



Weekly Prayer Diary – 13th August 2021

Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens Psalm 36v5a



Port St Mary SU Beach Mission: We have now finished and our last activity was a very successful Family Lost Leader Hunt followed by toasting marshmallows, songs and the final episode our drama. It was great to see so many families.

We did not have any issues with Covid (though it could have been a lot different due to the recklessness of someone external to Beach Mission) and we are very grateful for all the prayers for this and other aspects of Beach Mission. It is our hope and prayer that the children and teens will have had a great time and will have learnt about God's love through Jesus. We hope that we have been a witness to the adults and other children/teens who have been around.

Please pray for all those contacted and for follow up, especially for the work of SUMT (sumt.im) in the schools.



Please pray for Afghanistan

Afghanistan is facing increasing political instability and violence. Hundreds of thousands (an estimated 360,000) of people have fled their homes, while schools and other essential services have been forced to close. A prolonged drought has also led to problems accessing food.

Please pray for peace in the country; pray for the protection of vulnerable communities, and pray for strength and wisdom for Tearfund's partner organisations who are working in the region.



As Schools go back (Teachers on Monday, pupils on Wednesday, please pray:

- for the Scottish Baptist College's online 'Chaplaincy and Schools: Spiritual Development within the Curriculum for Excellence' course which begins next month and for Steve Younger, who is the course leader.
- for the new Minister for Education, Shirley-Anne Sommerville and all those involved in decision-making at government, local and school levels. Pray for wisdom in knowing the best set up for returning to schools
- pupils and staff starting the new term. There will be many new things and pray especially for those who were not able to spend as much time as they needed doing in-person transitions at the end of last term and those with additional support needs. Pray for good friendships and working relationships to be established quickly.
- the recruitment and training of leaders within schools, both adults and young people, to be heading up groups such as SU Groups and Peer Chaplaincy initiatives in schools.

Carmont Railway Accident – one year on

Thursday 13th August marked one year since the tragic railway accident at Carmont, where two members of staff and one passenger were killed. The train travelling from Aberdeen to Glasgow was derailed when it hit a landside and unfortunately the location was such that it hit a bridge and went down an embankment. The landslide was caused by torrential rain and gales.

Please pray for

- all those affected by this tragedy.
- the railway chaplains - railwaymission.org who get alongside staff who were involved in incidents such as this one (very rare); suicides (frequent) and other incidents



commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Carmont_derailment_fig

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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Viewfield

Craft and Chatter – restart 18th August

- Give thanks that the group have been able to keep in contact during the restrictions.
- Pray that all will go well as the group hopes to restart on 18th Aug and please pray that all the ladies will feel comfortable about coming back into the Centre with it's limitations and new arrangements which have to be in place.

Knit and Natter – restart 25th August

- Knit and Natter will be returning on Wednesday 25th August, in the Church Hall and those who came previously are keen to return to the group.
- Please pray that the ladies - many of whom have sheltered since before the 1st lockdown and who have limited their contact with the "outside" world - will still stay safe **and** be able to cope with the strangeness of talking in person and that our group does not bring any additional risk to them.
- Please pray also for the recipients of the knitting produced that it brings warmth and love to their lives.

Toddlers – relaunch 26th August

- Pray for the planning and preparations that have to happen before then to get things up and running again.
- Pray for new families to feel welcome and at ease
- Pray for previous regular families to be able to understand and appreciate the changes we are hoping to put into place.

Try Praying – trypraying.org/try-it

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- Pray for people as they pass our buildings and see our "try praying" posters that they would take a booklet or go to the website and "try praying" and that this would lead to people committing their lives to Jesus

Drop-in – open each Tuesday between 12 and 2pm

Give thanks for:

- Jo Albrock as she heads up this ministry.
- The volunteers who are committed to serving in this ministry: Adam Adamson, Bert Connon, Brian McCarthy (reserve), Sandy Mclean, Christine Pennells, Gill Cochrane, Jim Saunders, Margaret Leiper, Mick Albrock, Nena Albrock, plus 4 others

Please pray:

- that all volunteers and those praying every week, will feel that they are a valuable part of the ministry regardless of level or frequency of involvement.
- that the information provided on flyers will get to those who most need to receive it and for clear guidance and inspiration about any other ways to promote this ministry
- for a continued awareness of the best ways to foster a welcoming, accepting and safe environment for all

Discipleship Explored – starting 2nd September

- Please pray for people to join this course, perhaps there are those that you can invite along.
- Please pray for the team running the course as they have a planning meeting on Tue, 17th at 7:30pm



Deacons and Ministry Leaders

- Please pray for David Cochrane and Mark Simcock as they join the Diaconate, and that the new Diaconate will work will together.
- The Deacons and Ministry Leaders will meet on the 16th of August and the Deacons on the 23rd. Please pray for these meetings.

Monday 6th September @ 7pm – Outreach Ministries Prayer Time (Zoom) more information from office@viewfield.org.uk

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