

PRAYER DIARY

JANUARY
2026

“Behold, I will stand
before you there on
the rock at Horeb, and
you shall strike the
rock, and water shall
come out of it, and the
people will drink.”
Exodus 17:7 (ESV)

1 Thursday

- Pray with thanksgiving for all the lessons God has taught us in the previous year and pray that the Lord would set our hearts and minds towards him this year.
- Pray for Davi and Emma de Paula at Smithton Church Inverness. Pray for a good period of rest for them as they take a break in early January and pray that God would use the Christianity Explored course later in the month.
- Pray for those who have attended the Bible studies at the English Conversation Class over the past term and that they would reflect on what they have heard as they take their holiday break.

2 Friday

- Pray for those in the congregation who are returning to work and study after the Christmas break. Pray that they would glorify God wherever he has placed them.
- Pray for the Staff and the MAP team as they prepare to return to work. Pray that the Lord will enable them to feel strengthened and ready for their work ahead.
- Give thanks for the provision of new leaders for the Impact team. Pray that the Lord would provide them with meaningful conversations about the Lord Jesus with the youth.

3 Saturday

- Give thanks for the musicians, the welcome team, the audio-visual team and the tea and coffee teams. Pray that they will serve God wholeheartedly.
- Pray for those in Chalmers considering full time ministry. Pray for opportunities to find out more about what this will involve.
- Pray for Robin and Sally and their work at the Proclamation Trust. Pray for Robin as he attends 2 conferences next week. Pray God would sustain him and for helpful conversations with others.
- Pray for Inger and Immanuel in Eurasia. Pray for the team as they try to recruit extra members (bookkeeper, software developer and graphic designer) and for ongoing health and strength amongst illness.

4 Sunday

10:30am

Philemon

Calum Gruer

6:30pm

Colossians 3:12-17

Rohan Hepburn

- Pray for the children who attend creche, Little Stars and Sparklers. Pray that even at this stage of life they would begin to understand who Jesus is and know their need to trust in him.
- Pray for members of Redeemer Church in Colinton, that they would be bold in their evangelism and reach out to their friends and neighbours.
- Pray that God would increase our love for Him and that this would inspire us to go and tell others about the good news of Jesus.

5 Monday

- Give thanks to the Lord that last term went well with a regular group of kids coming to James Gillespie's SU group, getting to know the Lord better.
- Pray for our church leaders who give their time to serve the church. Pray that God would give them rest and refreshment in his Word.
- Thank God for the courage of the persecuted church in North Korea. Pray for strength and provision for them as they seek to make him known in very difficult and risky situations.

6 Tuesday

- Pray for the Chatterbox team & Christian parents as they resume meeting this morning. Pray that the Lord would provide opportunities in their conversations to speak about the hope of the gospel.
- Pray for Andy and Caireen serving in Charleston Community Church. Pray that they would have the strength to love the people of Charleston unconditionally and would exemplify God's grace.
- Pray for the congregation as we pray together. Ask that God would help us to pray to him with sincerity.
- Pray for H in a Creative Access Country. Pray that she will start the new year refreshed and encouraged after seeing her friends and hosting dinners. Pray that the Lord continues to use her to reach others who need to hear the gospel.

7 Wednesday

- Pray for Sorted as they return this evening. Pray for their new teaching series 'What Christians Believe About' – that it would be really helpful for those who are sitting on the fence about reading the Bible.
- Pray for Ali and Julie Sewell at Haddington Community Church. Pray they would know God's blessing at they serve Him and seek to make him known.
- Pray that God would give the Elders great wisdom and insight as they make decisions.

8 Thursday

- Pray for the seniors of the church – that they would remember that Jesus is with them in all their circumstances, loves them dearly and that they will ask for his help daily.
- Pray for the Cord leaders as they get together for the Leader's Growth Group. Pray that the Lord would equip them to teach the Lord's word in Exodus.
- Pray that the English Conversation Class team would rest well as they take continue to take their break. Pray that their rest would help them to anticipate the possibilities of what God will do this year.

9 Friday

- Pray for the Ladies Bible Study, thanking God for the community of ladies who enjoy fellowship together as they explore Exodus and apply the teaching to their lives.
- Pray for Iain and Liana Morrison at Dowanvale Free Church. Pray that the Lord would sustain them and give them rest from a busy season.
- Pray for the Impact team as they start again tonight. Pray that it would be a refreshing and enjoyable time as they read God's word and enjoy fun activities.

10 Saturday

- Give thanks for the welcome team at Chalmers. Ask that God would guide them to notice people who are new and visiting.
- Pray that we would be faithful in the task that God has given us, to go and tell the gospel.
- Pray for the Global Missions Group who enable strong links to be maintained between the church and our partners. Pray for God to use the team to bless our brothers and sisters who serve overseas.

11 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

Exodus 18

Roger Day

6:30pm

1 Kings 16:29-17:7

Jay Parsons

- Praise God for the work with young people in Chalmers. Thank God for Youth Church and CCY and for all the teenagers who come along.
- Pray that as a church family, we would be welcoming to people from all backgrounds, nations and circumstances.
- Pray for the congregation as we share in Communion. Ask that we would remember that we have been united with Jesus in his death, setting us free from enslavement to sin.

12 Monday

- Pray for the team at James Gillespie's SU group and for wisdom in deciding what to study with the group this term that will equip the students to live distinctively for God's glory.
- Pray for the Home Group & Women Leaders' Growth Group, that as the leaders see shadows of the cross in the Exodus story, the LORD would grow them in their appreciation for 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.

13 Tuesday

- Pray that the Chatterbox families would have attentive listening as they learn that 'even the wind and the waves' obey Jesus. Pray they would respond with wonder, wanting to know more.
- Pray for Cord and Focus as the small groups start again. Pray that many would come along and attend consistently and that they would all grow in love for God together. Pray for honesty in each of the groups, that together they would help each other live faithfully as followers of Jesus.
- Pray for J & R in East Asia. Pray that their family would settle in well to the new city they moved to and that the Lord would help them see doors open for ministry opportunities in the city.

14 Wednesday

- Pray for the Sorted team as they talk about who God is and why they believe in him. Pray that the youth would be compelled to ask questions and that the leaders would be well equipped to answer.
- Pray for the Home & Youth Group LGG as they get together to read God's word in Exodus. Pray that they will grow as they help each other to communicate his word to his people.
- Pray for unity between the Elders as they make decisions, and that God would help them to show love and grace towards one another.

15 Thursday

- Pray that the Lord would use the Christian Heritage team as a bridge to communicate who Jesus is to those who need to hear.
- Pray for the Focus leaders as they get together for their growth group tonight. Ask that the Lord would help them start this term well by equipping their hearts and minds with his word.
- Pray for those who are preparing to lead next week's English Conversation class. Pray that the Lord would give them patience, knowledge and wisdom on how to serve these people well.

16 Friday

- Pray for the Lord's continuous use of Bethany Trust to help those in need.
- Pray for the Staff & MAP team as they get together for their seminar. Pray that the Lord will equip them with valuable tools to serve the Lord with excellence.
- Pray for the Impact team as they teach God's word and do fun activities with the youth. Pray that the kids would encounter Jesus in the discussions and interactions with the team, desiring to know more.

17 Saturday

- Pray that as a congregation we would use the different gifts God has given us to build each other up.
- Pray for A & H in East Asia. Thank the Lord for taking care of the children at the orphanage and pray that the Lord would teach them to know and trust in him.
- Pray for Jonny and Fiona Gilmour at Hebron Evangelical Church Aberdeen. Pray that the Lord would sustain them in their work and that they would continue to trust in him.

18 Sunday

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

Exodus 19:1-7
1 Kings 17:8-24

Chris Turner
Andrew Yong

- Pray for all the children and young people, that they would be growing in their relationship with God and becoming more like Christ.
- Pray for the dedication this morning. Ask that the parents, along with the church family, would be committed to their promise to teach their children the good news of Jesus.
- Pray for the undergraduate students as they return to Student Lunch today. Pray that they would have a fresh start with their hearts and minds centred on Jesus.
- Pray for those in Chalmers who are going through difficulties and are discouraged. Pray that through His Word, God would show them the hope that is found in him.

19 Monday

- Pray that the kids at the James Gillespie's SU group will prepare well for their Higher prelims, knowing that God is with them and that they can cast all their cares on him because he loves them.
- Pray for those preparing sermons, talks and Bible studies. Ask God to protect their minds and hearts from life's distractions as they dwell on his words.
- Pray for Craig and Amy at Galashiels. Pray that the Lord would grow the skills that God has given them to serve in ministry.

20 Tuesday

- Ask that the Holy Spirit would soften hearts and bring families to the Lord. Pray particularly for those at Chatterbox who may be struggling with the increase in Christian content at songtime, or who have spouses who are unsure about attending events at church.
- Pray for the congregation as we get together for Exodus Central. Pray that we would grow in our knowledge and desire to share Jesus with others as we grow in our understanding of Exodus.
- Pray for the Rowbory family serving in West Africa. Pray that D&J would know God's joy and strength as they balance their ministry work with their role as Christian parents.

21 Wednesday

- Pray for the Sorted team as they teach the Holy Trinity to the youth. Pray that the Lord would help the youth's understanding of who he is.
- Pray for A & D in the Middle East. Pray for the ladies in D's embroidery group to be well connected with D, leading to opportunities to teach them about the love of Jesus.
- Pray that the Elders would honour God in their meekness and speech as they meet together tonight.

22 Thursday

- Pray for M&C in East Asia. Give thanks for Carmela's continued good recovery from surgery and improving energy levels. Pray for unbelievers who are coming regularly to the church plant and also for ongoing safety at school and at church from the risk of being reported. Pray for growth of mature local men to come from the church plant.
- Give thanks for the Cord leaders and pray for them ahead of another busy term. Pray that the LGC tonight would encourage them.
- Pray for the English Conversation Class as they return from their holiday today. Pray that the Lord would bring many people to the class and that they would stay to listen to God's word being taught.

23 Friday

- Pray for the members of Ladies Bible Study who are finding life challenging. Thank the Lord for the support they receive through the LBS community. Pray that new ladies would feel welcome.
- Pray for the Winter Care Shelter and the team who serve. Pray that the Lord would send those in need towards them and that they would be sustained by the provision of food, clothing, and would hear his word.
- Pray for the youth who attend Impact – that they would invite more friends along and that parents would connect with the church.

24 Saturday

- Pray for Amy Conway and the CUs as they prepare for their mission weeks in February. Pray for wisdom, courage and gladness to share the gospel, and for God to be preparing hearts and minds to hear.
- Give thanks for the tech team at Chalmers. Thank God for their gifts and the joy that is brought in serving.
- Thank the Lord for the Pastoral Care team. Pray that God would use them to help those who are struggling to know God's love for them.

25 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

Exodus 19:7-25

Roger Day

6:30pm

1 Kings 18:1-40

Jay Parsons

- Praise God for the people who are committed to teaching the children about God's work. Pray that they would teach in a way that is creative, engaging and faithful to God's Word.
- Pray for those being welcomed into membership this morning. Pray that as a congregation we will hold firm to our promise to support and pray for them.
- Pray for the leaders and the undergraduates who attend Student Lunch. Pray that they would have conversations about what God is doing in their lives.

26 Monday

- Pray that God will raise up a man to come help with the James Gillespie's SU group to participate in the discussions, getting to know the kids and help them grow in Christ. Pray also that they would be able to continue meeting at lunchtime without challenge.
- 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 that the Margetts would continue to settle into living in Edinburgh and pray for their ongoing work with their friends and colleagues based in Mail that they are trying to complete from afar. Pray for safety for the local Malian people still there.

27 Tuesday

- Give thanks for all those who help practically to set up at Chatterbox, preparing teas, coffees, and support administration. Ask that they would be encouraged in their work and that the joy of the Lord would be their strength as they serve.
- Pray that as our small groups meet, we would hold each other accountable and lovingly urge and encourage each other to live for Christ in every area of our lives.
- Pray for Richard and Yuko in Japan. Thank God for the CBI building redevelopment that is progressing well and pray it would finish soon. Pray for applications to come in from people desiring to study full time at CBS next academic year.

28 Wednesday

- Pray for Sorted that as they continue to go through their series on 'What Christians Believe About,' they will see and understand humanity's need for Jesus, the only saviour.
- Give thanks to God for all His daily provisions.
- Pray for the Elders of the church – that the Lord would give his guidance to them on what his will is for this year.

29 Thursday

- Pray for the Young Life initiative who are serving food today at the St Columba's Free Church manse, just across from James Gillespie's School. Pray that kids looking into Christian things would be confident to go and ask questions.
- Pray for Graeme & Ellie Moore as they continue to settle in Calderwood Baptist Church. Thank the Lord for the new experiences he's had and pray for Ellie as she considers where to serve.
- Pray for opportunities to invite those in the English class to a Chalmers Sunday service.

30 Friday

- Pray for the MAPs as they develop skills and character for leadership in Christian work. Pray that their time at Chalmers would equip them for future ministry.
- Pray for the Impact team as they get together tonight to provide a lesson from God's word and fun activities for the youth. Pray that the children will come to them with questions and draw near to Jesus.
- Pray for Elvira, the child sponsored by Sunday Club. Pray that as she continues to be supported by Compassion, she would learn to trust in Jesus and become convinced of the worth of following him.

31 Saturday

- Give thanks for those who give up time on a Saturday to set up the chairs for the Sunday services. Pray that they will be blessed as they give up time to serve God in this way.
- Pray for those who are attending Men's Breakfast this morning. Pray that the Lord would encourage the men to engage in fellowship, sharing each other's personal testimony of what the Lord is doing.
- Pray that church leaders in Scotland would be committed to sharing the good news with the people in their communities.

**Meeting together as a church family to pray
Tuesday 6th January**

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).