago as a Support Worker. Her history is in Social Services as well as being highly qualified as a mother. Ginny has been married to Ian for some time now and they have three beautiful children, Jack, Emily and Leigha (Leigha being the baby of the family). Ginny is a home-grown lass in the sense that she has lived most of her life in Tunbridge Wells. Ginny was appointed as Manager of Culverdale in July this year and is due to take over from John on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009. There will no doubt be some challenges ahead of her and we would ask that you commit Ginny and her family to prayer at this time as she commences her post.

*"In all things give thanks"*



### **In closing:**

*We would love to hear from you, so if you have anything you feel that you would like to contribute or have a word of encouragement to share then please do write or email to the attention of the Prayer Letter Editor.*

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