

Dear Friends

WELCOME TO THE JONAS CENTRE PRAYER BULLETIN (JANUARY – MARCH 2012)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29 v 11)

I trust that, if you look back on the past year, you can see God's divine guiding hand. We approach 2012 and this time of reflection and celebration with the opportunity to look back and see what we can learn from the lessons of 2011.

As we reflect upon the past year, we can thank God for His faithfulness and approach the New Year with the assurance that God will again journey with us and guide us.

At Christmas, the pivotal point where one year comes to an end and another begins, we hear the Christmas story with wise men following a star. As we reflect upon their journey, we learn things that we might reflect on this coming year: the willingness to step outside our comfort zone and do something significant for God's Kingdom; to be humble, to be directed by God, and to take action to do the right thing.

Our hope is that you will begin 2012 with anticipation and expectation that many more people will experience the illuminating light of Christ.

We are very conscious of your prayers and just how much they support the work we are doing here in Wensleydale.

We have been grateful to all those who have sent us words of encouragement over recent weeks and responded to our financial needs. It's still not too late to make a donation to support the work of The Jonas Centre in Wensleydale.

Thank you, again, so much for your continued support and your prayers.

Simon Eastwood

Centre Director

P.S. We still have some weekend availability throughout, January February & March as well as cabins being available over February half term. Do come and see us again!

Alternatively ask us about our "RETREAT & REPAIR" scheme

Would you benefit from a few days away at The Jonas Centre? Do you have some practical skills you could offer in return?

Come and "RETREAT" from your normal routine and help us "REPAIR" some of The Jonas Centre ahead of the new 2012 season. Full details available on request.

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January

Please pray:

- For Simon as he seeks to meet the financial needs of the Centre in the current economic climate.
- For the CCI conference (16th-18th) and the renewal of useful contacts and networking opportunities for Simon & Liz.
- For Liz (our administrator).
- For Joe & Brian (Centre Support)
- For Ash, Geraldine & Kelly (our housekeeping team).
- For Robin, Matt, Eric & Neil (our ground staff).
- For Helen, Jayne, Ann & Margaret (our volunteers).
- For the following groups coming to stay this month.

20th -22nd St Michael le Belfrey Men's Retreat

February:

Please pray:

- For the continued safety and protection of our guests as they travel and while they are at the Centre.
- That our neighbours, Martin and Jane Foster, will remain positive about Project NOAH and be sympathetic to the potential delays.
- For the agencies continuing to refer families to the Centre for subsidised breaks and their day to day ministry to them.
- For our private guests enjoying a half-term break.
- For the following groups coming to stay this month.

3RD Cranmer College, Durham, Spouses' Retreat
13TH – 15TH St Mark's Harrogate Youth Group
17th – 19th The Oak Church, Leeds

March

Please pray:

- That Simon can discipline himself in finding time in his normal day-to-day activities to work on the development of the Centre.
- For our local clergy who use the Centre for personal day retreats.
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9th – 11th Headland Baptist Church, Hartlepool
16th – 18th Jesmond Parish Church, Newcastle upon Tyne 20s & 30s
23rd Regent Chapel, Newcastle upon Tyne Youth Group
23rd – 25th Meeting Point, Leeds

Feedback and Email address changes should be sent to stay@jonascentre.org so we can continue to keep you up to date with our latest news and prayer requests.

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