

PRAYER DIARY

September
2026

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 seniors at Chalmers, that the words from Hebrews 13:5 - "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (ESV) will be a real encouragement, comfort and help in their daily walk with the Lord.
- Pray that Jesus would be glorified in the conversations and practical serving at Chatterbox.
- Pray for new people arriving at Cord, that they would settle into Chalmers well. Pray that our existing Cord members would continue to welcome newcomers well.
- Pray for Amy Conway and Christian Unions Ireland during their student conference. Ask God to give Amy wisdom and clarity as she speaks on Luke's gospel and for the students to grow together in their love for Jesus during this time.

2 Wednesday

- Pray that we would have real confidence in the Bible.
- Pray for the team that leads Sorted youth group, that they would get to know the kids better in these early weeks.
- Pray for the rehearsals this week for the Book of Psalms concert in October. Ask that God will use this concert for His glory.
- 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, ESV)

3 Thursday

- Pray for those in Chalmers considering full-time ministry. Ask for patience as they think and pray about what this might involve.
- Pray for the Focus team as they meet for their first LGG of the year. Pray that God’s Word would be working in their own hearts, and that they would be equipped to teach John’s gospel well to the students.
- Pray that the Bible study at English class will cause the students to consider who Jesus is in relation to his claims in Mark’s gospel.

4 Friday

- Pray for those in the congregation who are reading the Bible with someone who is not a Christian. Give thanks for this and pray for God to open their eyes to the wonderful news of the gospel.
- Pray for Ladies’ Bible Study, that as they study God’s Word, they would grow in their love and knowledge of Jesus.
- Pray for wisdom for the Impact team to know how best to love and interact with the young people who are at a different life stage to them. Pray for wisdom in sharing Jesus with the young people.
- Pray for Inger as she continues designing graphics for materials to give to remote people groups and those in prostitution. Ask she will know God’s help. Pray for Inger and Imanuel in their marriage, health, and serving in church and community.

5 Saturday

- Pray for The Big Afternoon taking place today. Pray for a fun and safe time for the children, and that the gospel would be clearly shared.
- Thank God for the welcome and stewarding teams for making people feel at home as they arrive to church.
- Pray that as a congregation we would believe that God will bring people into His kingdom.

6 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

John 1:35-51

Jay Parsons

6:30pm

1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Roger Day

- Pray for those who come to Chalmers sporadically. Ask that God would work in their hearts and that they would commit to being a part of the church family.
- Pray for the leaders of Youth Church and CCY. Ask that God would help them to teach the Bible faithfully, in a way that is engaging and fun.
- Pray that sharing Communion together would remind us of our unity in Christ.
- Pray for new and returning students as they come to church over the next few weeks. Pray that they would see Chalmers as their spiritual home and a place where they can grow, serve, and be a blessing to their church family.

7 Monday

- Ask God to remind those working on Bible passages of the eternal worth of digging deep into God's Word.
- Pray for the young pupils at James Gillespie's SU. Pray that they would have the courage to invite their classmates along.
- Ladies Bible Study and Home Group Women Leaders' Growth Group. Pray that they would be struck by John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and recognise that Jesus is far bigger than we often think.
- Pray for members of Redeemer Church in Colinton, that they would be bold in their evangelism and reach out to their friends and neighbours.

8 Tuesday

- Pray that as a congregation we would be devoted to expressing our dependence on God.
- Ask that children, parents and carers would listen well to the story of Jonah this morning at Chatterbox, and for the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of those who have turned away from the Lord.
- As we meet together to pray as a church family, pray that we would express our dependence on God for all things.
- 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.

9 Wednesday

- Give thanks for the team of Bible teachers at Sorted and for their willingness to serve the kids after a long day at work or studying.
- Thank God for the Elders and their desire to honour God in their leadership and servant-heartedness.
- Pray for the monthly Home Group LGG today. Pray that the home group leaders would build one another up and support one another..
- Pray for Jonny and Fiona serving in Hebron Evangelical Church. Pray that they would strike a good balance of family life and church family life.

10 Thursday

- Praise God that we can be assured of His love for us. Ask that this would give us security and confidence in our heavenly Father.
- Pray for an edifying time tonight the Cord LGG. Ask God to sustain the Cord small group leaders through tonight's discussions after a long day of work or studies.
- Pray for those who are new to the English class. Ask that they would soon feel a part of the group and that the leaders would have opportunities to get to know them.

11 Friday

- Pray for the MAPs as they start Cornhill again next week. Pray for a deeper understanding of God's Word and that they would be able to put what they learn into practice at Chalmers.
- 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 that as the young people hear from the Bible at Impact, they would be amazed by Jesus and eager to find out more.

12 Saturday

- Give thanks for the sound and livestream team for making God's Word accessible to those joining in-person and online.
- Pray for all involved in Safeguarding at Chalmers. Pray for wisdom and compassion for them and pray that Chalmers would be a place of safety for all.
- Pray for the church in Myanmar. Ask God to protect, comfort and strengthen His people there as they suffer persecution for His name.

13 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

John 2:1-12

Roger Day

6:30pm

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark Oden

- Pray that God will bring people into Chalmers who are searching for Jesus.
- 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.
- Give thanks for the student lunch team and pray as they prepare for the start of a new term. Pray that God will help them to equip students with His Word and grow in holiness and devotion to Him.

14 Monday

- Pray for those preparing sermons, talks and Bible studies this week. Ask that God would give them wisdom and guidance as they plan.
- Pray for the Global Mission Group. Ask for guidance for decisions they make, that they will glorify God and care for our global partners.
- Pray that kids who have been to the SU group in previous years would come back and that new SIs would find out about the group and choose to come along. Pray that they would be warmly welcomed and feel safe and accepted in the group.
- Pray for Craig and Amy at Galashiels Free Church. Pray that God would protect their family and that they would be a godly influence in the community which will serve to bring local people to faith.

15 Tuesday

- Pray for Christian parents at Chatterbox and for the friendships that they form at Chatterbox, that the Lord would use these friendships and conversations to magnify Jesus and point people to him.
- Pray for the pastoral care team as they visit the sick and elderly. Pray that as good relationships are built with those they visit, that they would be able to talk more about Jesus.
- Pray for Cord meeting this evening. Ask that they would be devoted to loving and caring for each other, in their words and in their actions. Pray for the leadership team as they plan for the Cord weekend away in November. Pray for discernment on what seminars to facilitate.
- Pray for Iain and Liana Morrison at Dowanvale Free Church. Pray that they would seek first to know the Lord as they seek to make Him known.

16 Wednesday

- Pray that the kids at Sorted would have the courage to invite their friends along to hear God's transformative Word faithfully taught.
- Pray that God would give the Elders great wisdom and insight as they make decisions.
- Pray for Davi and Emma de Paula at Smithton Free Church. Give thanks for the people who are new to the church. Pray for patience, love, and energy as they lead various Bible study groups this term.

17 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.
- 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 Gospel churches across Edinburgh, asking that love for the Lord would motivate them to share Jesus with their communities.

18 Friday

- Praise God for our older people and give thanks for the gift of their long life, and wisdom. Pray for continued physical strength for them and that they will be conscious of God's love for them daily.
- Pray that the women at the Ladies' Bible Study this morning will renew their cause to rejoice in the Lord.
- Pray for the leaders of Impact to have opportunities to talk about Jesus.
- Pray for the child that Sunday Club sponsor, Elvira in Guatemala. Ask that she and her family would understand the gospel and grow in faith.

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 Lucy and Bryn as they get married today. Pray that God would strengthen them to love one another selflessly and to serve him faithfully together.
- Give thanks H was able to be with us in Edinburgh for a few weeks. Praise God for her courage and boldness to reach out to Muslims in London and Birmingham with teams. Pray for fruit from their ministry and strength to keep going even when there is opposition.

20 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

John 2:13-22

Roger Day

6:30pm

1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Mark Oden

- Pray that at Chalmers, all of the congregation would seek to look out for and welcome newcomers.
- Pray for children attending Sunday Club today, that they would be blessed as they learn truths about God in his Word.
- Pray for undergraduate students who are yet to settle into a church, ask that they would grow in conviction of their need to commit to a local body of believers.

21 Monday

- Pray for our ministry leaders who give up a lot of their time to serve the church. Pray that God would give them rest and refreshment in his Word.
- Pray that the leaders of the SU group would be attentive to the needs of the kids and choose a bible study that is engaging, equipping the kids to grow in their love and understanding of the Lord Jesus.
- Pray for the Ladies Bible Study and Home Group Women Leaders' Growth Group as they look at the first miraculous sign in John's gospel. Pray that they would see more of the lavish abundance that life with Jesus brings.

22 Tuesday

- Chatterbox hosts a Macmillan coffee morning. Pray for those attending who have been affected by cancer, asking that they would find hope in Jesus amidst the suffering of this world.
- Pray for Focus as it restarts this week. Pray for those joining for the first time, that they would settle in quickly and make good friendships.
- Pray for J & R in East Asia as they adjust to life with their eldest son at boarding school abroad, and as they continue serving the Lord through teaching to pastors, preaching groups and in showing a Christlike way to live to all around them.
- Give thanks for the new connections Haddington Community Church made during their Summer Holiday club. Pray for the seed of God's Word to bear fruit in their lives.

23 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 Elders, that they would be committed to God's Word and that they would lead by example.
- Thank God that A and H were granted another year of residence permits. Give thanks that a staff person has successfully moved her mom and gotten her set up with needed medical care (a prayer request from back in February).

24 Thursday

- Pray for the Leaders' Growth Groups. Pray that through these groups small group leaders would grow in confidence in the Word and love for God.
- 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.
- Praise God for the time A&D had in the UK and all they shared with us. Pray as they settle back and share the gospel. Ask they will know God has gone before, preparing the way for them to do all for his glory.

25 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 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 those in Impact who are Christians. Ask that God would give them boldness to live in obedience to God at school and to invite their friends to Impact.

26 Saturday

- Thank God for the tech team at Chalmers. Ask that all would run smoothly tomorrow and that their service would be a great blessing.
- M&C, East Asia. Praise God that the classes M taught in May went very well and M had the stamina and clarity in guiding the students through these rich theological books. Pray that the Lord will use these men and women to "make disciples of all nations".
- Pray for Robin and Sally and their work at the Proclamation Trust. Pray God would guide and sustain them in their work to train others in making the gospel known.

27 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am

John 2:23-3:15

Mark Oden

6:30pm

1 Corinthians 15:20-34

Jay Parsons

- Pray that those on the fringes of the church would begin to realise the important role that they have within the church family.
- Pray for the children's groups. Pray that they will understand the Bible passages they look at and see how it affects the way they view God and themselves.
- Pray for student lunch. Ask that the students will have open hearts to hear what God is saying through his Word and to apply it to their lives.

28 Monday

- 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 that those who volunteer at James Gillespie's SU will use this opportunity to build each other's faith up as well.
- Ask God to help Richard and Yuko as they return to Japan from the UK and start a busy term in teaching for Richard, Yuko in translation work, Isla as she resumes schooling at home, and for Kaz starting university. Pray they will know His leading and guidance in everything.

29 Tuesday

- Pray for children, parents and carers at Chatterbox this morning as they learn about God saving Daniel. Please pray that they would see this as more than just a story and would want to know more about our God who saves.
- Pray for the home groups meeting around the city. Pray that, when necessary, they would be able to speak hard truths to one another in love.
- Pray for the Christian Heritage Centre in Edinburgh. Ask the Lord to open doors for evangelism even in a quieter period for tourists in the city.

30 Wednesday

- Pray for the people giving talks at Sorted. Pray for clear a presentation of the gospel and meaningful discussions about Jesus.
- Pray that the Elders would honour God in their meekness and speech as they meet together tonight.
- Give thanks for the abundance of life that is found in Jesus as we have seen in John's gospel. Ask that God will give us the courage to bear witness about His Son.
- Pray for the teams from churches providing meals for the Bethany re-accommodation and welcome centre. Pray for opportunities for those serving to give a reason for the hope that they have.

Meeting together as a church family to pray Tuesday 8th September

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).