



Weekly Prayer Diary – 26th November 2021

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This Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent. Each Sunday during Advent we will be looking at an aspect of the Christmas story. Please pray that we all have a fresh insight into the Christmas story.

For many life becomes very stressful at this time of the year, especially at this time with the virus still affecting people's lives. Pray that we have opportunities to point people to the wonder of the birth of Jesus. May people take heart from the fact that Jesus, the Son of God, was born into a messy life situation and that He like many became a refugee.

Give thanks for the singing group that had its first rehearsal and pray for them as they prepare to sing at the services on the 19th December.

Invitations to our Christmas services are being produced, pray that we will use them to invite people to the services.

Origin Scotland have an event called *Celebrate Christmas* event 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.



Please pray for Georgette and her work at Tilsley College. The College is in the midst of a reorganisation to implement lessons from the various Covid restrictions and to cope with Brexit changes affecting international students. Please pray for the staff as they work through changes to courses and that the right people will be in the right place in the revised organisation.

Give thanks that we benefit from Georgette's wisdom, insight and experience.

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

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Prayer after COP

Dear God of before and during and after.

God, Sustainer, Christ the Servant, from the beginning choosing partnership with Earth, whom you made.

We thank you for the togetherness, for the joy of protestors and prophets, the persistence of those who prayed.

We thank you as those who have found new answers to the question of who, or what might be my neighbour.

Forgive us for all the ways of rich and powerful people and the exploitative philosophies that upstage and pull rank over faith and hope and love.

We thank you for the green and ancient wisdom of Bible, people, Earth and Spirit which still cares for family, for fellow creatures... because they are!

We thank you for all the missing pieces coming to light of our interwovenness and dependence on what we thought was merely beautiful and therefore expendable, though beauty should have been enough.

Yet remembering the last laugh of the Cross echoing through the empty tomb.

We set aside the stifling worry of tomorrow to deal with what we're up to eyes in today.

And since the problems are not simply solved by nations and by leaders,

we find, refreshed, our place and purpose valued; our small commitment blessed.

And paths of justice bright for all to see with this new day of many.

AMEN



A prayer following the tragic loss of life of refugees in The Channel

God of the destitute,
you know each one of us by name
and teach us that not one sparrow falls to the ground
without you noticing.

Hear then the cries of those caught up
in the tragedy in The Channel.

Give your comfort to the bereaved
and your healing to the traumatised;
and grant eternal rest to those who drowned.

As we are tempted to look away from that which disturbs us,
keep us uncomfortable until the day

when no-one is displaced through violence or poverty;
human beings do not exploit one another;
and we have built your kingdom here on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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Today we pray for Ethiopia, as fighting draws closer to its capital of Addis Ababa. The Ethiopian military has recruited thousands of volunteers to help defend against the advancing Tigrayan rebels, and further escalation appears imminent. God, we pray for peace in Ethiopia, that the conflict would be resolved without further bloodshed.



Thursday
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