

Prayer Points for the week beginning Sunday 18th July



Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. Ecclesiastes 4:9 & 10

Give thanks for all the opportunities in Stream to work together.

Targeted prayer for Summer Blitz: Can we ask you to pray in a very focussed way for the 3-day activity programme for the 40 young people aged 11 to 16 years taking part in Summer Blitz which takes place from **Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd July**. Give thanks for the funding from the Education Authority that is supporting this programme.

Specific prayer points are as follows:

- For safety – in particular for the water sports on Thursday and Friday, and for travel between activities
- For the young folk – that this would be a time of reconnection and fun after the impact of Covid-19 on their young lives over the last 15 months
- For the leaders – for energy each day and that plans will run smoothly
- For everyone who has volunteered to help with catering and the practical arrangements
- For the weather – all the activities and eating are outdoors! Pray for dry weather!
- For fellowship – that the group will gel and that the young people will see their place at BB, GB, youth club and youth fellowship as being important to them
- That God's love would be outwardly shown to all our young people. And that through the short devotion each day that the young people will hear and respond to God's call on their lives.

Pray for our minister – As Jeff starts his leave from Monday 19th July, pray that he will have a time of rest and rejuvenation after a busy period of ministry. Pray also for Ann-Marie, Luke and Anna, that they also may have relaxation and restoration over the summer period.

Pray for our summer arrangements – Pray for those who will lead Sunday services. And pray for the various activities happening in the background through elders, church committee members and many other volunteers. Give thanks for the willingness of those volunteering.

Continue to remember in prayer: Those in our congregation who aren't able to attend church at the moment; for those who are lonely and isolated. Pray for those who are ill in hospital or in Residential or Nursing homes. Remember those families who have been recently lost loved ones.

If you have any specific requests for prayer or if there are any situations that arise for which you need practical support, please contact our Clerk of Session, Fiona, on 07974180321, or your elder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP – please register with the church office by 12.30pm on the Thursday before the service if you plan to attend. As numbers are increasing it may be necessary to use the Welcome Area if required to provide extra space. Until social distancing restrictions are eased, we would appreciate your understanding. When the office is closed please leave a phone message or send an e-mail to book in.

The services will continue be live-streamed and can be watched on our Facebook page and YouTube.

Upcoming Services:

Sunday 25th July – Rev. Jim Campbell

Sunday 1st August – Andrew Dawson (Community Worker)

Sunday 15th & 22nd August – Rev. Alan Wilson

The church car parks are open this week **except for Wednesday and Friday**, from 9am – 6pm. The church buildings will remain closed until restrictions are eased so please phone in advance to arrange a time if you need to call in. The Church Office is open from Monday to Friday from 9.15am – 12.45pm, telephone number 02891 816225.

ANNUAL LEAVE/ OFFICE CLOSURES – Jeff will be on annual leave from **Monday 19th July – Sunday 1st August** inclusive and from **Monday 9th – Sunday 22nd August** inclusive. If pastoral assistance is required, please speak to Fiona in the first instance. The office will be closed from **Monday 2nd – Friday 6th August** inclusive.