



Weekly Prayer Diary – 19th November 2021

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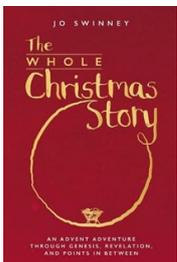
Discipleship and Outreach Courses: Please would you pray for the team (led by Jim Leiper) which is currently making prayerful plans regarding how to run various outreach courses throughout 2022 and beyond, such as Hope Explored, Christianity Explored, Discipleship Explored, Alpha etc. In particular please give thanks for enquiries from people outwith the Church looking to join a course. Please pray for wisdom and discernment about how best to run the courses and how to deal with all the practicalities.

Hope Explored on-line from 13th January and Christianity Explored from 17th February

Christmas is coming. It looks like a number of events can take place this year. Please pray for our All Age Service on the morning of the 19th of December, Carol Service in the evening of the 19th and the Christmas Day Service. A singing group has been formed to sing some carols at both events on the 19th. Please pray for this new initiative.

There will be other organisations who are putting on events showing the real meaning of Christmas such as Origin Scotland who are inviting people to Celebrate Christmas with the Origin Scotland Band, Singers and Orchestra in the Usher Hall, Edinburgh on Saturday 11th December. Tear Fund have a concert in Wester Hailes Baptist on Thursday 9th. Pray for the organisation of these and other events, that they will be safe and will be able to go ahead and that people will find out what Christmas is really all about.

Pray that we won't become so busy that we miss out on deepening our relationship with God though the Advent season. One way to do this is to use a study book during the Advent season.



This year's BRF Advent book is called "The Whole Christmas Story", subtitled *An Advent adventure through Genesis, Revelation and points in between*, it has a full scriptural reach, bringing texts from both the Hebrew Scriptures and New Testament for exploration. It is written by Jo Swinney who is head of communications at A Rocha, an international charity specialising in "conservation and hope". It was written during a time of personal tragedy when her mother was killed in a car crash in South Africa.

Jo's parents' setup A Rocha and had been leaders at the Port St Mary Beach Mission and were known to David and Evelyn Stewart (in fact Jo was in David's group on his first year on the Beach Mission Team. Please pray for Jo's book as she shares from personal experience that it will help people to go deeper with God at this time.

Monday 6th December @ 7pm – Community Outreach Prayer Time (Zoom) more information from: cop@viewfield.org.uk

If you have any suggestions for what we could be praying for then please email: - or phone David Stewart on 07962243666



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Give thanks that:

- the various marches and protests passed off peacefully with very few arrests and that there was no major violence or terrorist attack.
- in the background away from the glare of camera many good relationships were formed.
- the outreach teams met many people from 104 nations of the world. Lives were given to Christ and many were helped on their spiritual journey.

Please pray for:

- those who will be most affected by the decisions made at COP26, whose daily lives are being impacted by the climate crisis
- leaders of high-emitting nations to step up urgently with stronger plans and short-term targets for emissions cuts in line with 1.5°C
- restoration, fresh vision and hope for those who tirelessly campaign and speak up for climate justice

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*Corine Verdools from Tear Fund says that it is heartbreaking to hear of just some of the crises facing the people of **Afghanistan**. We must not give up praying so please pray for:*

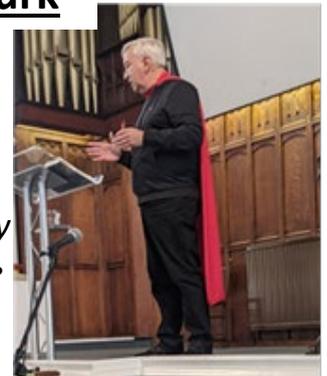
- people's provision and safety – especially women and girls, who are especially vulnerable, for enough food, clean water, a safe home and opportunities for work.
- a resolution to the currency problems in Afghanistan so that people can have access to the resources they need to flourish.
- for wisdom for international leaders and policy leaders for how they engage with the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan on addressing the economic issues.
- an end to the spread of coronavirus in Afghanistan.
- peace to prevail.



Compassion UK – Adrian Turk

Give thanks for Compassion UK and the difference it makes in lives of Children.

Give thanks for Adrian Turk's ministry both with Compassion and also as he encourages those that he meets in his work.



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