

MISSIONARY

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

OPEN DOORS WORLD WATCH LIST 2019 reports 245 million Christians in the world are persecuted for their faith. The top 50 countries are marked on a world map (see the Missionary board.)

We are focussing on **No. 9** on the list – **IRAN**. Some factors:

- * Population: 80 million - 98% being devout Muslims
- * Severe restrictions on religion & free speech
- * It's illegal to hold church services in Farsi - the national language.

? HOW TO BRING THE GOSPEL INTO "A CLOSED COUNTRY" LIKE IRAN ?

Through the power of Satellite TV and digital media, **SAT-7** is bringing a message of faith, hope & peace directly into the lives of millions across the M. East including IRAN.

* Praise God for SAT-7 growth - from a weekly Arabic programme in 1996, to broadcasting 24/7, reaching 25 million in 3 languages across the M. East in 2019.

* They reach isolated, discouraged believers & small home church groups meeting secretly, bringing good Bible teaching & support.

WORSHIPPING IN SILENCE We take singing hymns openly, without fear of reprisals for granted - not so Iranian believers. One wrote to SAT-7: "we play worship songs on a CD or watch a satellite Tv programme, we sing but very quietly, & if safe, we might clap with 2 fingers." Their repertoire of music is limited. SAT-7 PARS have a weekly "Heavenly Worship" programme to teach the Christians new songs,

SAT-7 KIDS channel is very popular with 5.6 million viewers. Many comments from children & parents say they have been helped to grow & flourish. That's very encouraging considering they're reaching a predominantly non-Christian audience.

Please take a copy of the Apr./May SAT-7 News & Prayer to learn much more & to pray for this amazingly fruitful ministry to a "Closed land". Leaflets are on the small table at the back.

WOMEN'S OWN REPORT - Elaine Nicholls

Women's Own continues to be well attended by 24+ ladies each week. In recent months we have been richly blessed by visiting speakers who have brought us encouraging gospel messages that we hope will challenge those who have not yet professed faith in Jesus. We would welcome prayer for more speakers.

As a form of outreach we held a Soup & Roll lunch and invited ladies to bring along a friend. Although our numbers haven't increased, it was an excellent time of fellowship where we were able to get to know each other a bit more.

We will be celebrating our Women's Own Anniversary at 2pm on Wed. 15th May when retired London City Missionary Harry Vallence will be our speaker. We cordially invite everyone to join with us for the service and to stay for an Anniversary Tea afterwards.



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In Touch

Praise the LORD!

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever!*

Psalms 106: 1

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2019

10.30 AM MORNING MEETING

Welcome to our services today

Keith will be preaching on **1 Corinthians 8: 1-13**

A crèche facility is available for very young children should you require it during the morning service.

Following the service many of us will be enjoying refreshments together and we warmly welcome you to join us.

4.00 PM MEETING

We meet for a time of **testimony, prayer & communion** followed by a light meal

If you have any questions regarding today's services or concerning the church please speak to Jonny (Pastor) afterwards

Sermons are available in MP3 format on our website; www.upneybaptist.org.uk

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DIARY DATES

MONDAY:

9.30-11.30am Tot Stop

TUESDAY:

7.30pm Missionary: Keith Ferdinando, Pakistan: PTI

WEDNESDAY:

2.00pm Margaret Ferdinando
6.15-7.45pm Girl's Brigade: (5yrs.-14+ yrs.)

THURSDAY:

6.30-8.00pm Explorers - Boys & Girls (Reception-yr.5)
6.30-8.00pm Impact - Boys & Girls (yr. 6 + yrs.)

FRIDAY:

7.00am Prayer meeting
2.00-4.00pm Afternoon tea at Maggies

SATURDAY:

9.00am Ladies Breakfast

SUNDAY:

10.15am Prayer Meeting
10.30am Jonny Dowds
6.00pm Jonny Dowds

There is a sign-up sheet on back table for preparing food for the special monthly 4.00pm services.

Dates for diary:

There is to be a short meeting after the morning service on 12th May to discuss plans for the Summer Mission.

The Church Away Day has been booked for September 21st, The venue is Gt. Chesterford, Saffron Walden. Put it in your diary now.

30 days of Prayer for the Moslem world booklets are here today. Ramadan begins on Monday 6th May. We shall be highlighting prayer topics during the month of fasting. Let the Holy Spirit challenge us to pray in the light of all the needs we read about.

PRAYER REQUESTS

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” *Philippians 4:6*

MONDAY: Pray for Jonny & Hannah as their wedding is drawing near. Pray for the last minute preparations.

Pray for Tot Stop as they return after the Easter break, may the ladies return. Pray for Kathy and her team.

TUESDAY: Pray for the people of Sri Lanka who are going through such trauma after the bombings of last week-end. Pray for the leaders of the church in Sri Lanka as they support and comfort the people.

WEDNESDAY: The ladies of the Women's Own return this afternoon, pray for Margaret as she brings a message, that the ladies will be encouraged & blessed. Pray for the Girls' Brigade and their leaders as they meet this evening. Pray for more girls to come along, especially younger ones and pray too for the good number in the older group, that those who have made a profession of faith will continue to grow,

THURSDAY: Continue to pray for those who need a healing touch: Paul & Val Bebbington, Rebecca Standing, Brenda Blows, Graham & Christine King, Nathaniel Chesney, Les Lange, John & Sylvia Price, Liz Henry, Rebecca Standing, Norma Callcut, Linda Young, Maggie Woodvine, Mary Servante, Cathie Hughes, Alan & Ann May, Joyce Sparks, Matthew Wilson, Rebekah Lindsay, Jimmy Martin, Jenny McClenaghan, Colin Wylde, Martyn Fisher, Ken Luck, Jeannie Hurrell, Sharon Crawley, Emma Wylde, Christine Cook, Cathy Hughes friend Frank Ellis.

FRIDAY: Pray for the music group as they prepare each week. We thank God for them. Also we give thanks for our Sunday School teachers, we still need others to fill the gaps of those who are having to give up.

SATURDAY: Pray for our Elders and deacons in all their church responsibilities, but also with family and work responsibilities.

SUNDAY: Pray for Jonny as he preaches both s morning and evening. The Mission Committee are meeting after the morning service to discuss the programme for the next few months, pray for them.

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Don't forget you are invited to Helen & children's 'Open House' Thanksgiving day on Saturday 18th May from 10.am to 10.pm. You can come & go as you please. Light refreshments will be provided. It will be an opportunity to say 'bye' to them as they move away.