



PRAYER DIARY

DECEMBER
2025

"She will bear a son, and
you shall call his name
Jesus, for he will save his
people from their sins."

Matthew 1 :21 (ESV)

1 Monday

- Pray for James Gillespie's SU group. Pray that those who don't yet know Jesus would be challenged to think more about him and respond to the good news.
- Pray that those preparing sermons, talks and Bible studies this week would be surprised, challenged and encouraged by God's word, and that this would help them to teach it well to others.
- Pray for the women attending the 'Getting Excited About Christmas' event – that it would be a meaningful time for believers and non-believers as they listen to God's word.
- Pray for the Margetts – the family have had to make a sudden and unexpected return to the UK following a deterioration in the security situation in their country of work. Give thanks that they have arrived safely back in the UK and pray for the colleagues they leave behind.

2 Tuesday

- As the story of Jesus' birth is shared at Chatterbox, please pray for soft hearts and listening ears.
- Pray for Robin and Sally Sydserff, thanking the Lord for his help with settling in during their first year in London. Pray that the Lord would grow and multiply the gospel workers in England and Wales.
- Pray for the congregation as we gather together for the prayer meeting. Pray that we would be committed to praying for each other, knowing that we are helpless without God.

3 Wednesday

- Pray for the young folks in Sorted. They are finishing their series on Daniel today, going over how the book applies to their lives. Pray that they would be equipped and strengthened by the knowledge of God.
- Praise God for the Elders in Chalmers and for the time, effort and gifts they give to serve God and the church. Pray that the Lord would aid them as they go over reflections on lessons from Exodus.
- Pray for Bethany Christian Trust – pray that the Lord would give them his wisdom and faithful guidance over the holiday season.

4 Thursday

- Pray for an edifying time at LGG for Focus leaders. Pray that they would be equipped to spur on the students to want to know Him more.
- Pray for boldness for those who help with the English class, that they would always be prepared to give a reason for the hope that they have.
- Pray for Davi and Emma de Paula at Smithton Free Church. Pray that they would have opportunity to rest despite the busy season. Pray particularly for strength and good health.

5 Friday

- Pray that over the approaching Christmas season, the church seniors would reflect and rejoice on the birth of Jesus, who grew up and rescued us at the cross, promising eternity with him.
- Pray for the MAPs as they look ahead to future ministry and work. Ask God to lead them into his good plans, and to help them to trust him.
- Thank the Lord for the many new kids that have been coming to Impact just by seeing the banner or receiving an invite from friends. Pray that they would learn and discover who Jesus is and why he's important.

6 Saturday

- Thank God for the welcome and stewarding teams for making people feel at home as they arrive at church.
- Praise God for the many families and children in Chalmers. Ask that God would be working in the lives of the children, teaching them his gospel.
- Pray for Rob and Catriona as they get married today. Pray that their marriage would be God-honouring & God-glorifying. Pray that they would love each other well throughout their marriage.

7 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

Matthew 1:1-17

Adam Wallace

6:30pm

Song of Songs 5:2-6:3

Andrew Yong

- Pray for all the teenagers and young people who go to Youth Church and CCY. Pray that what they learn now would equip them for a lifetime of serving God.
- Pray for the undergraduate students attending Student Lunch. Pray that the testimony shared with them will grow their appreciation and awe of Christ's love and grace.
- Pray that sharing Communion together would remind us of our unity in Christ.

8 Monday

- Pray that the guest speaker at the SU group will be well received and that some of the teachers will be able to come along. Pray that the kids are equipped to defend human life from conception.
- Pray for those who mentor the Leaders in Training. Pray that the time they have together would be useful in preparing them for future ministry.
- Pray for those who are organising and preparing for the upcoming Christmas events. Pray particularly for God's peace and comfort to be known amongst the overwhelming demands of the month.
- Pray for the Home Group Women Leaders' Growth Group as they take some time to personally reflect on all the LORD has taught them this term in Exodus. Pray that they would be humbled and steadied in all of life's circumstances as they see more of the glory of the LORD.

9 Tuesday

- Please pray for the Chatterbox Christmas party this morning, for safety, fun and for Jesus to be magnified.
- Pray for Focus & Cord groups as they finish their last Bible study for the year. Pray that the teachings from Exodus would glorify God.
- Pray for Inger and Imanuel in Eurasia. Thank God for Inger's illustrations for "The Gracious Father" project. Pray for the production process and that readers would encounter God's love and grace.

10 Wednesday

- Pray for Iain and Liana Morrison at Dowanvale Free Church. Pray that God would use them to welcome struggling people this time of year.
- Pray for the Elders, for their commitment to God's Word and that they would continue to lead by example.
- Pray for people who find this time of year challenging because of bereavement, alienation from family, or being shut-in, that the wonderful message of God with Us will bring hope and comfort

11 Thursday

- Pray for Amy Conway as the CU carol services are finishing this week. Pray that many students who don't know Jesus would come along and that the Lord would engage their hearts towards him.
- Pray for the elderly folk at the church. Pray that the Lord would use them to encourage loved ones to think about Jesus.
- Pray that the people who attend the English Conversation Class would grow in their desire to know who Jesus is.

12 Friday

- Pray for the MAPs in the various ministries in which they serve. Pray that they will learn what is involved in different ministries and how they can best serve the people they meet.
- Pray for the Youth Christmas Party for the P7-S6s, asking for joyfulness from the Lord as they celebrate the birth of Jesus.
- Pray for all who attended the recent Hope Explored course. Pray that they would want to continue to find out more about God through Sunday services and one to ones.

13 Saturday

- Pray for those who are preparing to serve at the carol service. Pray that those who are playing instruments and singing will be kept fit and well to practice, rehearse and perform.
- Pray for those who are attending the Big Afternoon and that the event would be a valuable time for the children to learn more about God while enjoying the fun activities. Pray for those serving as well.
- Pray for the Christian Heritage Centre in Edinburgh. Ask the Lord to give impactful evangelistic opportunities during the busy holiday season.

14 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am
7:00pm

Matthew 1:18-25
Matthew 1:21

Jay Parsons
Chris Turner

- Pray that those who teach the children on Sundays would be assured of the important work that they are doing in sharing the gospel with these young people.
- Pray that as a church we would invite our neighbours, colleagues and friends along to hear the true Christmas story at the carol services.
- Pray for Craig and Amy Anderson at Galashiels Free Church, thanking the Lord for the provision of their new church building. Their offer for the church has officially been accepted and the congregation will be able to finally have a steady church building.

15 Monday

- Pray that the kids at the James Gillespie's SU group would enjoy the Christmas craft sessions and that they will have opportunities to reflect on what they have learned this term.
- Pray for the carol service at a local retirement home this afternoon. Pray that many residents would attend and hear the good news of Jesus this Christmas.
- Pray for Graeme & Ellie Moore as they continue to settle at Calderwood Baptist Church. Pray for Graeme as he works with some other local churches to plan and run Christmas assemblies for the local high school. Pray God would use those assemblies to reach the young people.
- Pray for those preparing to teach God's word as they deal with competing demands on their time. Pray that they would trust God with the time he has given them.

16 Tuesday

- Please pray for the families who attend Chatterbox, giving thanks that some have shown interest in the gospel this term. Ask that the Lord would give opportunities to have conversations that point to Jesus.
- Pray for the Focus and Cord groups as they have group socials. Pray that they will encourage each other through fellowship, reflecting on what God has been doing in their lives.
- Give thanks for a recent home visit for H, who has been serving in a creative access country. Pray for her as she hosts Christmas dinners while speaking to others of the Lord.

17 Wednesday

- Sorted is now on a long holiday break. Pray to the Lord, thanking him for all the wonderful relationships and meaningful conversations that have been had over the term.
- Pray for unity between gospel churches across Edinburgh- that there would be real partnership as we seek to make Jesus known in this city.
- Thank God for the Elders and their desire to honour God in their leadership and servant-heartedness.

18 Thursday

- Pray for the carol service at a local retirement home today. Pray that God would be at work in those who attend.
- Pray for all those who are usually involved in training small group leaders. Pray that they would have a restful holiday.
- Pray for the pastoral care team. Pray that God would give them love and patience as they visit those who are ill and house bound.
- Pray for opportunities to invite those in the English class to a Chalmers Sunday service.

19 Friday

- Pray for the women who normally attend the Ladies' Bible Study. Pray that they would still make time to see loved ones and to spend time in God's word, especially in the midst of other important needs.
- Pray for the staff and MAPs that they would prioritise personal time with God in prayer and his word.
- Pray for the young people at Impact who are Christians. Ask for boldness for them to talk about Jesus with their friends.

20 Saturday

- Pray for those who are setting up the church building, thanking the Lord for individuals who are able to serve in this way. Pray that they would know how blessed the congregation is for the work that they do.
- Pray for those in Chalmers considering full time ministry. Pray that God will guide their thoughts and decisions.
- Pray for Richard and Yuko Brash in Japan – Richard has just finished all 20 of the recordings for an online systematic theology course. Praise God for sustaining this work and pray for his colleagues who will edit the videos so that they can be ready for distribution.

21 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

Matthew 2:1-23

Jay Parsons

4:00pm & 7:00pm

Matthew 1:23

Roger Day

- Pray for children attending Sunday Club today, that they would be blessed as they learn truths about God in his Word.
- Pray for the undergraduate students, that they would use the opportunities they have to communicate what they've been learning about God to their loved ones.
- Pray that those who are attending the carol services would be worshipping the Lord with sincerity, rather than just going through the motions. Pray that the Lord would use this service to reach those who have not yet believed in Jesus.

22 Monday

- Pray for the kids and the teachers who are involved in James Gillespie's SU group – that they will be able to rest, to enjoy the Christmas holidays, and that they would make time for being with Jesus.
- Pray for Andy and Caireen at Charleston Community Church. Pray that the Lord would continue to sustain Andy as he pastors to the complex needs of his church family.
- Thank the Lord for the many people who serve in unseen ways over the Christmas season.
- Praise God for the Christians in Yemen who risk their lives for him. Pray for perseverance, joy and protection for them.

23 Tuesday

- Give thanks for those who invite Chatterbox families to the Christmas services and pray that many would attend.
- Continue to pray for J & R in East Asia following their relocation across the country. Pray that they would settle into their new city quickly. Pray also that the door would be open for good ministry and training opportunities.
- Pray for Redeemer Church as they seek to make known Christ's love and offer of eternal life to the community in Colinton.

24 Wednesday

- Pray that the Sorted team and youth would all be intentional with their time to worship and pray to Jesus during their time away from Sorted.
- Ask God to bless the Elders with Christ-like leadership, compassion and pastoral care for the congregation.
- Pray that people of all ages who are attending the Christingle service would come to understand the simple, yet beautiful truth that Jesus is light in a world that is dark.

25 Thursday

- Praise the Lord, Jesus Christ, who came to the world and saved us from sin, giving us hope of an eternal life with him!
- Pray that many would come to the Christmas Day service and rejoice in the good news of Jesus, the Saviour.
- Pray for those who could be struggling today – that the Lord would sustain them. Pray that the true Christmas message would bring them hope and comfort.

26 Friday

- Pray for Jonny and Fiona serving in Hebron Evangelical Church. Pray that they would have time to rest after a busy season.
- Pray for the teams that go out on the Care Van serving food and drink to the homeless. Pray for wisdom for them as they speak to people and guidance in what to say.
- Pray for the youth who normally attend Impact. Pray that they would use this time to reflect on why Jesus is important.

27 Saturday

- Give thanks for the tea and coffee team for creating a welcoming environment for people to meet and have fellowship with one another after the services.
- Continue to pray for the workers at the orphanage in East Asia that A & H are connected with. Pray that the workers would know that their service will not be forgotten and for wisdom for them as they care for the children.
- Pray for Ali and Julie Sewell at Haddington Community Church. Give thanks for the new people at church with little or no Christian background. Pray that God would be at work in their lives.

28 Sunday

10:30am

Freddie Hogan

- Praise God for the people who have devoted themselves to teaching the children week by week this year. Ask for patience, energy, and rest for them.
- Pray that the team who serve the undergraduate students would find great rest in the Lord after a busy term of training and teaching.
- Pray that as a church family, we would be welcoming to people from all backgrounds, nations and circumstances. Pray particularly for those who are struggling in life – that they would know they are welcome.

29 Monday

- Give thanks for the testimony of one young lad who is involved in James Gillespie's SU group. He had been praying that God would show him that the death and resurrection of Jesus were true. He was so delighted when their study series covered exactly that topic.
- Thank the Lord for the countless individuals who give time and energy to serve throughout the year. Pray that the Lord would give opportunities for rest.
- Pray for the Global Mission Group, that God would help them to encourage our Global Mission partners when they are weary or encountering difficult situations.
- 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.

30 Tuesday

- Give thanks for the Chatterbox families who received Christmas books. Pray that the books would be helpful for their understanding and desire to know more about Jesus, our rescuer.
- Pray for A&D in the Middle East. Pray for their boys, that they would continue to enjoy their school life. A&D's charity involvement has also stated again and they'd appreciate prayers for the relationships with the locals who go along there. Pray also for D and her embroidery group.
- 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.

31 Wednesday

- Pray that God would provide the right people to fill the Ministry Associate positions starting in August 2026. Ask that potential applicants would come forward and for wisdom for those who meet with them.
- Pray that the Elders would be able to reflect together on all the things which God has been doing in the church over the past year, filling them with confidence of the Lord's goodness as we move on to the next year.
- Pray for M&C in East Asia, giving thanks for the safety of the church plant, leaders school and the kids' school. Also pray for the Biblical Counselling training that is starting in January – that the Lord would continue to equip local teachers in the leaders' school.

Meeting together as a church family to pray Tuesday 2nd December

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 6pm. These times of prayer are open for anyone to join.

Prayer letters from Gospel Partners

For more information about our Gospel Partners and to receive their prayer letters, contact Naomi Wright (naomi@chalmerschurch.org).