

Viewfield Baptist Church - Prayer Diary January 2017

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect.

1 John 4:16,17a



Mondays	Cubs, Deacons (16th), Vacancy Group (16th)
Tuesdays	Toddlers, Beavers, Informal Church Gathering (17th – 7pm), World Mission Prayer (24th – 7:30pm), Vacancy Group (24th)
Wednesdays	WF, Small Groups
Thursdays	Toddlers, Knit & Natter, Scouts, Band Practice, Informal Church Gathering (19th – 1:30pm)
Saturdays	Men's Breakfast (14th), Michael and Val's farewell (28th)
Sundays	11:00 Worship including Communion, Informal Church Gathering (22nd – 1:30pm)

Moving Forward into 2017

- Give thanks for all the resources that we have been given.
- Pray for the Informal Church Gatherings (see above) that we will listen to what God is saying to us.
- In particular, please pray that
 - we would have wisdom to decide if there are new initiatives to take up
 - we can know how to make our location a place that people are accepted and restored.
 - we can know how to make the Gospel accessible to all.

Vacancy

Give thanks for:

- Judy White agreeing to be our Interim Moderator
- For those who have agreed to be on the Vacancy Group: Jenny Turvey, Anne Macmillan, Gillian Downey, Ronnie Campbell, Alistair McKinlay, Pete Hutchison, Catriona Sinclair, Evelyn Stewart, Hamish Dick, Jo Albrock, Jo Fisher and Joyce Cooper

Please pray:

- For wisdom as the group put together a Church profile and consider who to approach
- That as a Church we will continue to be open to God's leading for the way forward
- For Joe Fisher as he finds people to preach
- For the Worship Support Group (David & Evelyn Stewart, Joe Fisher and Joyce Cooper)

People

Please pray for:

- Michael and Val as they pack up and sell their house
- Michael in his studies and as he prepares to take up his new post at Tottlebank
- Georgette as she takes up her temporary post covering the role of Academic Dean at Tilsley College, Motherwell
- Those who are unwell, those who are having or waiting for operations
- Those who are unable to get out now. Give thanks for those that visit and for the CD ministry

Wider afield

Micah 6:8 the Bible implores God's people, "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

Please pray for:

- Natasha Shoultz and the OM Team working in the Czech Republic which has been called Europe's third-worst slave state. She has been sharing the love of Jesus with women "trapped" and "exploited". There are many openings to get alongside people but they face much opposition. Pray for protection on the work and for miracles to happen to allow the women to "escape"

- Syria that
 - violence will cease and peace will be restored, in Aleppo and throughout Syria
 - those who are bereaved will know the comfort of Jesus, and those wounded and traumatised will know His healing and presence
 - the needs of the millions of Syrians who have been displaced, either internally or abroad, will be adequately met
 - reconstruction and economic development will be pursued as soon as possible, enabling all Syria's citizens to live in their country with dignity
 - all engaged in peace talks will prioritise the needs of the Syrian people and not their own agendas – to ensure that the rule of law is applied equally for all citizens, irrespective of ethnicity, religion or other status
 - Syrian Christians will be agents of reconciliation, healing, peace and hope
 - all who are intent on violence will know the Spirit's conviction of sin and respond to the Father's offer of new life through the Son

- Kathy Russell, one of our BMS partners, who is a solicitor (currently non-practicing) who previously worked in the areas of child protection and family law and is using her skills to help develop the justice and advocacy ministries being spearheaded by the Mozambique Christian lawyers and churches

- Christine Kling another of our BMS partners. Christine is French but came to Scotland, where she became a Christian. She worked for Hewlett Packard as a senior project manager and then studied for a theology degree from the Scottish Baptist College. She returned to France to work alongside the Baptist Federation in Paris. She primarily spends time developing an online theological training course and serving as an associate pastor in a Paris church