

they discuss. Ask God to raise up and identify appropriate people from within our fellowship to serve as deacons as we approach elections.

Th 23

Uphold Alistair as he attends his course at the Baptist College today. Give thanks for all the new folk who are coming around our church and pray that they might feel welcomed and at home as they worship with us. Pray for an evening of fun and fellowship at the Taits as newcomers meet with Alistair and the deacons.

F 24

Let's join with Christians throughout Scotland over the next week in Tearfund's "One Voice" week of prayer as we exalt Jesus and ask Him to bring His justice and mercy to the poorest parts of our needy world. Uphold Mrs Heather McCombe as she leads the SU Group in St Michael's Primary School every Friday in term-time. Give thanks for the group of girls who attend regularly and pray that good, solid relationships will be built up between them.

Sa 25

Pray that many youngsters would attend the Primary SU Groups Day Out for P5-P7's and would be encouraged in their faith by meeting together in this way. Pray for fun and safety and for stamina and patience for the leaders.

Su 26

Uphold Alistair as he begins a new series on sacrificial living, this am preaching on money, and Marcus as he speaks on "The Test of Success" tonight at the youth led service.

Pray for Dunrossness and Dunoon Baptist Churches this week.

M 27

Today is the start of Fairtrade Fortnight. Ask God to help us to remember the power we have in our consumer choices, that our shopping habits can be the cornerstone of another person's livelihood. May Third World producers know that they are part of God's world, where every person is the same and all deserve the same opportunities.

Tu 28

As the SU Schools' Supporters' Fellowship meet at Polka Dot Café tonight, give thanks for all those volunteers who lead school groups and pray for more to come forward to lead groups in the schools where there is presently no-one to run them

W 29

As we have our fellowship meeting this evening to hear about developments regarding the upgrading of our Newall Terrace church building, let's look forward together with excitement, anticipation and hope to what our heavenly father has planned for us.



## Prayer Diary Feb 2012

W 1

As Homelessness Action Week continues, remember all those who are denied a voice and are consigned to the margins of our society. Pray that churches would stand alongside the marginalised and would strive to build communities without barriers, where all are valued. Pray for politicians and decision-makers, that they would listen to the voices of those on the edges and understand the real impact of the policies they create. Jesus came to break down barriers! Pray for a time of mutual support and encouragement as ministers meet for the Baptist Cluster Group at Alistair's

Th 2  
Alistair commences a 12 week "Baptist Identity" module at the Scottish Baptist College today, looking at Baptist History. Please pray for him, that he would quickly adapt into a learning environment again and that the course would not prove too burdensome time-wise. Uphold Andrew Rideout as he

speaks at Friendship Hour about his experiences on his teaching visit to the Nursing School in Bangladesh. Remember Iona Webster as she leads the SU Group at Noblehill Primary School every Thursday in term-time. Give thanks that this group is growing but it can be quite boisterous, so pray that the children will settle down and listen.

F 3

Pray for the hundreds of young people, including some of our own, from all over the country, who will be attending Powerpoint in Edinburgh tonight for S1-S6's. May the youngsters be inspired, challenged and encouraged in their faith.

Sa 4

As "Who Let The Dads Out" meet this am give thanks for the many new dads who are coming along and for the big age range of children from toddlers up to age 10, all of whom seem to be enjoying themselves. Please continue to pray for fun and safety at the sessions and for deepening relationships.

Su 5

Uphold Alistair as he preaches on the "Vital Value of Integrity" this am and those involved in the focus evening on the work of the local Gideons. Give thanks for the distribution of God's word throughout the world by the Gideons. Please pray for Drumchapel and Dumbarton Baptist Churches this week.

M 6

Many mission weeks are taking place in universities and colleges throughout the land so pray that God would guide the movements of Christian unions as they introduce their friends to the Christian faith. Ask God to move the hearts of many students to see Jesus for who He really is and to be attracted to Him.

Tu 7

Give thanks along with Stella Gillette, the Stewartry SU Worker, that their Associate Worker Group, SCY1, has recently received an award for the best 2011 D&G Youth Programme of the Year!

W 8

Pray for the Toddler Praise session taking place in church this pm, that the youngsters would enjoy hearing stories about Jesus and singing to Him, while mums make new friends and chat together.

Th 9

Alistair attends his course again today at the Baptist College Pray that he would soon make good friendships within the group. As the Discoverers leaders meet at the Taits tonight, give thanks for each one of them and ask that they might continue to be blessed with

fun and creative ideas to teach and share the good news of Jesus with all the children who attend classes.

F 10

Pray that much needed funding would be raised through the Burns' Supper being held at the Easterbrook Hall tonight on behalf of the Dumfries Befriending Project. Pray for Annette Richards and the team as they work to build up relationships and support vulnerable young people in our region.

Sa 11

The first SU Basecamp of 2012 takes place this weekend at Pitlochry with around 20 trainees aged 16-18. Pray for these young people to be equipped spiritually and practically for servant leadership at SU events.

Su 12

Uphold Alistair as he preaches on "The Vital Value of Inclusion" this am and on "The Test of Temptation" tonight. Ask God to help us and strengthen us whenever we are tempted to sin and thank Him for His everlasting mercy and grace.

Remember Duncan Street Baptist church in prayer this week.

M 13

Remember Kirsty Holt on "Vanilla Island" in Africa. Please pray for health and strength as there has been quite a few stomach upsets in the team and that local folk would be patient and kind as Kirsty tries to communicate with them and to master the language despite her stammer. Give thanks for local folk who are encouraging and please also pray for opportunities to witness, especially in the long

queues for clean water!

Tu 14

Give thanks for the small group of folk who have committed to pray for any issues surrounding Toddler Group. Pray that mums would feel able to share any concerns and that leaders would be given wisdom as they offer advice, support and prayer.

W 15

Remember the Men's Group meeting tonight and on alternate Wednesday evenings, as they look at studies in "Contemporary Baptist Living" by Rev Dr Stuart Blythe, produced by the Baptist Union. Pray for challenging and open discussion as relationships between the men grow and deepen.

Th 16

As Alistair attends his course at the Baptist College today, pray he will find it enjoyable, helpful and informative. Pray for an encouraging and challenging afternoon as Calum Smith from the Free Church of Scotland comes to speak at Friendship Hour.

F 17

After the informative and challenging evening Joy and Louise gave us last month about their trip to Nepal, let's give thanks for all that God is doing in Nepal and for the growth of the church there. Pray for tolerance and peace in families where there are Christians and that legislation would recognise and encourage minority religions, especially after recent political changes have made the future uncertain for Christians.

Sa 18

Pray for a good attendance at the "Bring and Buy" Coffee morning in church this am to raise funds to cover the running costs of the Drumlanrig Cycle Challenge

Pray that the challenge will be fully subscribed to again this year to raise valuable funds for Tearfund.

Su 19

Uphold Alistair as he preaches on "The Vital Value of Service" this am and then on "The Test of Discouragement" this evening. Pray for all those who are feeling discouraged at this time, that the Lord might uplift and refresh them. Pray for Dunfermline West and Dundee Central Baptist Churches this week.

M 20

With a united vision of giving every student in Scotland the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ, many Christian unions are now busy holding evangelistic events and following up discussions and interest shown during the recent mission weeks. Pray for these Christian students as they step out boldly for Christ and as they speak and live out their faith.

Tu 21

Remember SU Mission and Holidays' Team Leaders as they make preparations and plan for Easter events. Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and enabling in their choice of theme, recruitment of team members and discussions with local churches as they seek to serve God in this way.

W 22

Uphold Allyson Gardner as she leads the SU Group at Collin Primary School each Wednesday in term-time. Bibles were given to all the children who attend at the end of last term, which they were delighted with. Pray these Bibles will be read and will inspire the children to want to learn more about Jesus.

As our Deacons meet tonight, pray for a real sense of the Lord's guidance on all

