



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

Prayer Diary – Summer 2018

This prayer diary covers July and August and it takes a slightly different format from usual to allow for the different pace of life and the different nature of church activities in the summer.

Weekly events

Sunday worship at 10.30am. Pray for those leading worship and for all who play their part in the following aspects: welcome, flowers, music, audio-visual, refreshments, Traidcraft, creche and children's activities. Jampact resumes 5th August, Junior Church, Crossfire and Choir resume on 19th August.

Midweek worship – Wednesdays at 10.45am. Pray for those who organise and lead these services and for all who attend them.

Craft Group – Wednesdays at 1.30pm. Resumes 25th July. Pray for all who spend time together being creative that they may know God's presence.

Pram Service. Resumes 21st August. Remember all those with young families during the summer, especially when tempers can become frayed.

Monthly events

Evening worship. No service in July. Resumes 26th August. Pray that these more informal opportunities for worship may be helpful for many.

Monthly services at Whyte Court, Causeway Court and the Sycamores. Pray that these times of worship and fellowship may be a blessing to all involved.

Time for Prayer. Silent Meditation on 2nd July and 6th August. Prayer Breakfast on 11th August. Compline on 19th July and 16th August. Come and join with others to pray at any of these times.

All Friends Together. Resumes 23rd August. Give thanks for the growth of this ministry over the last couple of years, and pray that each person involved may enjoy life in all its fulness.

July and August Bible Readings and Prayer Topics

During the summer, let's read through the **Book of Acts** (about half a chapter a day). It tells the story of the foundation and growth of the early church. Consider what lessons there may be for us in our time?

Week commencing...

1st July – Acts chapters 1 to 3 – The Birth of the Church

Rest and Recreation. With so many people, especially those with young families on holiday at this time of year, give thanks for God's gift of rest, and pray that those who are having a break may be refreshed, and those who are working may find their strength renewed.

8th July – Acts chapters 4 to 6 – Growth and Opposition

LISAP – Livingstonia Synod AIDS Project. Give thanks for the team of 8 from Kinross going with Lynne Paterson, Director of Tearfund Scotland, to look at the possibility of developing future links with this project. Pray for safe travel and for good health. Some team members are also going to visit the work of Mary's Meals. Remember also our friends Sarah and Billy Samanyika in Malawi and pray for the Sangalala Maize mill which was funded by KPC some years ago.

15th July – Acts chapters 7 to 9 – Persecution and Transformation

The Scottish Camp in Debrecen. Give thanks for the 17 people from Kinross who are leading this year's camp. Pray for safe travel and for strength for each day. Pray that the English classes and the Bible teaching may be helpful for the 74 Hungarian young people who have signed up for the camp. Pray too for the Hungarian leaders, that everyone involved may grow in faith.

22nd July – Acts chapters 10 to 12 – Go to All Peoples

Tearfund Tanzania. Give thanks that Rachel Miller will be co-leading a team of young women from all over the UK working alongside the African Inland Church. Pray for her health and well-being, and for safe travel as she is involved in school teaching, women's self-help groups, health clinics and HIV home-based care. Pray that this may be a life-changing experience for her and for those she is working with.

29th July – Acts chapters 13 to 15 – First Missionary Journey

Family Week. Give thanks for the team and for all the work that has gone into preparing for the week. Pray for those leading up front and in groups and that a good number of children and young people (between the ages of 3½ and 16) will come along. Pray for the family events in the afternoons, for a couple of evening events for teens and for the Barbecue on Friday evening. Above all pray that God will be glorified and that the good news of Jesus will be shared.

5th August – Acts chapters 16 to 18 – Second Missionary Journey

Our Community. Give thanks for the good things we enjoy in Kinross and in particular for Kinross Centre, Loch Leven Health Centre, Council Services, local shops and businesses. Pray especially for the vulnerable in our community and ask God to show each one of us how we may help others.

12th August – Acts chapters 19 to 20 – Third Missionary Journey

Return to School. As the summer holidays draw to a close and things begin to return to normal routines, give thanks for our local schools and nurseries. Pray for teachers and pupils alike, that those who are anxious may soon settle and that all may continue on a journey of learning and personal growth.

19th August – Acts chapters 21 to 24 – Paul's Arrest in Jerusalem

Kinross Parish Church. Give thanks for all who make up our church family, and pray that each one may fulfil whatever role they play with devotion and dedication. Pray for those who are struggling at the moment, and pray that we may support one another as a fellowship in prayer and in practical service.

26th August – Acts chapters 25 to 28 – To Caesar you will go

Year of Young People. Give thanks for the many young people who play a part in the life of our congregation. Pray for those about to start college and university courses, and pray for wisdom to know how we, as a church, may best share the Gospel meaningfully with the rising generation.

Some short prayers to use

Lord, have mercy on me, sinner. (Luke 18:13)

Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief. (Mark 9:24)

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.
(Northumbria Community)

Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

(Richard of Chichester 1197-1253)

Father, this summer will be full of new experiences. Grow us, stretch us through whatever we do, and through wherever we go, so that we'll end the summer just a little more like you.

(Christianity Today)

Lord, may the people of Scotland in all its parts hear clearly the Gospel of Jesus Christ, see the life of your Spirit among your people, and come to know the love of God our Father.

(Church of Scotland National Prayer Vision)

Special summer events

Kythe Band Camp - 18th-21st July at St James' Church.

Soul Survivor – 21st-25th July at Lendrick Muir

Kythe Drop-in Youth Club - 23rd-27th July at Kinross Church Centre.

Family Week - 30th July to 3rd August at the Church.

Pray for Barry Dougall and the team leading the Kythe events, and for Ruth Robertson and the team leading Family Week.

Summer Mission Teams

Remember **Rachel Miller** who is working with Tearfund in Tanzania from 12th July to 12th August.

Pray for the team from Kinross Parish Church visiting Malawi from 6th-16th July on a Tearfund Mission Trip to Livingstonia Synod AIDS Project. **Eleanor and Paul Baughan, John McArthur, Anna and Jenny Masson, Kathryn Spain, Iona and Shona Sutherland.**

Give thanks for the partnership we have with the Great Church in Debrecen and pray for the team leading the Scottish Camp there between 16th and 22nd July. **Kirsten Clarke, Ben, Harry and Julia Cormack, Carrie and Chloe Dougall, Hazel Johnson, Tatjana Kandora, Rachel Keely, Emily McGuire, Ailsa and Alison Morris, Alan Reid, Catriona Robertson, Susan Smith, Fiona Spain and Jean Sweeney.**

Pray also for the four Hungarians who will be with us to help with Family Week – **Mark Pilarsky, Bogi Imre, Reka Csakfalvi and Melinda Molnarfi.**

Pray for those involved in **Scripture Union** holidays and missions during the summer, and remember those young folk from Kinross schools who will be attending one of these, that they may have an encounter with the living Lord.

Time for Prayer – in the Church

Silent Meditation on the first Monday of the month – 2nd July and 6th August
Prayer Breakfast at 8.30am on Saturday 11th August.
Compline at 9pm on the third Thursday of the month - 19th July and 16th Aug.

If you could help with the monthly prayer diary please contact Alan Reid.