

April 2026

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.” John 10:14

Thank you so much for praying for our time sharing at the OMF London and South East Region Conference in Gunnersbury. **Praise God** for a good time connecting with colleagues, friends and supporters. We were encouraged to meet a short term missionary who had visited Hanamaki and a young couple who are interested in long term mission in Japan.

Praise God for a wonderful time at Emmanuel Church Canterbury last weekend where we had the opportunity to share about Japan, see old friends and meet new people.

Upcoming Events

Praise God for the opportunity to share about Japan while we are in the UK. In the next couple of months, we will be sharing about the work in Hanamaki in these places:

May

- 6th London and South East Prayer Meeting at All Souls Langham Place
- 9th Hudson Taylor Tour in London
- 10th St Michael and All Angels, Blackheath
<https://se3.org.uk/>
- 17th Glendale Church Newbury
<https://www.glendale-church.com/>
- 24th St Luke's Church Watford
<https://www.stlukeswatford.org/>

June

- 14th St Mary's Broadwater
broadwaterparish.org.uk
- 21st St Stephens's Broadwater
broadwaterparish.org.uk

Please pray for clear communication and for lots of interest in supporting the work in Hanamaki in each of these places.

Worthing

We are planning to move to Worthing on the 19th May – **praise God** for His provision of a flat there and **please pray** for everything to go smoothly and for us to settle into Worthing well.

Grace, Isaac and Caleb

Thank you for praying for our children.

Isaac starts his A Level exams tomorrow (Wednesday 29th April). **Praise God** for his hard work preparing for these and please pray that the exams will go well and he will be able to reflect his ability.

Please pray for smooth journeys as he has to travel to the exams.

Praise God for a good time in India with Caleb for Sarah, Grace and Sarah's parents and for a safe journey home. **Please pray** for Grace as she has exams and assignments due and as she thinks about what to do over the Summer. **Please pray** for Caleb as he also has a lot of tests at school and has missed some of the material as he joined the school part way through the first term. **Please continue to pray** for Caleb to feel settled at Hebron.

Thank you so much again for praying for us!

With love from Mark, Sarah, Grace, Isaac and Caleb

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Visiting Bristol and Southampton



With the Yonges at Gunnersbury Baptist Church



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