



**Simon Ellingham**  
DIRECTOR'S WORD

**Once again, throughout the last month, God has inspired our work, enthusing and empowering us, working through everything we've been involved in. We've engaged with school pupils, teachers, church leaders and friends, and been greatly encouraged by the evidence of God's handiwork in all we do!**

**I've spoken at Stanley Park Fellowship, which is a small but wonderful community of believers who support SSW with a faithful passion, and met 2 church leaders to talk through how we can engage more effectively with members.**

**Our CUs have continued to see committed Christians gathering together, being joined by others who are seeking answers. I've been enormously encouraged to meet one year 11 boy who told me last year he had started to read the Bible, and is now attending his local church with a friend.**

**I've started to deliver a series of workshops at Oaks Park to \Year 7 children, talking about self image and the pressures applied through social media, and will be completing this in the following weeks, with the same applied at Cheam High.**

**A significant part of the month has been given over to preparation for Easter Experience. This will be our biggest ever, with now 32 schools attending across the 5 venues. A big thank you to all cast members, who give up so much of their time to tell**

this wonderful, true, story, and to the 5 church venues who give up their premises for the week. Our public performance this year was at St Peter's, and we were overjoyed to have around 100 people turn up to participate and enjoy, and join us in prayer.

March will see even more activity in secondary schools, with me delivering a workshop to year 7 at Sutton Grammar on the subject of Abraham, finishing my series at Oaks Park and Cheam High, participating in Easter Experience, and of course, supporting our CUs around the borough.

And very soon we will be launching a major fundraising campaign. Called the 'Giving of the 5000', we would like to ask every believer in the borough to donate at least £1 a month to enable us to continue to function, and to employ a new schools worker! We're currently working on a video to support this launch, so please look out for this when it goes live....

Finally, a big thank you to those who wished me a happy 60<sup>th</sup> birthday this last month. It's an absolute privilege to still be able to do this role, despite my advancing years! I'm enormously grateful to all of you who make my job so much easier, and to God for constantly renewing my energy....

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Director

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## PRAYER REQUESTS & EVENTS PDF



Click on the picture to get a list of events for the month.



**What a joy Easter Experience 2026 has been so far - and we are not even halfway through yet! We have already completed our run of performances in St Peter's Church, St Michael's & All Angels Church and now we are in North Cheam Baptist Church this week, with Carshalton Methodist and Trinity Church Sutton to go. I have been saying to cast members this week how funny it is how I am amazed and almost surprised every time God answers our prayers and is so clearly present for all the performances we have had so far. OF COURSE God answers prayer and OF COURSE He longs to meet with the children and school staff of Sutton. God is SO in this!**

**I could say so many examples of how God has already been at work in the children, school staff, cast and SSW staff team over the past week and a half. However, I will mention one particular stand-out moment at St Michael's & All Angels Church last Friday. We reached the Q&A section of Easter Experience, where the children can ask the characters in the story questions and WOW what a Q&A session this was. The children were asking questions that even 'mature' and grown-up Christians would ask and there was no stopping the sea of hands going up asking question after question and digging deeper and deeper into the core of what the Christian faith is all about. God is so patient with us, even when we underestimate Him time and time again! We are called to have a child-like faith (Matthew 18:3) and God has been reminding me that OF COURSE He is in this and that we should all strive to have the curiosity these children had to find out more and dig deeper. God is SO good!**

**Maisie**





## PRIMARY SCHOOLS & ASSEMBLY Prayer Requests:

### THANK YOU GOD:

- for so many opportunities to share the wonderful news of Easter!
- for the **AMAZING** start to Easter Experience 2026!
- for the performances we have in 3 more venues over the next 3 weeks.
- for the Y2 CSI Easter Workshops taking place at the end of this month.

### PLEASE PRAY:

- for all the staff and children who will hear our assemblies this half term.
- for open hearts and minds.
- for energy, health and protection for our primary team.

Thank you for your continued prayers!

Abby & Maisie

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**BIBLE EXPLORERS** workshop



## SECONDARY SCHOOLS Prayer Requests:

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Oaks Park, Cheam High and Sutton Grammar – year 7 workshops
- Oaks Park – we're still trying to get a new CU started!
- Glenthorne – contact to be established with new Christian teacher to start a new CU
- Video for fundraising campaign
- Greenshaw – new year 7/8 CU to be fully established

Thank you for your continued prayers!

Simon

## THE POWER OF PRAYER



Would you like to be able to pray for SSW when they need it most?

Please join our new, growing WhatsApp group, which staff use to post as they arrive at a school what they are about to do.

Praying supporters can then quickly pray for that particular activity, asking God to do amazing things.

Please contact the office on

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and have your details added.





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