CHALMERS
CHURCH EDINBURGH

PRAYER DIARY

December 2026

"You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."
Matthew 1:21 (ESV)

1 Tuesday

- As the story of Jesus' birth is shared at Chatterbox this month pray that people would listen with soft hearts and want to know more about Jesus.
- As we meet together to pray, ask that we would be devoted to praying together and asking God to guide us and provide for us.
- Amy Conway, Christian Union Ireland. Pray for final year students who are considering the Formation programme in the new year. Ask that God would lead the right people to join, and that they would grow in their love of Christ and understanding of how they can best serve Him.
- H, Creative Access Country. Pray for her amidst rejection from friendships brought about because she challenged those friends about the way they were living. Pray that she would rely on God through this.

2 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.
- Pray for the Elders meeting tonight. Ask that God would use their decisions to advance His gospel through His Church.
- A&H, East Asia. Continue to pray for their local coworkers and friends who are busy caring for elderly parents. Pray also for the autumn board meeting and their annual meeting, especially for all the report writing and budgets that must be done.

3 Thursday

- Pray for those who come to English class to put their trust in Jesus.
- Give thanks that the Cord Weekend Away was a great time of Bible teaching and relationships being strengthened. Please pray that they will continue to grow closer together as a community.
- Pray that we would continue to hold the Bible as the ultimate authority.

4 Friday

- Give thanks for the way in which the Lord has been working in the lives of the women that are part of the Ladies Bible Study, sustaining and keeping them.
- Pray for the friendships formed at Impact to grow deeper, that the kids may share the difficulties they face at school with each other.
- Pray for the leaders at Redeemer church in Colinton as they consider different options to solve their limitation of space. Ask for God to give them the wisdom to make right and affordable decisions.

5 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 the team doing Christmas flyering today. Pray that God will protect them as they share of His Son in the streets.
- Pray for the Christian Heritage Centre in Edinburgh. Ask that God will bring the many tourists visiting the city over Christmas to their tours and events.

6 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am	John 7:37-52	Mark Oden
6:30pm	Proverbs: Wisdom & Pride	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.
- Give thanks for those being welcomed into membership today. Pray that we would love and bless them and help them feel settled.
- Pray for student lunch. Ask that through what they learn, they will develop gospel convictions.
- Pray that as we share in Communion today, we would be filled with a great sense of thankfulness for Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.
- Pray that the Q&A after the evening service will help to clarify questions people may have about what has been preached in our recent Sunday services.

7 Monday

- Give thanks for the two lads coming along to the SU group together who are not yet Christians. Pray that they would keep coming and God would open their eyes and ears and bring them alive in Christ.
- LBS and Home Group Women Leaders' Growth Group. Pray that studying John would help them, and the women in their small groups, to stick with Jesus even when there are lots of voices telling them not to listen to him.
- For those preparing sermons, talks and Bible studies, pray that God would give them endurance when they are grappling with difficult passages this week.

8 Tuesday

- Please pray for the Chatterbox Christmas party this morning, for safety, fun and for Jesus to be magnified throughout the morning.
- Pray that as we learn more from God's Word in our small groups, we would see how it impacts every area of our lives.
- Pray that God will protect, sustain, and strengthen our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer severe persecution in Yemen.

9 Wednesday

- Pray for the members of the Christmas Choir as they meet this evening to rehearse for the Carol services.
- Pray that each of the Elders would "hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it." (Titus 1:9, ESV)
- Pray for the students over the exam period. Ask that they would know God's sovereignty and be assured that their identity is in him.

10 Thursday

- Pray for the carol service at a Home Ross retirement home today. Pray that God would be at work in those who attend.
- Pray for those attending the English Class Bible study. Pray that through reading the Bible, they would see Jesus clearly.
- Pray for those who mentor the MAPs and LITs. Pray for good relationships and honest conversations.

11 Friday

- Pray for the Ladies Bible Study social event today. Ask that it will be an opportunity for them to get to know each other better and strengthen relationships.
- Pray for the Youth Christmas Party this evening. Ask that it will be a time for the Youth at Chalmers to enjoy fellowship together as they celebrate the birth of Jesus. Pray that those who don't know Jesus would come to know him this Christmas time.
- As some of our older folks face daily challenges with health, pray they hold fast to these words "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble " and are aware of his love for them.

12 Saturday

- Pray for the Big Afternoon taking place today at Chalmers. Ask that God will be at work in the hearts of the kids that come as His Word is taught to them.
- 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.
- Give thanks for the Safeguarding Team and the organisation and delivering of PVGs and Safeguarding Training as they seek to ensure Chalmers is a safe place for everyone.

13 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am	Isaiah 9:1-7	Roger Day
6:30pm	Carol Service	Jay Parsons

- Pray that as we listen to God's Word preached, that our hearts and minds would be engaged and stirred.
- Pray for the children attending Sunday Club. Pray that their simple knowledge of Jesus's death for their sins would turn into a genuine and transformative faith in their hearts.
- 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.

14 Monday

- Pray that the SU groups across the city would have a positive impact on the schools and be known amongst the pupils. Pray for boldness in the Christian kids who come along to invite friends to the groups.
- Pray for those preparing sermons, talks and Bible studies that they would teach God's Word faithfully before the congregation and in their private lives.
- Pray for those in Chalmers considering full-time ministry. Pray for opportunities to find out more about what this will involve.
- M&C, East Asia. Give thanks that the Mid-autumn Festival retreat of the church plant went very well. Two potential leaders gave devotionals, and members are growing in their walks with Him. Pray for M as he uses Sunday school classes to teach others to teach the Bible.

15 Tuesday

- Remember individuals at Chatterbox for whom Christmas is hard this year. Ask that the Chatterbox team and Christian parents would be able to listen well and point them to the hope found in the Lord Jesus.
- Pray for the small groups across the church family as they meet this week to spend time together in socials. Pray for growing unity within the groups as they get to know each other better.
- Pray for the child that Sunday Club sponsors, Elvira in Guatemala. Pray for the Bible-teaching she receives each week, and for her health and education.

16 Wednesday

- Thank God for the way He has worked in the youth through Sorted and for the meaningful conversations that have taken place over the term.
- Pray that the Elders would be dependent on the Lord in prayer as they make decisions.
- Pray for those reading the Bible with non-believers. Pray that through God's Word, people will become Christians.

17 Thursday

- Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate a Carol service at McCarthy & Stone retirement home at Balcarres Street. Pray that the hope of the Christian message will be clearly communicated and received.
- Pray for the English Class social happening this evening. Ask that this will be an opportunity for members of the team to strengthen their relationships with those attending the class.
- 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.

18 Friday

- Pray for the staff and MAPs that they would prioritise personal time with God in prayer and listening to him.
- Pray for the leaders of Impact as they take a break over the holidays. Ask that God will renew their strength during this time to start a new term in the New Year.
- 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.

19 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 opportunities for the congregation to tell people about Jesus over the Christmas period.
- Richard & Yuko, Japan. Give thanks for the ten prospective students for Christ Bible Seminary. Pray for the monthly group of young people at their church, particularly for the two non-Christian men who join them.

20 Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am	Isaiah 11:1-9	Roger Day
4pm & 6:30pm	Carol Service	Mark Oden

- Pray for those who come to Chalmers who aren't yet Christians. Ask that God would grow in them a spiritual hunger and draw them to Himself.
- Ask that the young people in Youth Church and CCY would have boldness to share the good news of Jesus with their friends and classmates.
- Jen & Richard, Zambia. Give thanks that they have found a lovely house to rent and that the girls are settling well at school. Pray for their paperwork which is still in progress - study permits for the girls and driving licenses for Jen and Richard.

21 Monday

- Pray that God would use the invitations to the SU group given out at Christmas to bring new kids to the group.
- Pray for those preparing sermons, talks and Bible studies in the coming week. Pray that they would be dependent on God through prayer.
- As the year ends, pray for those in our church struggling with bereavement, ill health, disappointments or being far from loved ones. Pray that they would focus on the peace Jesus' coming brings, and that we would look out for those who are hurting or isolated.
- Pray for Davi and Emma de Paula at Smithton Free Church. Pray they would know God's blessing as they serve Him and seek to make Him known.

22 Tuesday

- Give thanks that many invitations have been given to Christmas services at Chatterbox. Ask that some families and carers would come to services over Christmas and for the Holy Spirit to be at work in their hearts.
- Pray for the leaders of our different small groups as they take a break over Christmas. Ask that they will rest well and that God will renew their energies to start again in the New Year.
- Pray for the East of Scotland Gospel Partnership. Pray that the church leaders' lunches would provide opportunities for friendship, support and training.

23 Wednesday

- Pray for the youth at sorted over the Christmas break. Ask that they will continue to engage personally with God's Word over the holidays.
- Pray that the Elders in Chalmers would "shepherd the flock, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, not for shameful gain, but eagerly" (1 Peter 5:2, ESV).
- Pray for the pastoral care team as they visit the sick and elderly. Ask that there would be mutual encouragement as they talk about the gospel and the hope they have.

24 Thursday

- Pray that the light and love of Jesus will shine through our Christingle service this afternoon. Ask that God will soften the hearts of those who have been invited to come.
- Pray for the members of the English Class team to rest well over the Christmas break and renew their energy for the start of a new term in the New Year.
- Thank God for the conversations and interactions members of Chalmers have had over the years with the guests at the Bethany rapid re-accommodation centre. Pray that it makes a difference in their lives.

25 Friday

- Pray that many would come to the Christmas Day service and rejoice in the good news of Jesus, the Saviour.
- 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.
- Give thanks for the way in which God has worked through Impact this term. Pray that He will continue to work in the youth's hearts over the holidays.

26 Saturday

- Pray for those who will lead us in singing to God tomorrow. Pray that they would seek to honour God through their playing and resist the temptation to see it as a performance.
- Thank God for the different areas of church life and for the different leaders who head up each area.
- Pray that many who have heard the invitation to come to Hope Explored over the Christmas services would want to come along and find out more about Jesus.

27 Sunday

10:30am Andy Buchan

- Pray for those on the fringes of the church who aren't yet Christians. Pray that they will understand the gospel for themselves.
- 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 that all who have received gospels over the carol services and Christmas events would be drawn to read them over the Christmas period.

28 Monday

- Pray that kids in the SU group would find time among all the busyness of the holidays and exam prep to pray and seek God.
- Pray for those preparing sermons, talks and Bible studies, that they would be faithful in teaching God's Word honestly and boldly.
- Pray for Jonny and Fiona serving in Hebron Evangelical Church. Pray that Jonny and Fiona would strike a good balance of family life and church family life.
- Pray that we would be committed to asking God to help us, lead us, guide us, and provide for us.

29 Tuesday

- Pray for Chatterbox families over the Christmas holidays asking that Christian books received at Chatterbox would be read in homes across the city and that the Lord would use these to draw families to faith in Jesus.
- Pray for the members of our Focus and Cord groups that are back home over the holidays. Pray that it will be a refreshing time for them to spend time with their families.
- Pray for Ali and Julie Sewell at Haddington Community Church. Pray they would know God's blessing as they serve Him and seek to make Him known.

30 Wednesday

- Give thanks for the break that the team at Sorted has enjoyed over the holidays. Pray for them as they prepare to start another term next week.
- Thank God for our Elders who are committed to looking after the church family in many unseen ways.
- Pray for Robin and Sally at the Proclamation Trust in London. Pray for wisdom for Robin and for unity around the preaching of gospel truth.

31 Thursday

- Pray for the English Class team as they decide what Bible book to use for the Bible studies this term. Pray for wisdom as they organise and prepare the studies.
- Give thanks for the many people God has been bringing to Galashiels Free Church. Pray for Craig and Amy as they meet with them, that God will give them wisdom to answer the questions they have and address all the pastoral issues involved.
- 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.

Meeting together as a church family to pray
Tuesday 1st 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).