

- Tue 22nd Give thanks for the many people who receive the weekly Culturewatch Update email. Pray that the articles and discussion guides on the site would help people think about what the Bible has to say about many relevant issues.
- Wed 23rd Pray for all those who attend church services this Christmas. Pray that they would hear the message of Jesus' birth explained in a way that is relevant to their lives while being faithful to the Bible.
- Thurs 24th Pray for the Damaris admin team shutting down the office today for the Christmas break. (The office will reopen on Mon 4th Jan.)
- Fri 25th Pray that all the Damaris team, subscribers and supporters will have a blessed Christmas as they celebrate the birth of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Sat 26th Thank God for all the team at Damaris who work so hard to produce excellent resources for churches and schools. Pray that more people will learn about the resources we provide in 2010 and spread the word to others!
- Sun 27th Pray for Tony Watkins preaching at Above Bar Church (Southampton) this evening.
- Mon 28th Give thanks for our partners in Damaris Norway and pray for them as they continue to help people think about the message of the Bible in relation to contemporary popular culture.
- Tue 29th Please continue to pray about the financial needs of Damaris, giving thanks for all who support us. God is faithful and during the last twelve months he has met all our needs. We continue to trust him for 2010.
- Wed 30th Give thanks for all the people who provide services and support for Damaris – such as Vicky Thompson who sends out this Prayer Diary, Iain Gutteridge who does design work, Kate Laver who does proofing, Aleksandra Glapinska who cleans our offices and the Worthers team who provide our website development.
- Thurs 31st Pray for God's guidance in the coming year for Damaris. Pray that we would have wisdom about what to pursue and give thanks for all that God has accomplished. Please pray for God's blessing on all our supporters and those who use our resources.

As soon as the copy of the letter of King Artaxerxes was read to Rehum and Shimshai the secretary and their associates, they went immediately to the Jews in Jerusalem and compelled them by force to stop.

Thus the work on the house of God in Jerusalem came to a standstill until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Now Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the prophet, a descendant of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them. Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Jozadak set to work to rebuild the house of God in Jerusalem. And the prophets of God were with them, supporting them.

Ezra 4:23-5:2



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- Tue 1st Pray for the meeting of the Damaris trustees today at the Damaris office.
- Pray also for school conferences: Jenny Baker is doing her trial conference of *That's a Good Argument* today at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls and is also presenting the *President for a Day Experience* tomorrow at Eastbury School, Barking.
- Wed 2nd Give thanks for the completion of our free resources drawing on the film *Nativity!* which was released on 27th November. Pray for these resources (available at www.damaris.org/nativity) to be useful to many churches and primary schools during Advent. Pray also for E1 Entertainment and other film distributors to see the benefit of commissioning Damaris to provide resources for schools and churches based on their forthcoming films.
- Thurs 3rd Pray for a Damaris staff team day taking place today. We are thinking about the future development of Damaris in the UK.
- Fri 4th Pray for school conferences today and tomorrow: Tom Price is presenting *That's a Good Argument* today at Stratton Upper School in Biggleswade. Tomorrow there is a *President for a Day Experience* at Ringe Folk High School, Norway, run by the Stromme Foundation.

Sat 5 th	Please pray for the <i>deovox</i> project as we publish a special Advent series this month. Pray that we can reach new listeners as well as old. Also, please pray for the project as it proceeds now on a weekly basis.	Mon 14 th	Praise God for the continued growth of Assemblies Online (Secondary), and pray for us to become ever more effective at helping students to consider spiritual and moral issues from a Christian perspective in our assemblies. Give thanks for all the schools who currently subscribe to the site, and ask for even more schools to join us. Pray for Steve Couch as he writes and edits assemblies throughout the year.
Sun 6 th	Pray for Peter Williams who is visiting Gimlekollen School in Norway this week to discuss research as well as planning courses and conferences.	Tue 15 th	Pray for a <i>President for a Day Experience</i> happening today at St Benedict's School, Alcester, presented by Jenny Baker.
Mon 7 th	Pray for <i>President for a Day Experience</i> conferences today and tomorrow: Steve Jones is presenting a conference today at Budehaven Community School, Bude, and Ian Hamlin is presenting one tomorrow at St Mary's High School, Cheshunt.	Wed 16 th	Pray for productivity and time management for Peter Williams with his expanded workload – he is now working two days a week for Gimlekollen School (Norway), working on a new apologetics book (on Jesus), editing a philosophy course for the Open Bible Institute and working on new videos for our school conferences.
Tue 8 th	Please pray for Assemblies Online (Primary), particularly in the run up to Christmas. Pray for inspiration for Holly Price as she writes assemblies for the new year.	Thurs 17 th	Pray for Holly Price as she decides which quotes and clips to publish on Tools for Talks each week. Pray that this resource will help church speakers, youth workers and other subscribers to engage with contemporary culture and the Bible, particularly around Christmas time when so many people come to church.
Wed 9 th	Pray for Tony Watkins who is leading a two-day workshop in Oxford with John Lennox. The conference is for ten people from different areas who are connected with the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students in Europe and Central Asia.	Fri 18 th	Pray for Tony Watkins writing his monthly DVD column for <i>Challenge</i> newspaper.
Thurs 10 th	Pray for <i>President for a Day Experience</i> conferences today and tomorrow: Ian Hamlin is presenting the conference today at Perse School for Girls in Cambridge, and Rebekah Legg is presenting it tomorrow at Rednock School, Dursley.	Sat 19 th	Give thanks for another calendar year of RE Lessons Online. Pray for teachers and students to have a refreshing break and to have a chance to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Give thanks for the opportunity our lessons provide for people to understand the Christian faith, and ask God to bring particular things from particular lessons to mind this Christmas.
Fri 11 th	Please pray for a meeting today to discuss a new title for the Culturewatch Course before it is launched early next year. Pray also for Carol Pollard making preparations for hosting the Damaris team Christmas party tonight.	Sun 20 th	Praise God for all those who faithfully and generously support our ministry. We are grateful for all that has been accomplished with God's help during 2009 and, God willing, look forward in anticipation to more opportunities in 2010.
Sat 12 th	Pray for Nick and Carol as they make decisions about spending their time wisely as they consider many opportunities (which often arise at short notice!)	Mon 21 st	Please pray for teachers using Damaris school resources. As the school term comes to an end, pray that they and the RE Lessons Online and Assemblies Online writers would have a restful Christmas break.
Sun 13 th	Give thanks that we are able to include our resources for the film <i>Creation</i> on the DVD and Blu-ray releases in January. Pray that they would reach an even wider audience this way and help many people to think about issues such as suffering and the tension between science and faith.		