

## Daily Prayer Guide

### Sunday

Give thanks to the Lord for His goodness to Muriel. Pray for her continued progress.

### Monday

Pray for the trustees that the Lord will give them wisdom and vision to continue and expand the work.

### Tuesday

Thank the Lord for the interest being shown in our website and pray that students worldwide will take advantage of our online courses.

### Wednesday

Continue to pray for our five Emmaus Centres in the UK that they may be used of the Lord to interest others in the study of the scriptures.

### Thursday

Give thanks to the Lord for the generosity of His people in their support of the work.

### Friday

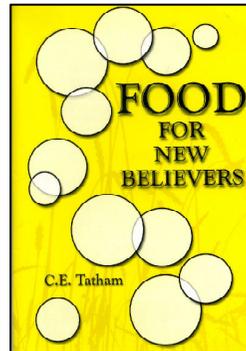
Pray for Emmaus worldwide in over 125 languages and in 110 countries, that God's word will bring light into darkened hearts.

### Saturday

Thank the Lord for answered prayer regarding the tenancy of part of our premises.

## MURIEL

We are thankful to the Lord for bringing Muriel through some difficult times. She came home before Christmas and is progressing with the help of carers and her family and she has been able to do some course marking again. She is having further knee surgery on 21st February. Please pray for Muriel as, from her past experiences, she is not looking forward to this operation.



This is a free course available on our website.

Its teaching is important for all Christians so why not take this course yourself?

## DEPUTATION WORK

John Heron will be making the following visits during the month of February and would appreciate your prayers.

**February 4th**

Bethesda Hall, Brampton.

**February 5th**

Redcar Assembly

**February 25th**

Capernwray Fellowship.

# By the Way

Emmaus Bible School

February 2014

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## SOWING THE SEED

'A sower went out to sow' Math 13.3

Our privilege and responsibility as Christians is to spread the good seed of the word of God. We know there is nothing wrong with the seed - it is good seed because it is God's seed and does not need to be 'modified'. It is the ground that is the problem. The attitude and receptivity of the human heart varies widely from no response whatsoever to full acceptance and fruit bearing.

### The Parable of the Generous Sower (Matthew 13)



1. trodden ground  
birds ate  
devil snatches away
  2. stony ground  
sun scorched  
joy at first but no root
  3. thorny ground  
thorns choked  
cares, riches, pleasures
  4. good ground  
soil nurtured  
hear, accept, bear fruit
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However, the sower in the parable did not select a particular ground on which to spread his seed - it went everywhere. Our responsibility is to do the same for we do not know what response it will bring in the hearts of the hearers. Only 'the Lord of the harvest' knows what the result will be.

Our part is to be diligent in spreading the seed of the gospel wherever we go, remembering the words of the apostle Paul, 'I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase'. 1 Corinthians 3.6

## NEWS FROM BULGARIA

Makar who heads up the work in Bulgaria continues to be encouraged by the interest shown in the Emmaus courses. He has recently sent out another 350 courses to Stara Zagora and he has just translated a new course: *Timothy and Titus*.

Do remember Makar in your prayers and also Tim and Jenny Gooding in Romania that many people in these countries will be blessed as they read and study the Word of God.

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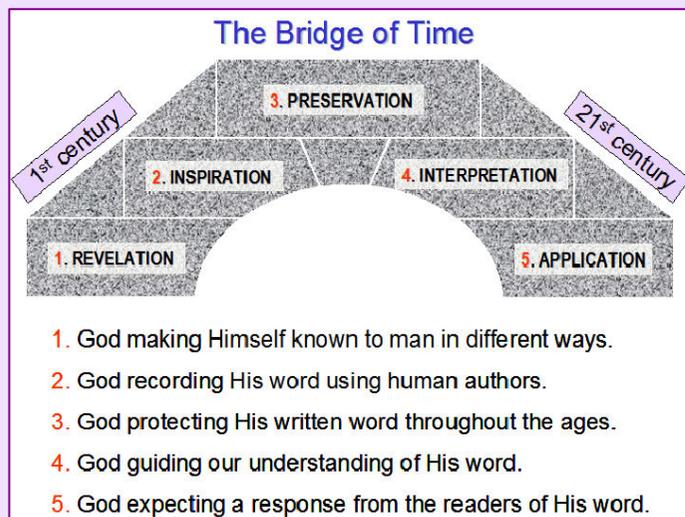
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## UPGRADING OUR I.T. SYSTEM

We are most grateful to Simon Ferrer for offering to use his expertise to upgrade our computer systems. This is a much needed task which will result in greater efficiency in handling data and in developing and managing our online courses.

## BIBLE STUDY AIDS

We are building up a series of aids on our website to help in the study and understanding of the scriptures. Here is one of them.



It shows how the word of God has come to us over the ages of time.

We can be fully assured that God's wonderful revelation of Himself and His purposes is both authoritative and reliable.

## EMMAUS PREMISES

We have been able to lease two, unused areas in our building, one to another Christian organisation.

The income from this, together with gifts from our supporters, will enable the work to continue and, in the will of the Lord, to expand and be a blessing to many more Bible students.

## OUR WEBSITE

The Emmaus website continues to attract a good number of visitors and we have had interest from students from without, as well as within, the UK. Over the last four months we have had an average of 564 visitors each month. We trust this aspect of the work will grow.

For those with suitable devices, Emmaus USA have developed apps which you can access via our website.

## COMMENTS FROM STUDENTS

**Ashok HMP** *John the Baptist* 'When I came to England as a student my aim was to study and go back to India and take a teaching job but I was unsuccessful. But I never knew that my God has higher purpose for my life, which I manage to find out in the prison. People do not become spiritually in a second. I am doing my best to grow in faith through surrendering myself to the Lord and studying Bible. I am working with Emmaus and Highland Theological College to prepare myself to fulfil the work God has assigned for me before my birth.'

Ashok asks for prayer for his mother who is not well.

**Geoff. HMP** *Job had a Problem* 'Because I serve a God of love it helps me when things are going astray. A loving God would not allow needless suffering of His followers. To every thing is a purpose. At times we may not understand what the purpose is, but we will benefit in the long term. After all God loves me so much He sent His Son to die in my place for my sins, so that I might have everlasting life with Him.'

**Gideon, a prisoner in Sweden,** *Now hear Peter.* In answer to the question 'What is your personal attitude towards the Bible? Gideon wrote, 'Loving it more and more and letting my friends know about the Bible – so they can be as happy as I am.'

**Karen, an online student,** *In the Beginning.* 'Yes it matters what we believe about creation and evolution because these fundamental beliefs determine how we see and react to the world we live in. Until I began this particular study I hadn't really thought about "evolution" and had taken as fact the creation theory without really knowing how it could be explained. In following my childhood beliefs I haven't had to think about explaining anything and always just accepted my environment and all the wonders it holds. Evolution involves thought, explanation, and unending research all of which I don't find necessary for my own lifestyle. I prefer to study The Word Of God and when the Emmaus Courses challenge me, they are helping me to mature on my Christian Journey.'