



Dear all

I am very grateful for your ongoing prayers and support. The very real sense of being upheld in prayer is something that I frequently know and I can't thank you enough for your faithfulness in this. When I get the occasional break from preaching in TCF I enjoy having some more time for meeting with people and I try to order my week around these sessions. Coffee features quite regularly! Sometimes it's just a catch up and sometimes it's to chat through a particular personal situation or a particular issue but reading together is also a feature. My current reading list includes:

God is the Gospel, John Piper; The Master Plan of Evangelism, Robert Coleman; The Call, Os Guinness; Putting your past in its place, Stephen Viars; Renovation of the Heart, Dallas Willard, The Vine Project, Colin Marshall and Tony Payne; Prayer, Timothy Keller; Knowing God, J I Packer; Jesus through Middle Eastern Eyes, Kenneth Bailey; True Discipleship, William MacDonald; How to read the Bible for all its worth, Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart; Walking with God, John Eldredge.

Maybe you would like to start reading a book at your own pace and stay accountable through meeting and sharing some learning together? I love to do this and invite you to please let me know!

My preparation this week (beginning Sunday 13 May 2018) is for my annual involvement at the European Leadership Forum. Over 800 leaders from across Europe will gather together for an intensive programme of learning together. I moved from being a participant to a contributor some years ago now and so my personal schedule includes these speaking responsibilities (these are over and above attending the conference keynote sessions, workshops and seminars):

Session	Focus
Friday 18 May 2018 - 18:00-21:00	2017-18 Leadership Development Initiative (closing of 2017-18 programme and pre-forum conference)
Saturday 19 May 2018 - 09:00 - 13:00	
Sunday 20 May 2018 - 07:15-08:15	Personal Mentoring of a Spanish Pastor
Sunday 20 May 2018 - 13:15 - 14:30	Planning meeting of Disciple making Leaders Network
Sunday 20 May 2018 - 14:45 - 16:00	Mentoring for Young Pastors Session 1
Monday 21 May 2018 - 12:00-13:15	Disciple making Leaders Network: Developing Leaders
Monday 21 May 2018 - 13:15-14:45	Recruitment session for Mentoring for Young Pastors
Monday 21 May 2018 - 14:45-16:00	Mentoring for Young Pastors Session 2
Monday 21 May 2018 - 17:45-19:00	Meet Polish Pastors for discussion of a programme
Tuesday 22 May 2018 - 14:45 - 16:00	Mentoring for Young Pastors Session 3
Wednesday 23 May 2018 - 10:15 - 11:30	Church Revitalisation Network: Strengthening Hands
Wednesday 23 May 2018 - 13:30 - 16:00	Lead National Leaders Meeting on discussion of Scotland's evangelisation and church strengthening needs
Wednesday 23 May 2018 - 16:15 - 17:30	Mentoring for Young Pastors Session 4

Whilst I take a few days of my personal leave for this event, I am also very appreciative of the time that TCF allows me to have for development (equivalent of 3 days).

I also hope to meet with various Echoes International workers who attend the conference. If you pray, and you can remember me I would be so very grateful - and also for you to remember Laura who will be on her own in Guildtown for the first extended stay without me!

Thank you for praying...

and for

St Augustine