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International
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FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PRAISES

29th January – 4th February

- Each Sunday students and staff are involved in leading worship at different churches, including David Miller who is speaking at Stonehouse United Free Church on the morning of the 29th and the Mandarin speaking congregation of the Glasgow Chinese Christian Church in the afternoon. Pray for God's Spirit to be working through each person involved in leading worship.
- On Tuesday 31st Semester 2 begins with a Fellowship Day. This day offers an opportunity for students and staff alike to take time out of the normal college routine to spend time with one another. For Fellowship Day this semester we welcome back *Walk Thru the Bible*; in the autumn we 'walked thru the Old Testament' and now we carry on with *Walk Thru the New Testament*. Pray that this will be a fun and informative day for everyone at the beginning of this new semester.
- Continue to pray for applicants who want to study at ICC from overseas. Visa regulations continue to make it difficult for students to come to the UK to study from outside the EU, and additional requirements for the college to meet make it harder for ICC to accept non-EU students. International students not only enrich the life of the college and our learning as a community, but the impact they have on the church in their home country can be very powerful. Over the years we have seen God provide in amazing ways



for our international students, pray that this will continue as prospective students seek funding for their studies and the college seeks to fulfil all the requirements put in place by the Government.

- In January John & Olive Drane were appointed as honorary chaplains to the college. Pray for them as they take up this role, initially spending time getting to know students and staff and considering how best to offer pastoral support.

5th – 11th February

- On Sunday Richard Tiplady is preaching at Queens Park Baptist Church in Glasgow.
- Due to a number of policy changes regarding immigration and visa regulations, independent colleges now require further scrutiny if they wish to grant visas to students who are from out-with the European Union. The college is scheduled to have its review this week. This involves a visit from assessors who will check all of the College's policies and systems, ensuring that these are adhered to appropriately. It is likely to include interviews with staff, students and some of our partners. Pray for a good outcome of this review, if successful the college should be able to attract significantly more students from overseas than we are currently allowed.
- This Monday (6th) the next series of our interest level 'Monday Classes' begin. Two different classes will run for 8 weeks. One class looks at ways of supporting Christians in the world of work and is delivered in partnership with Mission Scotland. In





the other Dr Gwen Henderson explores spiritual formation. Pray that those attending the classes will find them stimulating and useful, and pray for all those involved in delivering the classes.

- “Bizzy Tummies in Rukungeri, Uganda” is the subject of Vicki Shaver’s meeting with the Riverside Church of Scotland Women’s Guild on the 8th. This nursery of HIV/Aids orphans has grown into a primary and secondary school. It is a model of good children at risk practice and introduced to us by a Ugandan student who studied at the college. Give thanks for the work being carried out by “Bizzy Tummies” and pray for people to be inspired to support this work.

12th – 18th February

- Our Library Team is now three, since Colin Wilson joined the staff, part-time, in October. The team are benefitting from Colin’s new, fresh ideas and from his expertise with Heritage (Library Management system), however the workload continues to increase with new programme structures to consider when developing resources which will support ICC teaching. Give thanks for the way Colin has fitted into the library team, and for the new ideas he brings to the work in the library. Pray for all of the team – Anna, Gudrun and Colin – as they seek to manage the continuing demands on their time.
- During the academic year a number of visiting lecturers contribute to the teaching at the college. These people add an important dimension to the teaching we can deliver at ICC and we give thanks for them. This semester our visiting lecturers are Alistair Donald, Ian Shaw, Sara Rettie, Tony Sargent and Fergus Buchanan, all teaching on the BA Theology programme; and Neil Pratt teaching on the Youth & Community Work with Applied Theology programme.
- Lecturer in Mission Studies, David Miller, hopes to make progress on some writing projects, including writing some journal articles and developing a proposal for a popular level book on contextualisation. Pray for clarity of thinking and of writing, as well as for David to find the time to progress these projects.
- Continue to pray for the post-graduate students in the college. Some are involved in taught programmes which allow them to meet with other students; others are involved in independent research, which can be a lonely task. Pray for good



opportunities for fellowship, and for enthusiasm in their research.

19th – 25th February

- This morning (19th) David Miller is preaching at Stonehouse United Free Church.
- Lecturer in Community Work, Martine Clyne, works part-time at the college and part-time with Perth & Kinross Council. Juggling two different roles can be difficult, and just as she has begun to find a pattern in her work at the college, her other role is about to undergo substantial change, some of which Martine is looking forward to, and some of which she finds less positive. Pray that Martine can see the best way forward through these changes and give thanks for the influence she can have in these developments as she dialogues with her managers.
- During this academic year we are delivering a number of day classes in Aberdeen (in partnership with four of the churches in the city). The next class takes place this Saturday (25th) at City Church, Aberdeen, where Steve Roberts will be introducing the study of church history *From the Reformation to Today*. Pray for Steve as he delivers the class, a whole day of teaching can be intensive and tiring, but also stimulating. Pray also for those who attend to be inspired by the day.
- This weekend Richard Iplady is preaching at the anniversary weekend of New Prestwick Baptist Church in Ayr. Give thanks for this congregation and pray that the anniversary celebrations will not only offer an opportunity to give thanks for the past but to look forward to the future.

26th February – 3rd March

- Remember David Miller this afternoon as he preaches again at the Mandarin speaking congregation of the Glasgow Chinese Christian Church. David preaches using a translator, which can sometimes require extra concentration. Pray for David to be clear in his presentation, and for all who are at the Service to be blessed by it.
- Every Tuesday at lunchtime youth & community work students meet for ‘Practice Seminars’. These small groups provide a forum for peer support as the students discuss the issues raised by their work in various churches and agencies. Give thanks for the opportunities students have to support one another, and pray for wisdom for the college tutors who facilitate the groups.



- From 28th February – 1st March CGMC (Consultative Group on Ministry Among Children) is coming to Scotland to look first hand at children's ministry practice, this visit includes additional input from ICC post-graduate student Aileen Pender whose research looks at Children and Church, particularly the need to nurture a sense of belonging in children as foundational to spiritual development. Pray for the group to be inspired by their visit, and pray also for good discussion about developing ministry among children in Scotland.
- 'Crisis of Faith' is the subject Vicki Shaver is addressing as she speaks at the Women Walking with God conference in Edinburgh on the 2nd. Pray for Vicki as she speaks on this difficult and sensitive topic, pray especially that the content will be helpful to those who may be at that point in their lives.

4th – 10th March

- This Sunday Richard Iplady is preaching at Dumfries Baptist Church.
- On Wednesday 7th the Academic Board meets. This is an important committee, essential for the smooth running of all the programmes offered at the college. It involves a number of staff and student members – pray for wisdom for the discussions and decisions.
- Also on Wednesday, and for the next four Wednesday evenings, Richard Iplady will be teaching at the School of Ministry at St Silas Church, Glasgow, on the theme of how to interpret the Bible, focussing on Old Testament narrative, the Wisdom Literature, the Gospels, and the New Testament Epistles. Pray for wisdom for Richard as he teaches and for the sessions to be challenging an inspiring for all who come along.
- On Saturday 10th we hold our annual Open Day and public lecture. The Open Day offers an opportunity for friends of the College to visit, and for those who don't know as much about the College to find out what we do. Pray for a good number of people to attend the day, and particularly for God to be prompting those who are wondering about coming to study at ICC.
Our public lecture this year will be given by Rev Albert Bogle, Moderator-Designate of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and will look at the theme of mission in Western culture. Pray for this to be a stimulating and challenging lecture.
- Friends International hold their Scottish conference,



also on Saturday 10th, at St George's Tron Church in Glasgow. Pray for Richard Iplady as he speaks there on the theme of 'transformation'.

11th – 17th March

- Remember those studying at honours level on our undergraduate programmes as their research offers the opportunity to explore a topic in some depth, for example, those who are specialising in children's ministry have chosen to look at the subject of The Fatherhood of God and Devadasi girls; Christian Ministry among children abducted to Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda; and Issues of Attachment and Christian ministry in damaged children. Examining each of these topics can shed new light on work with children around the world.
- Give thanks for donors, giving small or large amounts, which help fund the work of the college. Without them we could not continue to operate for long.
- Pray for Ken Wilson on 16th March when he will attend Youth Work Symposium in London which will be helping to formulate the Occupational Standards as applied to Christian Youth Work.
- Give thanks for each member of the newly elected Student Council. They are taking on their Council role over and above their studies at the college. Pray for a good balance between Council work and studying, and for the Council to be a place of mutual fellowship as they work together to support the student body.

18th – 24th March

- On Sunday David Miller is preaching again at Stonehouse United Free Church.
- The college Board of Directors meets on 19th. Members of the Board given their time and skills voluntarily. Give thanks for the commitment of this group to lead the college, and pray for wisdom in their discussion and decision making.
- Youth & community work students come to college for 2 days per week, the rest of the time they are based in a church or agency. It can be hard to juggle the pressures of college work and work for the church or agency. Pray for students to get this balance right, and for their Supervisors not only to support them but also to provide an environment that enables the students to learn and be challenged.
- The next of our day classes in Aberdeen takes place on Saturday (24th) at Gilcomston South Church of Scotland. The subject of this class is The Torah and



the Old Testament Prophets, which will be taught by Dr Iain Hepburn. Continue to pray for the people who attend these classes – pray that the classes are not only informative, but that they are also transformative, shedding new light on understanding God.

25th – 31st March

- This Sunday afternoon David Miller is preaching again at the Mandarin speaking congregation of the Glasgow Chinese Christian Church. Give thanks for David's links with that congregation and pray for him as he speaks.
- Monday (26th) is the final day of 'Monday Classes' for this year. Give thanks for all the people who attended the classes this semester, and pray the classes were both informative and challenging to them.
- Pray for those who come through the college's doors that are not Christians. Electricians, plumbers, IT people, bankers and those of many other professions that come into the building for a variety of reasons. Pray that they would see something of the Lord in this place.
- Give thanks for the donors who give to our Bursary fund. This fund enables students from poorer UK and overseas backgrounds to study at the college. There are always more people we would like to support through the fund than we are able, pray for an increase in giving to the Bursary Fund.

1st – 7th April

- This week is Holy Week. Take time to give thanks, pray and reflect with Christians around the world on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Many staff and students are involved in worship in different churches during Holy Week, including Richard Iplady who is speaking each evening at the Milngavie Churches Holy week services. Pray for each person involved in leading worship at this important time in the church calendar.
- The 3rd is the college Easter Service. Pray for each member of the college community as they take the opportunity to reflect on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.
- Vicki Shaver is part of a working group designing a day in June for those in Scottish churches working with children who have additional learning and



support needs. This is an important area of children's ministry to consider; pray for Vicki and the others on the group as they consider what topics to address and as they plan the day.

- Over the past year, the College team has been working on the development of new Masters level programmes. We are aiming to launch the first of these in August (subject to validation by the University of Aberdeen). The MTh Theology & Practice of Community Learning and Development is ideal for those interested in Community Development work either in the UK or overseas and with people of all ages. Once validated, the College will be seeking to have the programme approved by the Community Learning and Development Standards Council for Scotland, this would ensure that graduates from the programme would be professionally qualified in Community work, Adult Learning and Youth Work. Pray for the process of validation, accreditation and promotion of this programme.

8th – 14th April

- We are expanding the services offered by the Library at different levels, particularly to support part-time study and increasing research demands; this is a positive and joyous development for the library team. Pray for the team as they support all who use the Library in various ways (it's not just a resource for current ICC students). Pray for wisdom and discernment in decision-making, patience when busy, and may they always encourage others in their search and enquiry to work towards His as well as their own goals.
- The next teaching residency for the MTh Ministry in an Urban World programme runs from the 14th – 21st in Nairobi, Kenya. For many of the students this residency gives the opportunity to experience the realities of urban living in the Global South for the first time. Pray for this to be a formative experience for all the students and staff involved in the residency.
- Every student and staff member is part of a Fellowship group which meets each Tuesday. The groups provide support, an opportunity to get to know one another better, and an opportunity to pray together. Pray for this important aspect of college life to be something that helps students and staff grow in their faith together.





15th – 21st April

- On 16 - 17th April Richard Tiplady will attend the Association of Bible College Principal's Conference at the Salvation Army College in Denmark Hill, London. Many colleges have faced difficulties over the last months and years; pray for all the college Principals as they meet together, pray for wisdom in their discussions and for each to offer mutual support to the others as they lead these different institutions.
- A second UK Bible College network meets this week when our Bursar Lawrence Renn attends the Association of Bible College Bursars meeting from 17th – 19th. Pray for the good relationships between bursars to continue to grow. This is a forum where people share openly and honestly about the issues they are facing, with many colleges and staff facing similar issues. Pray for Lawrence as he shares fellowship with colleagues from other colleges.
- A number of students at the college have disabilities which can affect not only their studies but their life outside the classroom. Pray for our Disability Support Officer, Alison Nicolson, as she supports these students. Pray that she is able to keep up to date with legislation and offer appropriate advice. Pray also for the students to find suitable ways to experience all that ICC has to offer, academically, socially and spiritually, whilst dealing with their disability.
- Every day there is a time of gathered worship at ICC, either with the college community meeting together as a whole or in small fellowship groups. Pray that these times would be opportunities for people to draw closer to God and to one another to be stimulated, refreshed, or comforted, as they require.



22nd – 28th April

- Pray for students who are due to graduate in the summer as they begin to pray and plan for ministry after college. Some will go on to further study, some will work in Christian organisations or churches in both the UK and overseas, still others will work in the secular workplace. Pray for God to lead and guide each one in this decision making process.
- On Tuesday (24th) members of the college's Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) will conduct interviews with some of the students. This is an annual meeting designed to help monitor the quality of the

- programmes delivered by the college. Pray that students can clearly articulate their experiences over the last year and for the member of the QAC to draw together this information into a report.
- On Thursday the college community comes together for a service of praise and thanksgiving for the last year. Pray with us as we give thanks for all that has been achieved over the last year, remembering both the joy and the challenge of studying and teaching theology.
 - Continue to pray for those involved with college publicity. Pray that they would have wisdom in the methods chosen to promote ICC, and skill in the writing of material both for print and online.

29th April – 5th May

- On 29th David Miller is speaking at Riverside Evangelical Church, Kirkintilloch
- ICC is part of a number of networks that bring together different theological colleges around the UK. Give thanks for the opportunity to work together for common goals, for the wide ranging discussions around common issues, and for the mutual support we can give one another when addressing problems. These networks help each of the colleges continue to improve what we do.
- This Saturday (28th) sees the next of our Aberdeen day classes take place at Deeside Christian Fellowship. Dr Derek Newton will be looking at Paul's Gospel and Mission. Pray for Derek and everyone who takes the class to be challenged about their own views of mission in light of understanding the mission and message of the apostle Paul.



6th – 12th May

- Pray for an increase in applicants for the various programmes offered by ICC, and for Becky Short, our Admissions Officer as she deals with each new application. Pray for wisdom in the decisions about applications.
- We have a number of students studying by Distance Learning. This can be a difficult way to study and some struggle with the course work and find the isolation difficult. Pray for perseverance for them, and pray for Alison Nicolson as she administers the Distance Learning programme.



- In July Vicki Shaver is due to retire as Lecturer in Children's ministry. Give thanks for the ground-breaking work Vicki has done (and is doing) in ministry with children, particularly in training people to work with children at risk (all over the world) and in considering spirituality in children with additional support needs. Pray for Vicki in these last months before her retirement, that she would be able to complete everything she has to do for the college and that God would guide her as she plans how to use her time when she retires (she already has a number of training trips planned in Africa and the USA).



- Continue to pray for our Student Council who do a lot of work to support students and to represent student interests and views on various college committees. They work very hard as a group whilst also juggling the demands of studying and working.

20th – 26th May

13th – 19th May

- Remember in prayer the students and staff involved in leading worship in different churches this Sunday, including Derek Newton who is preaching both morning and evening at Bellevue Chapel, Edinburgh.
- Give thanks for our receptionists, Alison Nicolson and Elizabeth Charters, who are the first point of contact for the many visitors and enquiries we have at the college.
- Remember Richard Tiplady as he attends the annual Wisdom In Mission conference on 15th – 16th. This is a small meeting of around 25 mission leaders, academics and thinkers in the field of mission.

- Continue to remember the College Leadership Team of Richard Tiplady, Lawrence Renn, Graeme McMeekin and David Miller. Pray that they will know God's closeness and the guiding of His Spirit in the responsibilities of leadership.
- The last of our Aberdeen day classes take place this Saturday (26th) at Gerrard Street Baptist Church. In this class Dr Jane McArthur looks at the question of Who is Jesus? Pray for clarity of thought and delivery for Jane as she looks at this vital question, and pray for those who attend to have their vision of who Jesus is to be extended as a result of the class. Give thanks for the whole series of classes which have taken place since the autumn. Pray that they have provided a source of inspiration and growth for those who attended, and that what they have learned can impact their churches.
- The college admin team work very hard behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the college. As the academic year comes to a close, this is a particularly busy time for Andrew Dunipace and Elaine Hain as they collate marks and prepare for meetings. Pray for them to have the time to complete everything that needs done at this busy time of the year.



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