

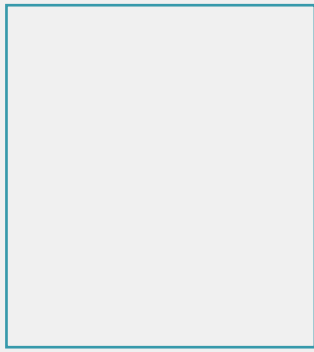
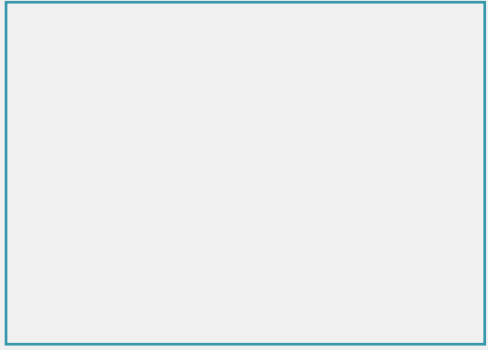


St Stephen's and St Wulstan's
knowing Jesus + making Jesus known



Our World Mission Partners

2024



Mark and Rebekah

Serving
in East Asia

Mark and Rebekah have been members of our church for many years. For some time, the Lord has placed on their hearts the call to serve him in East Asia. Having completed training in cross-cultural mission at Oak Hill Theological College in London, they were accepted by a mission agency and moved to East Asia in late 2023. There they are studying the local language and getting to know local people.

Pray for them as they adjust to life in East Asia, that the Lord will grant them love and perseverance in language learning, good fellowship with other believers there, and opportunities for sharing the gospel with those they meet.

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Mike and Linnet and family

Mike and Linnet have been serving for several years in a sensitive location in Africa, sharing the good news of Jesus with whoever they meet. There Mike has been teaching English, which has given him good opportunities to build friendships with students and colleagues, which often lead to gospel conversations. Linnet has been home schooling the two younger boys, while the eldest is at university in the UK.

They will be completing their time there in May 2024, so pray for them as they say farewell to their many friends and contacts, and adjust to life back in UK. They will be

Ceri Keates, with Phil and their children

Agapé UK in Newcastle

After many years working with students in Newcastle, Phil and Ceri transferred to work with Agapé UK's FamilyLife team. FamilyLife works with local churches to strengthen relationships and reach families with the gospel through a variety of events and resources.

In September 2023, Phil started training for ordination in the Church of England. After a recent period of ill health, Ceri is now beginning a return to work and is exploring how best to use her gifts in this season of life.

Pray for them as they adjust to this big change as a family and for a Jesus-centred family life with their three growing and diverse children!

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John and Ruth McNeill

Agapé UK and Europe

John and Ruth have been mission partners of our church for many years, working first with students in Birmingham and then in Namibia, and more recently in Denmark. Now based here with strategic roles within Agapé:

Ruth is a Leadership Consultant - teaching, mentoring and coaching in her areas of expertise: Leadership Development, Human Resources and Cross-Cultural Training. She serves in the UK and with their Mission, Campus Crusade for Christ International (Cru) across the globe.

John is the Jesus Film Project (JFP) Regional Leader for Europe and Russia. He gets to dream and scheme with multiple partners to help make Jesus known across this vast area (17 time zones). For over 40 years, the Jesus

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Film Project has been combining media and tech to reach people groups who have less access to the gospel because of geography, culture and language. Through innovation in technology and the creation of Christ centred media, especially the new animated JESUS movie that is being made, there are even more ways to do this. You can download the Jesus Film Project App for free:

Android:



Apple:



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Andrew and Lyn Griffin

Jesus Film Project & Agapé FamilyLife, Sheffield

Lyn and Andrew are involved in two very significant projects for Agapé. Lyn is working with the new JESUS film, an animated feature film due for release in December 2025. This is designed as an evangelistic tool but also as a film for a media-sophisticated audience. It will be available in over 2,000 languages. Lyn's role is to work with ministries and churches across Europe, innovating ways to maximise the impact for the gospel of this amazing film.

Andrew's main focus is running Toucan Together, an online resource for committed couples to strengthen and grow their relationship and to encounter the gospel in practical and relatable ways. Lyn and Andrew first experienced the potential of reaching people online while working in student ministry in Italy, and their years working in Europe has made them passionate about making such resources available across the world.

Please pray for them as they juggle these different roles, with much travelling, care for their young daughter Cassia, and getting established in the church in Sheffield.

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Associate Mission Partners

Mike and Rachel Hill

Friends International, Birmingham

Friends International works through local churches like ours to welcome and befriend international students, many of whom come from countries closed to traditional mission.



Mike and Rachel Hill are the Friends International team leaders for Birmingham. Their role involves supporting the many volunteers involved in international cafés (like our own Globe Café at St Wulstan's), Bible studies, groups for wives of international students, and the hospitality scheme.

They live in our parish and use their home for ministry to internationals. Pray for them as they further develop this work, and that through it many international students will come to know the Lord Jesus during their time here.

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Jomo Nderitu

Youth Ministry Team, Marsabit Diocese, Northern Kenya – Crosslinks

Jomo leads the youth ministry in the Anglican diocese of Marsabit in Kenya. He is married to Ann, who supports him in this work, and they have two children.



In this vast and remote region of northern Kenya most people are nomadic, there is tribal rivalry, Islam is spreading, and several years of drought mean food is short. There are few churches and very limited resources, but the church is growing and new churches are being planted. There is a vibrant youth ministry, with training and Bible camps to equip young people to stand firm in their faith in Christ and be involved in evangelistic missions across the diocese. Pray that through this ministry, young people will be equipped to live boldly for Christ in a difficult environment.

Contact: via Nick Devas

Other World Mission Links

Bolivia

The Anglican church in Bolivia is small but growing, with congregations in a number of centres. Links have been developed with churches in Birmingham, through which some shared training has been provided. In 2023, some of our church joined a team from Birmingham for a two-week visit to encourage the church there in their ministry and outreach, and to participate in a leadership training conference for clergy and church members. This has developed into a specific link with one church, Christo Luz del Mundo in Santa Cruz, and their Pastor, Franklin Cuenca, with aim of regular contact between our churches for encouragement and support.

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Life to Romania

Life to Romania aims to train Christian youth leaders and support children's holiday clubs, Sunday clubs and other projects run by Romanian churches. Anita Riley & family have been involved for many years. There are opportunities for others from our church to be involved.

Contact: Anita Riley www.life2romania.org.uk

Chris and Zoe Fletcher, Teach Beyond, Hungary

Chris was a member of St Stephen's as a teenager; now with his wife Zoe they teach in a Christian school in Budapest, which serves missionary families as well as local people.

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