

## Information for people who use the Damaris Prayer Diary

Dear praying friends,

Here is another summary of the people and projects here at Damaris. The summaries below provide more details than I'm able to fit in the limited space of the prayer diary each month.

Thank you again for all your prayers – we really appreciate your support in this way. We believe that prayer should underpin everything we do here at Damaris, and it is a tremendous encouragement to know that so many people are praying for us.

Yours truly,

Steve Alexander  
Damaris Prayer Diary compiler

### Damaris office team

**Nick Pollard** is the co-founder of Damaris, with his wife Carol. He is the CEO of Damaris and is responsible for the development of Damaris internationally, promotion of the Trust and the development of new projects – as well as presenting school conferences, writing books and doing speaking engagements.

**Carol Pollard** is the Strategic Executive Director and is responsible for ensuring the policies agreed by the Trustees are carried out by the Damaris team. She and Nick have two children, Luke (20) and Lizzie (17).

**David Whitmarsh** is our Managing Director and is responsible for the Damaris finances, human resources and overseeing all our established projects. He is married to Alison and they have two grown-up daughters.

**Steve Alexander** is a Managing Administrator whose roles include administrating school conferences, managing our technical support and writing the prayer diary. He is married to Betha.

**Brian Leask** is an Administrative Assistant whose responsibilities include managing website subscriptions and customer care, as well as being Nick's diary secretary.

**Fiona Hutchings** is a part-time book-keeper with Damaris. She is married to Pete and they have two children, Penny (16) and Robin (13).

**Tony Watkins** is Managing Editor of *CultureWatch* and a Damaris writer and speaker. He is married to Jane and they have three boys, Charlie (11), Oliver (8) and Pip (5).

**Steve Couch** is Managing Editor of Damaris' online resources for Secondary Schools – *RE Lessons Online* and *Assemblies Online*. He and his wife Ann have two sons, Peter (5) and Daniel (2).

**Fiona Stewart** is Managing Editor of *Assemblies Online* for Primary Schools and performs this role from her home in Edinburgh. She is also working on setting up a Christian theatre company in Scotland.

**Peter Williams** is our resident philosopher. He develops and presents school conferences, does speaking engagements for churches and schools, and writes articles and books.

**Jenny Baker** is the Project Manager of the President for a Day Experience, responsible for the development of the conference and training of new presenters. She lives in Ealing, London with her husband Jonny.

**Richard Collins** works with Damaris writing and producing episodes for the *deovox* audio Bible study. He is married to Bettina and they have three children, Rebecca (11), Madeline (9) and Luke (7).

**Holly Price** works for Damaris as Content Editor of *Tools for Talks* and writer for *Assemblies Online* for Primary Schools. She is married to Stephen.

**Susie Templeton** works for Damaris as Media Technician responsible for filming, editing and the delivery of videos for publication on the website.

**Tom Price** works with Damaris presenting school conferences and creating *Culturewatch Courses* with Tony Watkins. He also tutors at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics and is married to Caroline.

**Vicky Thompson** is our office volunteer who faithfully mails out our prayer diary every month. She is married to John and has two grown-up daughters.

There are many other members of the Damaris team, who present conferences and write material for our websites.

## **Damaris Schools projects**

**Damaris School Conferences** are lively and interactive sixth-form conferences which use clips from the latest films to help students explore spiritual and philosophical issues such as the purpose of life. These include *Ethics in an Age of Science*, *That's a Good Argument* and the *President for a Day Experience*.

The **President for a Day Experience** is a school conference for sixth formers or GCSE students, which is based on our **President for a Day** computer game. It enables students to act as president of a fictional African country and learn about the ethical, political and economic challenges of running a country. We have a team of people across England and Wales who present the conference in schools near them.

The **Global Student Forum** exists to enable school students of all faiths and none to think carefully about the spiritual and moral issues underlying global citizenship, and to help others to do the same. The central event of the GSF is the national sixth form conference held annually.

**RE Lessons Online** ([www.relessonsonline.com](http://www.relessonsonline.com)) is a subscription website which provides lesson plans for RE teachers in secondary schools, using the latest films, TV and music to help students learn about the Bible and Christian beliefs.

**Assemblies Online** ([www.assembliesonline.com](http://www.assembliesonline.com)) is another subscription website which provides assemblies linking the latest films, music and TV to biblical stories. There are two websites – one for primary schools and one for secondary schools.

## **Damaris Church projects**

**Deovox** ([www.deovox.com](http://www.deovox.com)) is an audio Bible study, available by podcast or as individual files to download from the website. Its aim is to help busy Christians keep reading and thinking about the Bible.

**Tools for Talks** ([www.toolsfortalks.com](http://www.toolsfortalks.com)) is a subscription website which enables Christian speakers to teach the message of the Bible in the language of contemporary popular culture. It provides a set of interlinked tools that help speakers select and understand a Bible passage to speak on and then illustrate their talk with quotes and clips from contemporary films, TV and music.

**Damaris Partnerships** enable churches and charities to partner with Damaris – we provide them with our resources while they help us to let more people know about the work of Damaris.

**Damaris Books** are a wide range of publications by Damaris (through Authentic Media) for readers of all faiths and none. They include Nick Pollard's popular book *Teenagers: Why Do They Do That?* and the latest entry in our Thinking Fan's Guide series: *Back In Time: A Thinking Fan's Guide to Doctor Who*.

**Damaris Speakers** speak about faith and contemporary popular culture in a variety of settings, from preaching at churches and speaking at Christian conferences to appearing on television programmes.

## **Damaris Media projects**

**CultureWatch** ([www.culturewatch.org](http://www.culturewatch.org)) is a website containing hundreds of free articles, study guides and videos about films, music, books and television. Its aim is to help people of all faiths and none to understand developments in our culture from a Christian perspective.

**Pollard on Film** ([www.pollardonfilm.com](http://www.pollardonfilm.com)) is a free-to-access website providing short videos aimed at helping people think about spiritual and moral themes in movies, and how they compare with biblical values.

**Talking About DVDs** are short films which explore big issues such as prayer or forgiveness, using a combination of comment from Christian communicators, music, images and Bible passages.

*More information about all our projects can be found on our website [www.damaris.org](http://www.damaris.org)*