

# Weekly Prayer Diary

4<sup>th</sup> September 2020



But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. <sup>36</sup>The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! <sup>37</sup>You know the saying, 'One plants and another harvests.' And it's true. <sup>38</sup>I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest."

John 4:35b-38

- Our Leaders will next meet on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September in the evening. Please pray for them as they discuss and make decisions about the way forward.
- The Office Bearers and staff meet most **Tuesday** mornings for prayer. The admin team meet to primarily discuss the day to day functioning of the Church. Please pray for them in this important task.
- Discipleship Explored ([discipleship.explo.red](http://discipleship.explo.red)) - Please continue to pray that all the participants will benefit from the discussions which are centred on the book of Philipians.
- Christian Solidarity Worldwide ([www.csw.org.uk](http://www.csw.org.uk)). Losing access to water and other essential government services is being used as a way to make Christian families in Mexico sign illegal agreements, renouncing their right to hold religious services. Please pray for religious freedom in Mexico and for Christians to be allowed to hold services without risking their family's health. Please also pray for gentleness, compassion and kindness from the local authorities.
- Prayers for The Coronavirus situation.
  - Give thanks for, and continue to pray for our Health and Care Workers, pray for protection on them and that the virus would be contained so that hospitals and care homes are not overwhelmed.
  - Pray for funeral directors, funeral celebrants, bereavement nurses and grief counsellors who have had to deal with many difficult situations. Also remember families grieving for loved ones and seeking closure.
  - Give thanks that Schools have been able to reopen. Please pray for protection for staff and pupils.
  - Please pray for those who are finding the on going restrictions difficult especially where family are involved
  - Please pray for our government and advisors having to make difficult decisions, in particular remember Kate Forbes, Murdo Fraser, John Mason and Jason Leitch who contributed to the Baptist Union Prayer Livestream on Sunday evening. You can watch this here: [www.facebook.com/scottishbaptist/videos/308836350373010](https://www.facebook.com/scottishbaptist/videos/308836350373010)
  - Many people are concerned about the future, please pray for wise decisions by those in government about economic help.
  - Some countries such as Uganda have had strict lockdowns which has meant that whilst the Virus has been curtailed, many people have been forced below the breadline with no support available. Please pray for organisations such as TearFund and BMS who are seeking to supply food in these situations.
  - The Department for International Development which administered the UK overseas aid budget has been merged with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Please pray that the aid will go to where it will do the most good for people who do not have the resources that we have.

- Evangelical Alliance ([www.eauk.org](http://www.eauk.org)) Covid Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the power of the gospel. We thank you for the good news of salvation, forgiveness, hope and a new start.

We give thanks for all those who have encountered you during lockdown, those who met you for the first time and others whose faiths have been reignited.

Lord, grant us boldness, grace and love. Enable us to be examples of your good news and help us to point others to Jesus the light of the world.

As we move into a new season may many more discover your love for them for the first time. Come Holy Spirit we pray.

*If you have any suggestions for what we could be praying for then please email: [prayergp@viewfield.org.uk](mailto:prayergp@viewfield.org.uk) - or phone David Stewart on 01383 860476.*