

Viewfield Prayer Diary for October 2016

I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

Mondays	Toddlers, Beavers, Deacons (17th)
Tuesdays	Toddlers, Church Meeting (4th)
Wednesdays	Small Groups, Alpha Prayer, WF
Thursdays	Toddlers, Knit & Natter, Scouts, Band Practice
Saturdays	Men's Breakfast (8th), TWAM Promotion Day (15th)
Sundays	11:00 Worship (9th – 10:00 Communion; 23rd – 6:30pm Communion)



2nd to 8th October – Viewfield

- Give thanks for those who have volunteered to be involved with organising and supporting Alpha, please pray that those who said they would come, have been asked, or have picked up a leaflet, will come.
- Pray for wisdom for our discussions at the Church business meeting on Tuesday evening.
- Give thanks for all those who came to Hannah Downey's baptism, pray for all those challenged by her public witnessing to her faith.
- Give thanks for those serving the Church in welcoming, preparing communion, putting together the bulletin, providing refreshments, security, sound/vision and the band. Pray for volunteers to help in those areas where more people are needed.
- Give thanks and pray for Children's Church, SHAPES and Crèche.
- Give thanks for the flexibility of the coffee shop volunteers who have moved the Coffee Shop to the Church on Wednesdays and Fridays when Jo Jingles (music sessions for babies and toddlers) is on.
- Give thanks for Knit & Knatter, Craft & Chatter and for the practical expressions of love that they produce. Pray that all the members will continue to find companionship and enjoyment as they spend time together.

9th to 15th October – World

- Pray for Georgette, back in Kenya, as she says farewell to colleagues and prepares to bring her belongings back. Give thanks that she is able to cover the role of Academic Dean at Tilsley College, Motherwell from January to June.
- God loves Syria and Syrians. Give thanks that even in the midst of the hatred and bloodshed, there are those showing God's love through acts of compassion and kindness.
- Pray for the BMS work seeking to make a difference in the lives of families who have lost everything. Pray for the Learning Support Project helping Syrian refugee children.
- Let us not cease to pray for our Syrian brothers and sisters, be they Muslim or Christian, and let us not give up hope for a better future for them.
- Pray for the political leaders of Syria and the whole world. May they decide to seek peace and the good of the country. May they stop considering their own interests and power.



16th to 22nd October – Praying for God’s Creation

God of the universe, We thank You for Your many good gifts , For the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits, for clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants. Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted and wasted what You have given us.

Transform our hearts and minds so that we would learn to care and share,
To touch the earth with gentleness and with love, respecting all living things.

We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste, greed and indifference, and we pray that the day would come when everyone has enough food and clean water. Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species and help us to willingly share your gifts today and always. Amen.

Please pray for:

- Those who are researching ways to reduce the amount that we pollute God’s world
- Politicians and advisors, that they will have wisdom in decisions with regard to the environment and that they will realise that we have a duty to care for God’s Creation and to protect the poor and vulnerable, not just in this country but throughout the world.
- That each of us would make wise choices about our use of resources
- As we shop, let’s think of the creation, manufacture, delivery and cost of everything on the shelves. Thank God for his work of creation, provision and redemption.

A Rocha is a Christian charity which is committed to conservation action as an expression of Christian mission. They work collaboratively with others who share their passion for the planet and our desire for its flourishing. A Rocha works around the world including in Kenya.



Please pray for Community Conservation in Kenya where money generated from eco-tourism is used to provide secondary school “eco-bursaries” and nature conservation. By working with the local communities, A Rocha Kenya aims to achieve the long-term conservation of threatened habitats and species in the Malindi-Watamu area.

23rd to 29th October – Baptist Assembly and Fife Churches

The Baptist Union Assembly taking place on the 27th and 28th October at Glenrothes. Please pray



- For the organisation of the event
- For Alan Donaldson, Dide Oprenova, Roy Searle and Amie Aitken as they lead and speak
- For wisdom in discussions and decisions.

There are lots of exciting initiatives taking place in the Baptist Churches around Fife.

Give thanks:

- For the recent meeting of Fife Baptist Leaders and the opportunity to pray and share.
- For St Andrews who have seen a number of Fruit Farm workers who have come over from Romania make commitments through their outreach/befriending ministry.

Please pray for:

- Glenrothes Baptist Church as they move into new premises in the town centre
- Cowdenbeath as they are involved with a foodbank and debt counselling, and as they look for other ways of establishing relationships with people in their town.
- Buckhaven who run a monthly Messy Church and a Friday coffee morning.