

PRAYER DIARY

APRIL
2025

"The next day he saw
Jesus coming towards
him, and said, "Behold, the
Lamb of God, who takes
away the sin of the world!"
John 1:29 (ESV)

1 Tuesday

- Pray for the Chatterbox team sharing the Easter story with families at Chatterbox this morning. Ask that the Holy Spirit would soften hearts as people listen.
- Pray for honesty and openness as we read God's Word together in our small groups and encourage each other to put what we have learnt into action.
- Pray for Craig and Amy Anderson at Galashiels Free Church. Give thanks for the three young people recently baptised and pray for their continued growth. Pray for encouragement for those sacrificially serving, for the establishing of good structures and for church growth.
- Give thanks for volunteers at the Winter Care Shelter, who model Christ's compassion in their provision of a hot meal for the homeless during the winter periods.

2 Wednesday

- Pray for Sorted this evening as they have a Q&A on the gospel of Mark. Pray for wisdom for the leaders as they answer questions, and for curious and receptive hearts for the young people.
- Pray that the Elders would honour God in their meekness and speech as they meet together tonight.
- Pray for members of Redeemer Church in Colinton, that they would be bold in their evangelism and reach out to their friends and neighbours.

3 Thursday

- Pray for Connections taking place today. Pray for good conversations and fellowship, and that new people would feel welcome. Pray for listening ears as a short gospel message is shared.
- Pray for those attending the simple English Bible study. Pray that through reading the Bible, they would see Jesus clearly and give their lives to him.
- Give thanks for the nominating committee and pray for God's guidance in the next stages of the process for appointing a Senior Minister.

4 Friday

- Pray for the women who attend the Ladies' Bible study. Give thanks for the many ways the ladies practically love and support each other.
- Pray for our seniors that, as we approach Easter, they would be reminded that on the cross Jesus paid the price for our sins, he rescued us, we are his children and "he will hold me fast", in all our circumstances.
- Pray that we would stick to the Bible as the ultimate authority.

5 Saturday

- Pray for those who serve in the sound and tech teams at church. Pray that they would be able to sing and listen to God's Word preached as they monitor the sound levels and the service livestream.
- Pray for Jayne Murdock serving in Madagascar. Pray for the maternity team as they get used to the new building and that they would be able to provide high quality care to mothers and babies.
- Pray for Andy and Caireen at Charleston Community Church. Pray God would guard Andy in his Christian walk while shepherding this congregation showing God's love, compassion and care.

6 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

Isaiah 50:4-9

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6:30pm

2 Samuel 21-22

Roger Day

- Praise God for the leaders of Youth Church and CCY. Pray that they would find ways to relate to the teenagers and to build good friendships.
- Pray for our students as many return home during their Easter break. Pray this would be a time of refreshment and study as they prepare for deadlines and exams.
- Ask that as we take communion together today we would be strengthened in our unity.

7 Monday

- Praise God that he has provided a permanent helper for the SU group to join Caroline from Cornerstone church. Pray he would be a great help and encouragement to the group. Give thanks for his connection with the boys and pray that more boys would join.
- Pray for those beginning to work on talks or Bible studies today. Ask God to take distractions from their minds and to give them clarity on the passage they are working on.
- Pray for Beatrice Lofthouse serving in Nepal. Give thanks to God for providing for the hospital in Tansen. Pray for the Christian women in a nearby village, that they would be encouraged in their faith and that the sharing of their faith to Hindu relatives would be effective.

8 Tuesday

- Pray that the Christian books received by families at Chatterbox would be read in homes across the city and that the Holy Spirit would work through the words that are read to cause people to want to know more.
- Pray that as home groups take a break from meeting together, that they would continue to support one another practically and in prayer.
- Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Libya who follow Christ at great risk to their lives and livelihood. Pray for peace in Libya, that the tension between factions will not escalate into war. Pray that converts will find community and grow in their faith, despite the dangers.

9 Wednesday

- Thank God for the love that the Elders have for the Lord and for the congregation. Ask that God would continue to grow them in these things.
- Pray for Inger and Imanuel in Austria. Give thanks that the Bible translators have finished the New Testament in three local languages. Praise God that more people can receive his Word in their language and pray that more people come to know Jesus through his Word.
- Pray for the Global Mission Group as they support our partners around the world. Pray that they would be an encouragement and support to our mission partners as they share Christ's love with them.

10 Thursday

- Give thanks to God for the Internationals ministry. Pray that God would bring more people from around the world to Chalmers and that they would have the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel.
- Pray for Davi and Emma de Paula at Smithton Free Church. Pray they would faithfully love the congregation as they minister to them.
- Pray that through God's Word, people will become Christians.

11 Friday

- Pray for the MAPs to have continued appetite to study the Bible. Pray that their hearts will be shaped by God's Word.
- Pray for A and H in East Asia. Pray for plans to extend the independent living and vocational training project for youth. Pray for the plans which were submitted to the orphanage for approval - pray for favour, funding, and the right staff to be found.
- Pray for the pastoral care team as they seek to love and encourage those who are facing difficulty. Ask that they would be able to point people to Jesus and the hope he brings.

12 Saturday

- Thank God for the musicians and their willingness to spend time rehearsing together in order to lead our singing effectively.
- Pray for Elvira, the child sponsored by Sunday Club, that she would grow in her understanding and love of Jesus through the Bible teaching she receives.
- Pray for the Gilmour family at Hebron Evangelical Church. Pray Jonny would know God's blessing and enabling in his ministry.

13 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am
6:30pm

Isaiah 52:13-53:3
2 Samuel 23

Andy Buchan
Andrew Yong

- Pray that families would make reading the Bible with their children and praying together a priority at home.
- Pray for our students in the run up to their exams. Pray they would be able to prioritise their relationship with God during this busy season.
- Pray that through the preaching of God's Word, we would be challenged and equipped to live out the gospel in our daily lives.
- Pray for Ali and Julie Sewell at Haddington Community Church. Give thanks for their ministry and pray that God would work through them.

14 Monday

- Pray that the kids from the SU group would grow in love for Jesus over the Easter break as they remember his love for them at the cross. Pray for those preparing for exams that they would cast all their cares on the Lord, that he might sustain them.
- Pray for those planning ahead for future sermon series at church. Ask that God would give them clarity as they study and discuss future sermon topics.
- Pray for A and D in the Middle East. Pray for D's craft business, where she designs and makes embroidery kits. Pray that this would provide opportunities to forge relationships in the community, and pray for perseverance for D as she does this.
- Pray that we would be devoted to asking God for what he promises in his Word.

15 Tuesday

- Pray for the holiday club which begins today. Pray that children would have a fun time and listen carefully as the gospel is shared.
- Give thanks for the many invitations given to Chatterbox families to Easter services and ask that some might come to a service over Easter.
- Give thanks for the small groups at Chalmers. Pray that more people in the congregation would be able to commit to a small group and benefit from it.
- Pray for Christian Heritage Edinburgh. Pray for the street cafes across the city – that as people passing are offered a coffee or tea the volunteers will be able to engage them and share the gospel.

16 Wednesday

- Pray for day two of the holiday club. Pray for the parents of the children who are attending. Pray that members of the team would engage meaningfully with non-believing parents and that they would come to know Jesus personally.
- Thank God for the Elders and their desire to honour God in their leadership and servant-heartedness.
- Pray for Iain and Liana Morrison at Dowanvale Free Church. Pray that Dowanvale would keep the teaching of the Bible at the forefront of all they do, and grow in love for one another in the church.

17 Thursday

- Pray for the final day of the holiday club. Pray for stamina for team members. Pray for the children, that they would have ears to listen and would choose to make Jesus the Lord of their lives.
- Pray for the Maundy Thursday service this evening. Ask that we would grow in wonder of and thankfulness for the work of our saviour on the cross.
- Pray that we would be reminded of God's grace and mercy towards us as we take Communion together and that our affections would be stirred towards him.

18 Friday

- Pray for the staff and MAPs that they would prioritise personal time with God in prayer and listening to him through his Word.
- Pray for today's Good Friday Service. Ask that many from the community would come in and hear the good news of the gospel.
- Pray for M and C in East Asia. Pray for an unbelieving family known to M and C who have a two-month old – a relative recently made it known that this family plan to abandon the child. Pray for protection for the child and for God's mercy on the family and the situation as a whole.

19 Saturday

- Give thanks for the tea and coffee team at Chalmers. Ask that God would use the time after the service to enable people to develop godly friendships.
- Pray for J&R, serving in East Asia. Pray that God will raise up new leaders to train with J&R and be equipped for lifelong service to God.
- Pray that the congregation at Chalmers would delight in God's Word.

20 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

Isaiah 53:10-54:17

Roger Day

6:30pm

Isaiah 55:1-13

Chris Turner

- Pray for Easter services happening across the city. Ask that those who might not normally come to church would be welcomed and that as the gospel is proclaimed they would be convicted of its truth.
- Pray for the youngest members of our church family as they spend time at Creche, Little Stars and Sparklers today. Pray that even at a young age they would learn and trust big truths about God.
- Pray that our students would work diligently as they prepare for exams and final deadlines. Pray they would know God's peace during the stressful exam season.
- Pray for those who are unable to attend church services, that they would be protected from feeling left out of the church family.

21 Monday

- Pray for the SU group. Give thanks for the Christian teachers at the school who support the group in prayer and for the teachers who join us from time to time for setting a godly example to the kids.
- Pray for our small group leaders who will be preparing Bible studies this week. Pray that they would be reminded to depend on God to reveal what his word means.
- Pray for the Margett family serving in West Africa. Pray on for the work in turning one of their offices into a soundproof recording studio. Pray that it would be done well and that it will serve many Bible translation teams as they do audio recordings of the available Scriptures.
- Pray for churches across Scotland, that they would be devoted to the advance of the gospel in this country.

22 Tuesday

- Give thanks for the setup team who serve at Chatterbox. Ask that the Lord would give them real joy as they serve in this way.
- As we meet together to pray as a church family, pray that we would express our dependence on God for all things.
- Pray for Robin and Sally Sydserff at the Proclamation Trust. Pray for Robin as he leads the PT in their vision and as he teaches at Cornhill. Pray for Sally as she leads small group bible studies and reads the bible 121s with folks.

23 Wednesday

- Pray for the Sorted social this evening. Pray for a fun time of friendship and fellowship. Pray God would be at work building relationships between the leaders and the young people.
- Pray that God would give the Elders great wisdom and insight as they make decisions.
- Pray for those in Chalmers considering full time ministry. Pray for opportunities to find out more about what this will involve.

24 Thursday

- Pray for Connections today. Give thanks for those who attend and pray that they would be confident in bringing others along too. Pray that the gospel would be shared clearly today.
- Pray for the Small Group Leaders Training Evening this evening. Pray that the small group leaders would be well equipped to use the Learn the gospel materials as they prayerfully prepare for the term ahead.
- Give thanks for the leaders of the English class. Pray that God would fill them with his steadfast love as they welcome people to the class, and pray that the attendees would be drawn to God through them.

25 Friday

- Pray for the Ladies' Bible Study. Pray for the leaders as they prepare their studies alongside their many other roles and responsibilities.
- Pray that the leaders of Impact would plan well for the term ahead. Ask that God would continue to grow them and their teaching skills so that they would be equipped to share the gospel with the young people.
- Pray that God would help our Seniors to trust in Jesus who walks with them through their dark and difficult days.
- Pray for H serving in a Creative Access Country. Pray for H's many conversations with non-believers. Pray for the elderly leaders of her local church, that the leadership would be sustained into the future.

26 Saturday

- Pray for the men's breakfast taking place today. Pray for a good time of fellowship, meeting new people, and hearing the good news of the gospel together.
- Give thanks for all those who serve in Chalmers. Ask God to give us the desire to serve him with the gifts that he has given us.
- Pray for boldness for those reading the Bible with non-Christians.

27 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am
6:30pm

Matthew 21:1-27
2 Samuel 24

Roger Day
Andrew Yong

- Ask God to give Bible teachers in Sunday Club the ingenuity to be engaging in their teaching of today's Bible passage.
- Pray for student lunch. Ask that good friendships will develop where they urge one another to live for Christ.
- Pray for the congregation as we listen to God's Word, that we would be open to the truth of the Word speaking into our hearts.
- Pray for the Rowbory family in West Africa. Pray for their safety and protection while witnessing at the frontline of militant Islam. Pray for the translation work and that the newly translated Bibles would be widely distributed and used and bring many people to faith.

28 Monday

- Pray for the SU group as they begin looking at why and how to share the gospel. Pray that the kids will have been inspired by the teaching in Acts and be given boldness to speak to their friends about Jesus.
- Pray for those preparing sermons, talks and Bible studies this week. Pray that God would first be using his Word to change their hearts and the hearts of those they speak to.
- Pray for those who mentor the Leaders in Training. Pray for helpful and honest discussions about ministry.

29 Tuesday

- Pray for conversations at Chatterbox this morning asking that the Lord would give opportunities for Christians to speak about the hope that they have because of Jesus.
- Pray for those leading the studies at the home groups this evening. Ask that they would be faithful to God's Word and that their words would help people to see God more clearly.
- Pray for the Brash family serving in Japan. Give thanks for the CBS' students graduating today. Pray for a clear and faithful charge to them from the scriptures as they go on to further ministry.
- Praise God that he has given us "every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (Eph 1:3, ESV)

30 Wednesday

- Thank God for those involved in leading Sorted, for their servant-heartedness and desire to see kids come to faith in Christ.
- Pray for the evangelistic event with Professor Richard Buggs taking place this evening. Pray for Richard as he speaks on the topic 'Can a scientist believe that Jesus did miracles?' Pray non-Christians invited would attend and that the gospel would impact hearts this evening.
- Pray that God would equip the Elders of Chalmers to serve as faithful under-shepherds of the good shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep.
- Pray for Matthew Driver and his team on their mission trip. Pray for safety in travel during the outreach trip to a neighbouring country, and that the gospel would be made known.

Meeting together as a church family to pray

Tuesday 22nd April

6:45pm church family meal, 7:30-9pm prayer in small groups.

Join others in the building to pray together.

All welcome – many can't commit to coming every time but please come when you can to join with others in asking the Lord to advance the cause of the gospel in this city, nation and world.

Praying before the services on Sunday

There is an opportunity to pray together each Sunday before the morning and evening services, at 9am and 5.30pm. Again, please come when you can.

The time of prayer on a Sunday evening has been extended to start at 5.30pm with the first 30 minutes focusing on prayer for spiritual revival. In light of current events, many Christians across the world feel burdened to pray in a spirit of repentance for a significant advance in the gospel across the world. This time of prayer is open for anyone to join.

Prayer letters from Gospel Partners

For more information about our Gospel Partners and to receive their prayer letters, contact Mary Robertson, our deacon for Global Mission (maryrobertson@chalmerschurch.org)

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