



Christian Music Ministries

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April 2017 Prayer Warrior Letter

Dear Friends,

We trust that you have a blessed time over the Easter period. "What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross."*

(*O to see the dawn, by Stuart Townend)

MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER POLLARD



We rejoice with Helen and James on the birth of baby Michael on Monday 20 March. He was delivered by Caesarean Section, as he was lying in breach position. Helen is persevering with breast feeding, which hasn't been easy, so please pray that Michael gets the hang of this and the family settles into a comfortable routine regarding sleeping and feeding, etc.

CMM OFFICE

Lindsay Peniston, our new Administrator/Communications Manager is settling in well at the office. She has already made a tremendous difference to our profile on social media via Twitter and Facebook, and has brought us up to speed on things like health and safety, contracts, data protection, etc. Lindsay is working very hard to promote CMM and the musicals to new markets including schools and churches. We are grateful for her skill and experience, and are enjoying her company.

LEE ABBEY / ISLE OF WIGHT

The Lee Abbey weekend using *Worship Works* was greatly blessed – thank you for your prayers. It was really good having Yvette Roberts and Carolynn Charlton with us as vocalists – their ministry in song blessed a lot of the guests. Please continue to pray that the weekends we have led recently on the Isle of Wight and at Lee Abbey will continue to bear fruit and bring about healing in the lives of those who were there. It is such a privilege for us to minister in word and music to so many.

SPIRIT WORKS

Roger had an opportunity on the Isle of Wight last month to lead a *Spirit Works* evening, which was well received. Please pray that we will be led as to how we go forward with *Spirit Works*. At present the CMM diary is filled with events using musicals and *Worship Works*. If there is to be a shift away from this and more towards *Spirit Works*, we need God's clear leading - and appropriate invitations.

DIARY EVENTS

Events coming up are:

Worship Works in Appledore Baptist, Devon
Tues 25 / Weds 26 April

Worship Works in Stoke St Gregory Baptist, at Bill & Barbara Carpenter's church
Sat 29 / Sun 30 April

Barnabas at Stowmarket, Fri 12 to Sun 14 May
Snakes and Ladders musical-in-a-day at Westward Ho! Baptist - Sat 13 May

Saints Alive at Reading Methodist Church + live orchestra – Sat 20 May

Angel Voices music week at Abbot Hall, Grange-over-Sands – 27 May – 3 Jun

NB Morning service at **St Mary's, Allithwaite** at the beginning of the music week, and **Grange URC/Methodist** on Sunday 4 June (Pentecost Sunday). Roger preaching at both, and CMM providing music and worship

East Midlands URC ministers' Summer School in Cambridge – Mon 19 – Thu 22 Jun

Barnabas at Lowestoft – Saturday 24 June

MARY

Please pray for Mary who is still suffering with very painful joints. She is finding walking difficult at present.

ROGER AND MARY

Both Roger and Mary have had throat infections that are still lingering and causing problems.

Please pray for complete healing and strong immune systems.

ANNIE

Since Helen joined us years ago, I have done less speaking and leading, as these are things Helen excels at. I have concentrated more on conducting musicals-in-a-day, playing viola and piano, typesetting and orchestrating the musicals, and encouraging people – my primary calling. But with Helen on maternity leave for the next twelve months, I am having to step up and do more speaking and leading workshops to support Roger. I am grateful to the Lord for the promises and reassurances he gave me at our annual Retreat at Shallowford, and am finding he has been faithful at every stage when I pray and trust in him for the things I am nervous of doing. Please pray that I continue to trust him and do things in his strength. Thank you.

SUMMER MUSIC WEEKS

Our two August music weeks are:

Lee Abbey – *Angel Voices*. Roger & Mary, Annie (orchestra), Sarah Moreton (choir)

Scargill House – *Angel Voices*. Roger & Mary, Annie (orchestra), Helen Pollard (choir)*, Paul Edwards (vocalist) and Keith Harrison (drums)

*We are grateful to Helen's mum, who is coming to look after baby Michael.

MICK GREEN / CYPRUS

CMM Trustee Mick Green is currently in Cyprus. Please pray for Mick as he renews contacts and has meetings regarding a possible further CMM mission in 2018 using the musical ROCK – the story of Simon Peter.

CMM CHOIR

Rehearsals are going very well for **Jail Break**, with four local productions during June and July:

Sat 10 June – St Hilda's, Warley Woods 7.00

Sat 17 June – St Germain's, Edgbaston 7.00

Sun 25 June – St Bernard's, Hamstead 6.00

Sat 01 July – Holy Trinity, Lickey 7.00

Please pray that members of both the choirs (Mondays in Harborne with Sylvia Whalley and Tuesdays in Ward End with myself) will continue to grow in grace, and continue to find the fellowship, Bible teaching and music-making each week a source of joy and strength in their walk with the Lord.

BERESFORD KING-SMITH

Sadly Kate King-Smith deteriorated very suddenly, and passed away peacefully at the end of March. I was able to be at the Thanksgiving Service for Kate's life and ministry. Please pray for Beresford in his sudden loss, and that the Lord will lead him clearly on what to do now that he is on his own, aged 85. I will be playing piano for a performance of Beresford's musical 'David and Goliath' at a Family Bible Week near Nuneaton on Sunday 23 April.

CMM ASSOCIATES & FRIENDS

Please could you continue to remember the following in prayer: Sharon Collins & family, Catherine Brooke, Gill Walker and Pat Woolridge. David Hall (CMM Choir) now has a long-awaited date for his hip replacement: Thursday 13 April (Maundy Thursday).

FUTURE DIRECTION

Following the Isle of Wight ministry, Roger received the following from Rev Brian Harley:

Well done one and all - Roger, you were really on form and have so much to give to God's church still. I listened to the Sunday service while travelling around and enjoyed hearing what you shared. Keep at it brother.... but do pace yourself carefully.

Please pray for Roger, the Trustees and EBRG as we seek God about the future of the ministry.

"The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now ... The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him; his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme."

T. Kelly (1769-1855)

With love in Christ,

Annie

If, when you are praying for us, the Lord gives you any words, pictures, Scripture verses, lines of hymns, etc for us, please do pass these on: office@cmm.org.uk

Thank you!