

- Tue 20th Give thanks for Vicky Thompson who faithfully helps with the sending out of this prayer diary.
- Wed 21st Give thanks for another term of RE Lessons Online. Pray for a good break for all our subscribers, that they might come back in January refreshed and ready to teach again. Pray for Managing Editor Steve Couch to find continued inspiration and creativity as he writes and edits new material.
- Thurs 22nd Pray for all those who are attending church services this Christmas. Pray that they would hear and consider the true meaning of Christmas.
- Fri 23rd The Damaris office closes for the Christmas period today. Pray for the admin team as they tie up loose ends and close up the office. (The office re-opens on Tue 3rd January.)
- Sat 24th Pray for a good break for all the Damaris team and supporters over the Christmas period. Pray that we would all return to work refreshed and re-inspired in the New Year.
- Sun 25th The Damaris team wishes you a very happy and blessed Christmas.
- Mon 26th Give thanks for all those who support Damaris both financially and in prayer.
- Tue 27th Give thanks for Pure IT who provide technical support for Damaris.
- Wed 28th Give thanks for our research intern Rebecca D'Souza and media intern Judy Schildhouse and for all the work they do for Damaris.
- Thurs 29th Give thanks for Aaron Witchard our video editor and cameraman who has worked with us on a number of projects this year.
- Fri 30th Give thanks for all those who write articles and study guides for Culturewatch, whether regularly or occasionally.
- Sat 31st Please pray for Viewfinder, the multimedia service resource tailored to help churches reach 18-30 year olds. Pray for the team as they try to raise the profile of this exciting resource, and as they produce further editions based on new films.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 14:14-16



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Give thanks that the relationships that Nick and Carol are establishing with film companies and broadcast media are providing unique opportunities for the creation and distribution of effective outreach resources. But please do pray for them as they face two challenges. The first is getting the right balance in the resources we create – they must be true to the gospel but also be attractive to the secular world. The second challenge is financial. Nick and Carol are able to establish effective partnerships with these organisations, so they can work together for good. But, with very few exceptions, these organisations can't provide any funding to a Christian mission organisation like Damaris. This is currently putting Damaris in a very difficult financial situation.

Thurs 1st We are delighted to be producing official free resources to help church and community groups make the most of the film *The Iron Lady* (in UK cinemas 6th January). Give thanks for our partnership with Pathe Productions which has enabled this, and for the multitude of themes in this film which will enable people to think and talk about crucial life issues.

Nick and Carol Pollard and Judy Schildhouse are speaking at a special private preview of *The Iron Lady* today where they will be launching the official outreach resources we have created to go with the film. Pray that many people will use these to think about the big life issues raised by the film. Pray too for the partnerships we are building with key organisations (such as Mothers' Union and the Townswomen's Guild) to help get our free resources into the hands of as many people as possible.

Fri 2 nd	Give thanks for our partnership with ITN Productions in promoting their competition The Nativity Factor through our Christmas Countdown Calendar. Pray that this competition would lead many people to reconsider the story of the Nativity and think about the real meaning of Christmas. Pray also that many people will use the free resources we have made available at www.damaris.org/advent	Sat 10 th	Please pray that Peter Williams' new book <i>Understanding Jesus</i> becomes available to buy in time for Christmas after an unforeseen publication delay.
Sat 3 rd	Please pray for Richard Baker as he continues to work on developing the content for Global Student Forum 2012, taking place next June.	Sun 11 th	Give thanks for the many students who take part in assemblies from Assemblies Online (Secondary). Pray that our resources will help them to think about social and moral issues from a Christian perspective, and will have a lasting impact on their thinking. Pray for Managing Editor Steve Couch as he writes and edits new material.
Sun 4 th	Give thanks for the successful Global Student Forum regional conferences last month, which took place in Liverpool and Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Pray for all the sixth formers who attended the conferences as they work as peer educators in their schools, helping to educate and inspire other young people to take action about maternal health.	Mon 12 th	Pray for the ongoing partnership that Nick and Carol are establishing with Twentieth Century Fox and for plans to work together around a re-release of <i>Chariots of Fire</i> to coincide with the Olympics. Pray for them as they seek to raise the funds we need in order to create and distribute effective outreach resources based around the film.
Mon 5 th	This week Ian Hamlin is presenting a That's a Good Argument conference, and Mark Hamill is presenting an Ethics in an Age of Science. Please pray for them as they present and for the students as they learn.	Tue 13 th	Damaris Trust and Deo Gloria Trust are looking to recruit a social media intern to market their resources. Please pray for wisdom and discernment in this process.
Tue 6 th	Please pray for Nick at BAFTA today as he meets with John Forrest about the possibility of taking part in forthcoming film festivals and leading sessions designed to help people think about the spiritual issues raised by new films.	Wed 14 th	Give thanks that Nick was able to broadcast live on 12 BBC Radio stations about the resources we created for All Saints' Day (the day after Halloween). Pray for the plans Nick and Carol are developing for an even bigger initiative in the media at next year's Halloween.
Wed 7 th	Pray for Nick and Carol Pollard and Steve Alexander as they meet with the Trustees today. Pray for wisdom as they consider the current financial situation. Please pray too for Global Student Forum students at St Swithun's School who are leading a Community Leaders' Forum today, sharing our resources with community leaders in Winchester.	Thurs 15 th	Ian Hamlin is presenting the last of our school conferences for this term (a That's a Good Argument conference at a school in Sleaford). Please pray for the conference, and pray that all of our presenters would have a restful Christmas break.
Thurs 8 th	Give thanks that Carol's Movie Moments (see www.moviemoments.org) has been included on the official DVD of the film <i>The Way</i> . This means anyone buying a copy (e.g. from Amazon, Tesco, Asda or any retail outlet) will find our Damaris resource on their DVD.	Fri 16 th	Please pray that this season would see many Christian speakers using Tools of Talks to find engaging illustrations of the Christmas message.
Fri 9 th	Pray for inspiration for schools workers and primary teachers as they convey the Christmas story to their pupils this month. Pray that Assemblies Online (Primary) will prove invaluable to subscribers and that others may discover this resource for the first time.	Sat 17 th	Give thanks for the launch of eBook versions of three of our popular book titles. Pray that <i>Dark Matter</i> , <i>Focus</i> and <i>Get More Like Jesus While Watching TV</i> will all find new readers through the new platform of eBooks. Pray for wisdom as we plan future electronic publications.
		Sun 18 th	Give thanks for the work of Iain Gutteridge who does most of our design work.
		Mon 19 th	Today is the first day of the school Christmas holidays. Pray for the writers of our school resources and for the teachers who use them, that they would all enjoy a time of rest over the Christmas period.