

# Viewfield Prayer Diary for July and August 2016



## Over the summer period please pray for the following people and situations:

- Teachers and School Staff – rest and renewal over the summer period
- Pray for Michael's continued healing and that he would return to us rested and refreshed
- Remember our brothers and sisters around the world who face persecution in particular: North Korea, Pakistan, India
- Pray for Kenya, for Scott college in transition and for International Justice Mission as they mourn the murder of one of their lawyers, William Kimani
- Foodbank & Street Pastors

Please pray for our future direction and ministry. In particular please pray:

- that we will help people find their gifting and passion
- that our serving will be more than just filling places on a rota, but that we would have "the right people in the right places, for the right reasons at the right time" and we may see that "love is service"
- for the coffee shop/Jo Jingles/Centre ministry that it might become a "destination" for more people
- for the worship team as they seek to enhance/develop our times of worshipping together
- For a possible Alpha course(s):
  - For a team to come together and get trained up
  - For us to start praying for 3 people that we might invite



## Crèche, Children's Church, Kingdom Builders and Shapes

These activities offer great opportunities to teach the Bible in ways which are appropriate to age and ability. Please pray:

- for God's enabling and inspiration for the leaders in these groups as they teach and share God's love.
- For wisdom about the future shape of our children's work
- For leaders who will be taking responsibility for Children's Church over the summer holidays.

## Toddlers

As Toddlers breaks up for the summer please pray for:

- children going on to school
- "children in complicated family situations"
- safety for all the families over the summer
- Give thanks that people still enjoy toddlers and look forward to coming back in August.

**Hannah Downey** is going to Europe with Operation Mobilisation (OM)

- Dates: travelling on 4<sup>th</sup> of July and returning on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July.
- Location: Zell am See in Austria with Operation Mobilisation.
- Team: working with 20 other people, who could be of any age and from any country around the world.
- Aim: to reach out to Muslims and Arab tourists, of which there are a lot in that area at this time of year. We aim to share the gospel with them and hope to create a dialogue/ conversation between faiths.
- Prayer would really be appreciated so that people are receptive to us and open to hear what we have to say. Also, it's my first overseas mission trip so I would really appreciate prayer for confidence in what God has called me to do.



## Life after Brexit - Jennie Pollock (London Institute for Contemporary Christianity)

In a time of huge division, uncertainty and fear, Christians have both the opportunity and the mandate to be agents of peace. What do the Scriptures teach us?

- First, and foremost, to love.
- Second, to grieve. Some of us may be very sanguine about the result and what it means for our future, but for others there is a deep sense of loss and fear.
- And third, to stand firm. However we're feeling, God *is* in control.

So how do we model to our neighbours a healthy way to handle the division, fear and uncertainty facing our nation – and the other uncertainties which will always come? Love determinedly, grieve deeply, stand firm and PRAY.

'Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken' (Psalm 62:2).

# Scripture Union Holidays and Missions 2<sup>nd</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> August



Scripture Union runs many holidays and mission events over the summer period. Just up the road from us near Kinross (20 minutes away) is one of the SU Residential Centres – Lendrick Muir. It is in use all summer with lots of young people coming and, for the second year, hosting one week of Soul Survivor. SU has other centres/sites at Scoughall (near North Berwick [see below], Kings Cross (Isle of Arran), Altnachriche (Aviemore)

## S4 Holiday Scoughall (Near North Berwick) : 23rd to 29th July - Alistair and Rhona McKinlay

This is a P5 to P7 Holiday with 50 places. All the girls places have been taken and there are 4 boys places left. This has members of the McKinlay family in leadership. Alistair's sister Fiona (who is pregnant) and brother in law Russell (along with Daniel, nearly 3) Shields are leading with Rhona as Assistant Team Leader. Alistair and his younger sister Catherine are group leaders. Nathan will be keeping an eye on everything. Alistair's parents are also on team and will be helping with child care, minibus driving and general support.

The camp theme will be "Pirates" with Bible teaching from the 10 Commandments.

Please pray:

- For Rhona responsible for organising the programme including the outing and off-site activities.
- That campers will enjoy themselves and not get too homesick.
- For Rhona, Alistair and Nathan as they go straight from Scoughall to Port St Mary

Please also pray:

- for the children and young people as they attend holidays and missions, that they will have a good time.
- for safety and protection
- for openness to hearing the Gospel message and that all who come will respond
- for the teams, for unity, for servant hearts and for consistent Christian living
- remember the backup crew: admin, minibus drivers, travel coordinators, cooks and others (David Stewart is organising train and coach travel and driving minibuses taking campers to and from camps in July)

## Port St Mary SU Beach Mission (Isle of Man) – 31<sup>st</sup> July to 12<sup>th</sup> August

Activities take place in six age groups, up to three sessions per day, with around 250 children and young people attending each day, most of whom live locally. There will be over 60 team members including the following:



David and Evelyn Stewart - Mission Leaders  
Gillian Downey - co-leader for 11-12s  
Hannah Downey - assistant leader for 7-8s  
Alistair McKinlay - co-leader for teenagers  
Alison Stewart – leader for 5-6s  
Rhona McKinlay – admin  
Nena Albrock – part time, Pastoral Care

Jenny Turvey – team member  
Jessica Downey – team member  
Steph Rodger (Derek and Jill French's daughter) – Chief Cook week 1  
Mick Albrock – Assistant Cook

- Remember Rhona and Evelyn with pre mission admin, and age group leaders as they prepare the programmes
- New age group for 3 and 4 year olds – one session per day, being led by local Christians (including Suzanne Peden – Gregor's wife)
- Please pray that we will be effective in our outreach to children, teens and families
- Pray that we will find a chief cook for week 2, or have suitable offers to provide meals for the team
- Pray for the local churches, and the Isle of Man SU team as they build on the contacts made at Beach Mission and provide discipleship and ongoing mission throughout the year

