



Weekly Prayer Diary – 23rd April 2021

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139v23&24



Banner over old front door

Box with “Try Praying” booklets

We have put up a “Try Praying” banner over our old front entrance and a box on the fence which contains the “Try Praying” booklets. Please pray that as the shops open and more people pass that they will take a booklet and use it to “Try Praying” and as they do may they have an encounter with God. Please also pray that people will also be challenged to “Try Praying” by seeing the banner, other publicity or finding the website.



Prayer for St. Vincent and the Grenadines - BWA

The eruption of La Soufrière, a volcano on the Caribbean island of St. Vincent, has caused layers of ash to blanket the island. Almost 20,000 people across St. Vincent and the Grenadines have been evacuated from their homes in what is now the red zone

There is extensive damage to property and crops, which is expected to impact the economy in the upcoming months. Access to clean water has also become a challenge as the water sources are now polluted and the power supply has been cut off in the northern part of the island.

The St. Vincent Baptist Convention asks the global Baptist family to join them in prayer for:

- *The health and safety of the people in shelters. Ash has seeped into many of the shelters through the ventilation and people are experiencing respiratory distress.*
- *The steadfast commitment of church members to evangelism and serving the people. That church members will be a witness of the love of Christ to those who are displaced while they are coping with their own loss and discomfort.*
- *The leaders within the church to have strength to respond to needs and not become weary. That the church will be an example of accountability and demonstrate true stewardship.*
- *The Lord will give faith leaders and government agencies wisdom to best respond to this disaster.*



Alpha on-line (alpha.org) finishes on Thursday 29th April at 7:30pm. The last talk will be called 'What About the Church?'

Give thanks

- for all those who have been involved in leading, organising and presenting the material.
- for lives that have been challenged and changed

Please pray

- that we see much fruit in people’s lives
- for the team as they debrief.
- for future plans, should on-line continue, as restrictions lift should the next one be in person or should there be a mixture of both.



Please pray for: Alpha Online – Thursdays @ 7:30pm

If you have any suggestions for what we could be praying for then please email: - or phone David Stewart on 01383 860476.



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Our Current Situation

- Give thanks that the number of infections, those in hospital and ICU have been going down. Pray that this will continue and for the vaccination rollout. Pray that those who have served on the “front line” will be able to get rest and renewal.
- Give thanks that society is opening up, please pray that people would continue to stick to guidelines to guard against the virus flaring up.
- Give thanks for the opportunity to have “in-person” services. Please pray for all the people who will be involved in cleaning, welcoming, setting up and running AV, co-ordinating input, producing/editing content for both on-line and in-person services.



Lord God

We give thanks for the long life of Prince Philip, for all that he has contributed to our nation and beyond, and for his support of our Queen.

We remember before you Her Majesty the Queen and her family praying that they will know your comfort and strength in the days to come.

We thank you for the example of the Queen, in her faith and in her attitude to others, we ask that others in public life would follow her example.

We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen

(prayer adapted from the Methodist Church)

Scottish Election - A Just and Green Future beyond Covid-19

Please pray for the Scottish Government Elections taking place on the 6th of May.

Postal votes have already been sent out.

Below are some issues that SCPO have highlighted. Please pray about these.



- **Climate positive recovery funding:** Ensuring that funding for businesses recovering from the pandemic accounts for climate impact and prioritises development which encourages net-zero.
- **Healthcare:** A plan for healthcare which enables proper funding of the NHS and social care systems
- **Public services:** Properly funded public services
- **Transport:** Well developed public transport systems which encourage safe and clean travel.
- **Jobs:** New jobs which support net-zero targets, for example in creating net-zero infrastructure to enable adaptation such as sustainable travel, renewable heat and energy, and energy efficiency, and restoring and planting new forests to create carbon sinks
- **Living wage accredited work** which ensures everyone has enough to live on.
- **Housing:** The right kind of affordable housing in all communities across the country which means everyone has a safe place to call home.
- **Addressing fuel poverty:** investing in energy efficiency in existing homes to ensure effective and affordable low carbon heating for all.
- **Local Government:** Local authorities with the right kind of resource and responsibility to make decisions which benefit the local community and move towards net-zero.
- **Everyone together:** Policies which ensure the poorest and most marginalised in our communities are not left behind.

Prayer: Lord, we desperately need to know Your plans, your purposes for Scotland in these days. As we prepare to vote, help us to pause, to reflect, to wait on You, to ask for Your help and guidance, before deciding. Above all, help us not to rush in and decide ‘in a worldly manner’, but to make our choice having carefully researched and considered the alternatives. Amen

Prayer by Alister Barton – Director Pray for Scotland

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