

- Thurs 21st Pray for Nick Pollard and Steve Alexander co-ordinating a major project to update Damaris' computer systems so we can operate even more efficiently.
- Fri 22nd The Damaris office closes today. Pray for Kate Laver and Steve Alexander as they sort out everything involved in this.
- Sat 23rd Pray for all those speakers who subscribe to *Tools For Talks* that in this busy Christmas season they would find material on the site that is relevant and helpful as they prepare talks.
- Sun 24th Give thanks for Compassion UK and Send A Cow, who partner with us on *Assemblies Online (Primary)*. Pray that these charities would be blessed through their involvement with Damaris.
- Mon 25th The Damaris team wish you a happy Christmas. Pray for all people attending church services around this time to be challenged about who Jesus is and why he came to earth.
- Tue 26th Give thanks for the positive messages found in many children's films and books, and pray for wisdom and sensitivity for Christian parents and teachers as they seek to use popular culture to teach the Bible.
- Wed 27th Give thanks for all those who donate to Damaris' work and pray that they would see God's blessing in their lives.
- Thurs 28th Give thanks for the opportunities we have been seeing for developing Damaris internationally, and pray for Nick and Carol Pollard as they explore them in the coming year.
- Fri 29th Give thanks for the many *President for a Day Experiences* booked so far this academic year and pray that we would see even more schools booking the conference in the new year.
- Sat 30th Give thanks for the many people, of all faiths and none, who use our *CultureWatch* site. Pray that through reading the articles they would be challenged about the message of the Bible.
- Sun 31st Give thanks for all the support we have in the Damaris office – Vicky Thompson who mails our prayer diary, Iain Gutteridge who does design work, Steve Macklin who provides technical support and Daphne McDermott who does cleaning.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1: 1-5, 14



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- Fri 1st Pray for school conferences happening today – *President for a Day Experience* trainee presenter Sheila Bridge is doing her trial conference, Clare Mellis is presenting the conference at Teign School, Devon and Brian Rice is presenting it at Coleshill School in Birmingham. In addition, Nick Pollard and Peter Williams are presenting the *Who can say what's right or wrong?* conference at Stratton Upper School in Biggleswade.
- Sat 2nd Pray for the continuing work updating our *RE Lessons Online* and *Assemblies Online* websites for Secondary Schools. Pray for all those writing material for use by teachers across the UK. Pray for teachers and students using the material to find it stimulating and engaging, and that many students will gain a greater understanding of the Christian faith.
- Sun 3rd Tony Watkins is preaching at Above Bar Church this evening.
- Mon 4th Pray for the Couch family as Steve begins two weeks of paternity leave. Pray for Ann and Steve and 3-year-old Peter as they get used to the new addition to the house (not yet born at the time of writing) – and pray for this latest member of the Couch family.
- Tue 5th Pray for Kate Laver and Katie Coles as they attend a seminar this evening on customer service through the internet. Pray for encouragement and efficiency in all their work.

- Wed 6th We have begun running *President for a Day Experiences* incorporating the suggestions for following up the conferences provided by our partners at Christian Aid, World Vision and Jubilee Debt Campaign. Pray that many school students would be inspired to send in the response cards provided and find out how they can combat world poverty and injustice. Pray also for Steve Alexander as he continues to liaise with the three organisations about the material we provide to schools.
- Thurs 7th Pray for all the preparation for the *Global Student Forum 2007*: for Clare Mellis writing the Peer Educator Book, for Nick Pollard writing the conference script and resources, and for Kate Laver and Katie Coles contacting organisations to ask them to sponsor it. Pray that many schools would want to become partners with us and send students to the national conference in July.
- Fri 8th Pray for Jenny Baker presenting the *President for a Day Experience* today at Tudor Hall School in Banbury.
- Sat 9th Pray for Peter Williams and Luke Pollard as they work together in producing an online textbook for Christian students doing the A-level Philosophy and Ethics course.
- Sun 10th Give thanks for the publication of free resources for youth workers who want to make use of the *Saving Sex* book with their youth groups – see www.savingsex.org. Pray that this would be a really valuable resource to help young people think about sexual issues, and pray that many youth workers would hear about it.
- Mon 11th Pray for Nick Pollard and Peter Williams presenting the *Science, freedom and responsibility* school conference today at Hitchin Girls' School in Hertfordshire.
- Tue 12th Pray for the meeting of the Damaris trustees' and Nick and Carol this month. Pray that together they would be able to make good decisions for the future of Damaris. Pray also for wisdom and guidance as we seek more trustees.
- Wed 13th Pray for Steve Alexander and Katie Coles as they encourage private schools to host *President for a Day* conferences and invite nearby schools to attend. Pray that these conferences would not only allow schools to prove their 'public benefit' but also challenge and inspire the young people who attend.
- Thurs 14th Pray for Clare Mellis presenting the *President for a Day Experience* today at St Benedict's School in Alcester, and tomorrow at Budehaven Community School in Cornwall. Pray also for Matt Lewis presenting the conference tomorrow at the John Kyrle High School in Ross-on-Wye.
- Fri 15th Pray for Carol Pollard as she works with our accountants to finalise the end-of-year accounts.
- Nick Pollard is speaking at Southampton University Christian Union about "the Perfected Kingdom" this evening. Pray that what he says would be really useful to all students who attend.
- Sat 16th Pray for the Damaris team Christmas meal tonight, particularly for Carol and Nick as they host it at their house.
- Sun 17th Give thanks for Sammy Jordan, RE tutor at Southampton University, who has given Damaris vital help in planning our *RE Lessons Online* website for Primary Schools currently being developed by Fiona Stewart. Fiona has recently spent time researching the RE curriculum for England and Wales; pray for her as she decides what to include in the Damaris curriculum for the new website.
- Mon 18th Pray for Carol Pollard as she makes final arrangements for Damaris moving offices. Pray that all the necessary paperwork would be signed very soon and that we would be able to plan for moving in January 2007.
- Tue 19th Pray for Tony Watkins as he encourages churches around the UK to join Damaris' new church partnership scheme – see www.damaris.org/partnerships. Tony has a long list of churches to approach – pray that many are interested in this possibility.
- Pray also for Tony as he plans a lecture/workshop tour of a number of churches after Easter 2007 linked to the launch of his new book *Focus: The Art and Soul of Cinema*. Pray that Tony would find key churches that would be willing to host an event.
- Wed 20th Pray for Katie Coles as she seeks to balance her two roles at Damaris, as Marketing Administrator and Content Editor of *Tools For Talks*. Pray for wisdom and good time management for her.