

AFCU Prayer Alert

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Life in the Forces – Governance

Top level governance for the Armed Forces is exercised by the Ministry of Defence, primarily based in MOD Main Building in London. They are responsible for the full range of defence business, other than the conduct of operations, which is carried out by the Permanent Joint Headquarters. The working environment in MOD Main building is exceptionally demanding and high pressured.

At this time of General Election where there is the possibility of a change in government, and where the risk of terrorist attacks has created a heightened tension there is even more pressure on these people.

Marriages and families tend to bear the cost of this added stress. There are a group of committed Christians who are currently working in Main Building who seek to serve with integrity and be a witness to their colleagues.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the Defence Board which is chaired by the Secretary of State and is responsible for top level leadership and management across defence.
- Pray that those who serve in Main Building might be given wisdom in discharging their duties.
- Pray for them as they await the outcome of the General Election and as they try to ensure that they are properly resourced with an adequate budget.
- Pray for the group of committed Christians who work in Main Building. That they will be seen as people who are trustworthy and integral and that they will be an effective witness in this stressful environment.

AFCU Office Move

The AFCU staff are preparing to move their office to Shrivenham in July. This decision has been taken further to our recent Strategic Review. The trustees and staff have felt over recent months and years that God was guiding them to move the office from Aldershot to Shrivenham. The aim is to be located at the heart of the military and close to military families. The idea is also to be in a location where people can pop into the office, receive prayer support etc. As with many other Military Christian Organisations AFCU's desire is to be in the best place to be able to support those who are currently serving in our Military. AFCU is primarily a Prayer Union and we long to see all our serving personnel strengthened with regular prayer support.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for God to continue to lead and guide the team to the right location both for the short-term and the long term. Pray for favour with those in authority in the defence estate team that we will be given the right location for our office.
- Pray for all the logistics of moving the office, sorting, clearing out, digitising data etc and arranging removals etc...
- Pray that God will provide a smooth transition of services to the new office location.
- Pray for the changes involved for staff members with this move including the application/interview/selection of the right candidate for the new Admin Assistant role.