

PRAYER DIARY

APRIL
2026

"So that being justified by
his grace we might
become heirs according
to the hope of eternal life."
Titus 3 :7 (ESV)

1 Wednesday

- Pray for those who came along to the Passion for Life events and services last month. Pray that many would want to know more about Jesus and would come back to church.
- Thank God for the Elders and their desire to honour God in their leadership and servant-heartedness.
- Pray for the Street Café in the city centre run by Christian Heritage Edinburgh. Pray that the team would engage well with members of the public and for opportunities to share the gospel.

2 Thursday

- Give thanks for the provision of Mark Oden as the Senior Minister and pray for the Lord's guidance and care for the church in Naples.
- Pray for the Maundy Thursday service this evening. Pray that the church would be built up as we learn from Jesus teaching and example in the days leading up to his death on the cross.
- 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.

3 Friday

- Pray for the visitors who will attend the Good Friday service. Pray that God would open their eyes to see Christ's extraordinary love for us in His death on the cross.
- Give thanks for Roger for his desire to grow the Ministry Associates in their abilities to handle the Bible appropriately and faithfully.
- Pray for persistence and patience for those who are reading the Bible with a non-believer. Ask that the Lord would use these relationships to provide meaningful impact for those who are yet to believe.

4 Saturday

- Thank God for the musicians and their willingness to spend time rehearsing together in order to lead our singing effectively.
- Pray that many who need to hear the good news of Jesus would come to church tomorrow. Pray that as the sermons are preached they would believe that Jesus is not bound by death, but conquered it.
- Pray for Craig Anderson at Galashiels Free Church. Pray for wisdom for the leadership team and continued unity among the congregation. Pray that the Lord would draw people in Galashiels towards himself.

5 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

Luke 23:50-24:12

Mark Oden

6:30pm

Luke 24:13-53

Chris Turner

- Pray that the Lord will use today's services to offer unbelievers the unshakeable hope of the resurrection that comes with faith in Jesus. Pray that it may also strengthen the faith of those who call Jesus their Lord.
- Ask that the youth in Youth Church and CCY would be convicted of the truth of God's Word and the power it has to change lives.
- Pray for the undergraduate students over the Easter break. Pray that as they reflect on the grace they received from Jesus, that they would be motivated to extend grace to others.

6 Monday

- Give thanks that the headteacher of JGHS allowed the SU group to run an Easter themed competition with prizes of 'He is Risen' easter eggs with an explanatory poster from Meaningful Chocolate. Pray that God would bless this endeavour by the kids.
- Pray for those preparing sermons, talks and Bible studies in the coming week. Ask God to give them discernment on what He wants to teach the church family in this week's passages.
- Pray for the Odens as they settle into Edinburgh and Chalmers. Pray they would be warmly welcomed by the church family and would be able to start getting to know the church family.

7 Tuesday

- Pray for the Chatterbox team during the holiday. Give thanks for the many ways which God uses them and pray for good connections with the many parents who come.
- Pray that as small groups take a break from meeting together, that they would continue to support one another practically and in prayer.
- Pray for Amy Conway at CUI – she will be part of 2 events for school leavers to help prepare them for starting university. Pray that Amy would be faithful and clear as she leads a session on friendships, helping teenagers live and speak for Jesus as students.

8 Wednesday

- Give thanks for the team at Sorted and the work they've been doing. Pray that during the holiday, they would be well-rested, reflecting on everything they learn and teach.
- Ask God to bless the Elders with Christ-like leadership, compassion and pastoral care for the congregation.
- Continue to pray for the well-being of the seniors of Chalmers – that even when physical strength weakens, they would persevere in trusting God and praising Him for His comforting presence each day.

9 Thursday

- Pray that despite having a pause on English Conversation Class, the gospel would be accessible to those who might find difficulty with the English language.
- Pray for Redeemer Church as they seek to make known Christ's love and offer of eternal life to the community in Colinton.
- Continue to pray for the Margetts, thanking the Lord for the way He is using them at this time in Edinburgh. Pray for his clarity and providence on the right next steps.

10 Friday

- Pray for Will and Hannah as they are married today. Pray that God would strengthen them to love one another selflessly and to serve him faithfully together.
- Give thanks for the MAPs who are training at Chalmers. Pray that God would use them mightily in his service and that they would serve him out of love for him.
- Pray that the youth who have been involved in Impact will be able to remember and apply what they've learned while they are on holiday.

11 Saturday

- 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 Christians in dangerous areas of conflict in the world. Pray that the Lord would use them to give hope to those in hopelessness.
- Pray for Inger & Immanuel in Eurasia – particularly for Inger as she plans the next team newsletters, writes and edits texts, updates the MediaWorks website, checks videos and reviews artwork. Pray that the output of the work reaches many people with the gospel.

12 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

Exodus 20:8-11

Roger Day

6:30pm

2 Kings 1:1-18

Mark Oden

- Pray that families would make reading the Bible with their children and praying together a priority at home.
- Pray for those coming to church weary and anxious, that they would have the opportunity to pray with others after the service.
- Pray for the undergraduate students who would normally come to student lunch. Pray that they would not waver during this break but stand firm in the Lord and his teachings. Pray also that older people from the church would invest in them, modelling Christ-like behaviour.

13 Monday

- Pray that the kids in the SU group studying for exams would be able to take time out to reflect on the meaning of Easter and find refreshment in God's Word.
- Pray for our ministers who faithfully teach us every Sunday. Pray that God would be ministering to their hearts and deepening their dependence in him.
- Pray for H in a Creative Access Country. Pray for safety amidst the ongoing regional conflict. Pray also for peace in the region.

14 Tuesday

- Pray for the families who go to Chatterbox during this break. Pray they would come back after the holidays and would want to hear more about Jesus.
- Pray for the undergraduate students who come to Chalmers and attend small groups in Focus. Pray that they would be committed to living as good models of the faith and would persevere through the challenges of life in a very secular world.
- Pray for J & R in East Asia. Pray for the Bible school and preaching clubs that they are involved in and that they would be an effective training ground for local pastors.

15 Wednesday

- 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 those who serve on the Sorted team, including serving in cooking. Pray too for those who came to the youth passion for life events, asking that the Lord would bring many to faith.
- Pray that the Elders at Chalmers would be equipped “to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28).

16 Thursday

- Pray for the parents of the children who are attending Holiday Club. Pray that members of the team would engage meaningfully with non-believing parents and that they would come to know Jesus personally.
- Pray for the English Conversation Class team as they prepare for next term. Ask that the Lord would bring more people who need to hear the wonderful truth of the Bible.
- Pray for A & H in East Asia – for Luke and Sophie as they look to buy a house in the Chicago area – give thanks also that Peter passed his airplane mechanics license exam and pray for Bekah as she has interviewed for a job and is waiting to hear back.

17 Friday

- Pray for the final day of the church 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 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 fully.
- Pray for A & D in the Middle East amidst the regional conflict – they feel out of harm’s way currently and pray for continuous safety.

18 Saturday

- Give thanks for the tea and coffee team. Ask that God would use the times after services to enable godly friendships to develop.
- Pray for Andy Robertson and the team at Charleston Community Church as they seek to find new ways to connect with others in the community.
- Pray for M & C and for the students at the leader’s school, particularly as they begin a class on Biblical Theology – pray for them as they are equipped to be ‘labourers in the harvest’ (Matt 9:38)

19 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

One Off Sermon

Mark Oden

6:30pm

2 Kings 2:1-14

Andy Buchan

- Pray for our youngest children in crèche, Little Stars and Sparklers. Pray that the simple truths they learn about Jesus and the Bible would be laying a foundation that can be built on in future years.
- Pray for those visiting Chalmers for the first time. Pray that they will be met by a warm and welcoming church family, and that they will be quickly drawn in.
- Pray for student lunch today as they discuss the sermon. Pray for helpful conversations that point people to Jesus.

20 Monday

- Give thanks for SU Scotland and all the wonderful resources they produce for SU groups across the country, helping children and young people to encounter Jesus in the Bible.
- Pray for those planning ahead for future sermon series at church. Ask that God would give them clarity as they study and discuss future sermons.
- Give thanks for Davi and Emma de Paula at Smithton Free Church. Pray they would be a blessing to the congregation as they seek to make Jesus known.

21 Tuesday

- As Chatterbox resumes this morning, please pray for the Chatterbox team and for Christian parent to be equipped to welcome people well, be ready to listen and that the Lord would give opportunities in their conversations to speak about the hope of the gospel.
- Give thanks that we are freely able to meet together to pray. Pray that as a church, we would be united in prayer to the Lord, praying with hope and aweness in his glory and majesty.
- Pray for Richard and Yuko Brash in Japan. Give thanks that Kaz has received an unconditional offer for a university with home status, and pray for him as he works for a hotel there, having left Japan. Pray for the rest of the family getting used to life apart from him as well.
- Pray for the Bethany rapid re-accomodation Welcome Centre and for the volunteers involved. Pray that they would grow in their understanding of what it means to be Christ-like as they serve.

22 Wednesday

- Give thanks that Sorted and the youth involved are able to resume today. Pray that the team would be invested in knowing the youth and equipping them with the gospel.
- Praise God for the Elders in Chalmers and for the time, effort and gifts they give to serve God and the church.
- Pray for Jonny & Fiona Gilmour at Hebron Evangelical Church. Pray that the Lord would guide them to lead and love the church well.

23 Thursday

- Pray for Leaders' Growth Groups, that these would be an opportunity for small group leaders to speak the truth in love to one another as they wrestle with God's Word.
- Give thanks for the English class leaders. Pray that God would fill them with his great and steadfast love as they welcome people to the class, and pray that the attendees would be drawn to God through them.
- Pray for Graeme and Ellie Moore, thanking the Lord for Ellie's work with Foundations Matter and asking for strength and wisdom for Graeme as he prepares to preach a sermon this Sunday.

24 Friday

- Give thanks for the ladies who have recently started coming along to Ladies Bible Study. Pray they would quickly get to know others and settle in the group. Pray also for the studies as they return to looking at Exodus – that they would hear what God wants to teach them.
- Pray that God will continue to protect the Staff and MAP team from pride in their God-given gifts and they'd depend on him.
- Give thanks for Impact and pray for the relationships between the leaders and young people at Impact. Ask that there would be opportunities for conversations about Jesus and his gospel.

25 Saturday

- Pray that as a congregation we would use the different gifts God has given us to build each other up.
- Pray that our seniors, as their pace slows down, may find more time to meditate on God's character and they may be aware of his presence, that will encourage them to keep going – till the race is done.
- Pray for Ali and Julie Sewell at Haddington Community Church. Ask that the Lord would give them wisdom to care for people pastorally.

26 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

Exodus 20:12-14

Mark Oden

6:30pm

1 Corinthians 1:1-17

Jay Parsons

- Praise God for the people who are devoted to teaching the children week by week. Ask for patience, energy and joy for them as they serve.
- Give thanks for the diversity and unity in Chalmers. Pray that as a church family, we would be welcoming to people from all backgrounds, nations and circumstances.
- Pray for student lunch today as they discuss the sermon. Pray that the students would grow in their love and understanding of God's Word.

27 Monday

- Give thanks for the wedding of Adam and Róisín. Give thanks that God has brought them together and pray that he would equip them to serve the gospel as a married couple.
- Pray that the kids in the SU group who find the school environment challenging would know that God sees, knows & cares for them in their struggles and wants to comfort them.
- Pray for the Home Group & Women Leader' Growth Group. Pray that studying Exodus would help them live as the LORD's rescued people and that by his Spirit he would be highlighting areas of their lives where change is necessary.
- Pray for Christianity Explored as it starts this evening. Pray that many would come, eager to hear more about the good news of the gospel.

28 Tuesday

- Give thanks for Chatterbox and pray that hearts of parents would soften towards Jesus. Pray also for the opportunity for meaningful conversations to take place.
- Give thanks for the Cord & Focus groups that are meeting tonight. Pray that as they meet together, they would be devoted to spending quality time together in order to develop deep and meaningful relationships.
- Pray for Robin and Sally Sydserff – Ask that the Lord would particularly use Robin to give wisdom and guidance for several church elders across the nation.

29 Wednesday

- Pray for Sorted as they meet this evening. Ask that the Lord would provoke the youth to ponder what living in the world as a Christian is about.
- Pray that God would equip the home group and youth group leaders at LGG tonight with wisdom and understanding on how to lead their groups. Pray that God would shape their hearts to love those who are attending their groups.
- Thank God for the love that the Elders have for the Lord and for the congregation. Ask that God would continue to grow them.
- Pray that the Lord would help churches across the East of Scotland Gospel Partnership to work together in unison, motivated by the grace and mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ.

30 Thursday

- Pray for opportunities to deepen friendships with those in the English class and for opportunities to talk about Jesus.
- Give thanks for Iain and Liana Morrison at Dowanvale Free Church. Ask for the Lord's providence for their needs as they minister to people.
- Pray for the Global Mission Group – that the Lord would use them to enable people to be involved in missionary work across the globe while taking care of those who are already involved.

Meeting together as a church family to pray

Tuesday 21st 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 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).