

PERSECUTED CHURCH - Tajikistan

An appeal by Pastor Bahrom Holmatov against his three-year prison sentence has been turned down. The church leader and father of three was arrested in April and later sentenced for 'singing extremist songs in church and so inciting religious hatred'. He now faces the three-year prison term for nothing more than exercising his right to believe.

"Don't worry about me, please. Just keep praying for me and my family," he says. "I knew that I could pay a price for following Christ and my ministry - and I do it now. I am ready to go through this, I am ready to be in prison for His name my whole term. Thank you all brothers and sisters who prayed and supported me."

Sadly, Pastor Bahrom is not the only Christian to be languishing in Tajik prisons. In the last two years, increasingly restrictive and ambiguous legislation has led to the arrests of scores of Christians. Please pray for believers in Tajikistan like Bahrom.

Please Pray:

- That the Lord would strengthen Pastor Bahrom in his faith and protect him physically
- That Pastor Bahrom would be a witness of God's love during his imprisonment
- For the family of Pastor Bahrom, that the children especially would receive the support they need during his absence.

Editor's Notes for Family News

Deadline for messages is Thursday 9am These can be left:

- In the Family News pigeonhole at St Andrew's
- On the answer-phone 01923 332101 (Please spell names of people and places and any other special names such as trade names, and leave your name and contact number)
- By email: familynews@st-andrews.org.uk
- On the St Andrew's website: www.st-andrews.org.uk

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Men's and Women's New Wine Days - Do any St Andrew's Men want to join Graham Dale and others at the New Wine Men's Day on **Saturday 4th November**, High Wycombe?

Do any St Andrew's Women want to join Gilly Dale and others at the New Wine Women's Day on **Saturday 11th November**, Westminster?

Please buy your own tickets online (Men £22; Women £30) then get in touch so we can help with lifts or traveling together on the tube. Emails: Grahamdale2@gmail.com; Gillydale@gmail.com. For more details - see the New Wine website at: <https://www.new-wine.org/>

And for Your Diaries - New Wine Summer 2018 Dates **5th – 11th August 2018** - Early bird booking rate available until 3rd December.

Harvest Décor - I think you'll agree that the church is looking colourful in this season of harvest thanksgiving. As always, these things are a team effort and our thanks go to James Clarke, Jackie Gedling, Candy Hackney, Catherine Harer and Nisha Mehdwan for their creative contributions. Thank you all! Belinda.

Thank You So Much St Andrew's, Chorleywood - For your kind donation and thank you for taking the time to drop these items off at our Mother & Baby Charity Shop. All of the items will be a huge support, we really appreciate your generosity to us!

A Huge Thank You - To all who have prayed, visited and have sent cards. Your prayers kept me at peace through my stay in hospital so once again many thanks. The heart valve replacement was successful but I now have to build up my strength. Love Jenny Thornton.

DAYTIME Harvest Service - Tuesday 3rd October, 11.30am at Christ Church, followed by a light lunch. This is a Traditional Harvest service in relaxed and accessible surroundings. (The church will be open from 10.30am) All welcome, especially people with dementia or memory problems, their family, friends and carers. Please contact the church office for more details (01923 282149)

Trip To Israel - I have had to pull out of this trip and wonder if there is anyone who would like the opportunity to go in my place, please contact Joanna Webb, telephone: 01923 282539 or email: jpwebb18@gmail.com

Weekend Walk - The next walk is on **Saturday 7th October**. Meet at 9.45am at The Boot pub in Sarratt. Walk is approx 5 miles with lunch at The Boot at around 12noon. Family and friends welcome. Please email Heather Davey (heatheradavey@gmail.com) by Thursday 5th October to let her know if you are coming along. Future Weekend Walk dates for your diaries: Sunday 5th November (afternoon), Saturday 2nd December (morning).

Spare Room/Summerhouse Needed - Does anyone in Chorleywood have a spare room or summerhouse that we could pay to use as an art studio for Jeremy and sometimes Mike? This would be on certain days/hours each week as pre-arranged. We will pay a monthly rent and ensure any carpets and furniture are protected with coverings. Any offers or ideas would be appreciated. Wendy Hogarth telephone: 07754 091 332 or email: hogarthwendy@gmail.com

Restore Hope - Are urgently looking to have more people that could work with children on a Monday and Tuesday mornings to enable mums to attend courses that we are running at those times. Please contact Becky or Naomi on 01494 765 555 or e-mail us at info@restorehopelatimer.org if you have any questions or to volunteer.

Furnished Bed-Sit To Rent in Chorleywood - Located near shops, 7mins walk from the station and only 10mins from St Andrews. Off street parking by arrangement. £375pcm incl. bills. Tel: 01923 283832