

*Andy Giles' Prayer Update*  
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Hello once again,

Greeting to you all in the name of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Apologies that it has been so long since I last wrote to you. The second of this term has been quite contrasting to the first. Where I was previously constantly excited by organising the mission week at Warwick, I have been constantly sat at my desk trying to do my degree. What a difference! There have been quite a few changes in my life over the past few weeks, so without further ado, I shall begin.

**My plans for next year are “finalised”.** Come September I will be joining the Association of Evangelists for a year of training as an evangelist. I'm not entirely sure of the content of the year, but it will involve travelling around the country with the 7 evangelists and sharing the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ lots. I will be based in either Leeds or Derby but will not be spending most of my time there as I'll be on the road. Please join me in thanking God for this awesome opportunity he has given me to learn from these great men of Him, and pray that the planning and support raising over the next few months would go swimmingly.

**A fortnight ago, Sinead and I broke up.** This has been quite a drastic change to life. But (unsurprisingly) God has been so good to us both through this time and we are still good friends and are still able to work together as she takes over my role as evangelism secretary on the CU committee. Please pray that God would continue to heal and that our friendship would stay strong.

**My year as evangelism secretary of Warwick CU ended last week.** And what a great year I've had. I can most definitely say that God has blessed me abundantly more than I have been a blessing to others – but isn't that always the way with our gracious heavenly Father. The new CU committee are heading off this next week (19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>) to a cottage in Leicestershire to get to know each other more and to plan through the next year. Please pray for them, that God would give them great vision and give them all a deeper passion to see His name made known on Warwick campus. Their names are as follows:

Josh Wells – President  
Ruth Ranjan – Vice-President  
Ellie Beagley – Secretary  
Willy Wong – Treasurer  
Sinead Bryan – Evangelism Secretary  
Charissa Brain – International Secretary  
Larry Norman – Prayer Secretary  
Will Warren – Small Groups Coordinator  
Jeremy Rowe – Music Coordinator

**Yesterday I arrived home for my Easter vacation.** The university call them vacation rather than holidays as the idea is we vacate from university to do our work somewhere else. And boy have I got some work on. I have a 12-18 thousand word report to write and 6 final exams to revise for. And as academic writing and revision are possibly my two least favourite activities, this is going to be tricky. Please pray that I would focus and get my work done and that I'd still be able to spend loads of times focusing on Him and getting to know Him more over this 5 week break.

**Throughout the week I meet up with 4 guys** to encourage and disciple them. I meet two lads, **Guy** and **Travis** with my good friend **Andy** (I mentioned these guys a few prayer letters ago). I also meet another two guys, **Huw** and **Karl**, with another good friend **Mike**. These four guys are all currently in their second year. The aim of meeting these guys is to fulfil the great commission. Jesus told his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them and teaching them to obey everything he commanded. We hope to teach these guys the things that God has been teaching us, and also to help them start making disciples too. **Guy** and **Travis** are beginning to look at meeting up with some first year guys to pass on what they have been learning to them. **Guy** (along with myself) is hoping to start meeting up with **Mark** and **Tim** next year, and **Travis** (along with **Andy**) has already begun to meet up with **Willy** and **Larry**. Please pray that all these relationships would continue to grow and be a blessing and that we would all come to know our Lord Jesus more and more.

Finally I would like to give you an update on my prayer life which I asked you all to pray for in my last letter. God has answered your prayers and He has been teaching me so much about prayer. He has been giving me a desire to find out more and more about prayer. I still find actually praying really really hard – but God is growing me.

I've begun reading "The Message of Prayer" by Tim Chester. The first chapter talks about how prayer is an awesome expression of the gospel. Because Jesus paid the price for our sins, we can now confidently come to God, not through a human mediator, but through Christ. This is a great truth which is starting to set in my heart. Please continue to pray, that I would become a man of prayer – what an awesome thing that would be. As part of my praying, I have been praying for all of you who read this with the prayers of Paul in Colossians 1:9-14 - what a great thing it is to pray the word of God.

Thanks for your prayers,

With much love in Christ Jesus,

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