

presence of our Lord and ask God to show us how we might help them in tangible ways.

F 26

Pray for Alan as he takes up his new post as General Director of the Baptist Union of Scotland, that his ears would be open to hear the voice of God speaking through His word and His people in the coming months. Remember Alan as he attends the National Strategy Group meeting today and the Ayrshire Mission Networker evening.

Sa 27

Alan is conducting the wedding of Duncan McColl and Liz McGuinness in our church today. Pray for this couple that God would bless them richly in their future lives together and that they would live for Him.

As the SU camp at Lendrick Muir starts today for P5-7's from D&G and the Highlands, pray for a sense of unity among the children and the team this week and for open hearts to the Gospel.

Pray for safety and good relationships as young people from our church go with Marcus to an Adventure Day at Whithaugh Park.

Su 28

As we now enter our period of vacancy in the church, pray that God will help us to use everything He has given us – our gifts, our time, our money, our possessions and personalities, to bless one another and to bring about His Kingdom on earth. May we give our lives generously in service and reach out to those in need as we seek to make a difference in the world.

M 29

Give thanks that well over 200 people have already entered the Drumlanrig Cycle Challenge on 1st May and over £6000 has already been pledged to Tearfund! Pray that enough volunteers would come forward to help steward the day and to be a witness to all who take part again.

Tu 30

Pray that Alan Donaldson might have the grace and faith to guide the Baptist Union into all that the Lord reveals and that our Union of churches would develop a renewed boldness and strength of faith for the journey that lies ahead of us.

W 31

Give thanks for all those serving on SU holiday teams this Easter – the cooks, team leaders and members, trainees, minibuses drivers, travel leaders and those willing to stand at bus stations to meet and greet campers – events can't run without them! Pray that they will gain as much from serving as the young people do who attend.



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Prayer Diary March 2010

M 1

Ask that Alan might feel supported and encouraged by the Baptist Ministers' Day of Prayer he attends in Pitlochry today.

Tu 2

Continue to give thanks for the safety so far enjoyed at the toddler groups and pray for warm relationships between Mum's.

W 3

As Fairtrade Fortnight continues, ask that God would create a heart of careful consumerism in each one of us as we remember that someone's life and wellbeing could depend on the products we buy and eat. May we always be thankful and act with justice.

Th 4

Pray for good relationships to build up as Alan meets with office staff and then attends a Core Leaders' meeting at the Baptist Union of Scotland today and as Marcus is introduced to St Michael's School Assembly with a view to him continuing there as Alan leaves.

Pray for a good afternoon of fellowship as Friendship Hour meet to hear Willie Pearson speak about "God and the Guest House".

F 5

Give thanks for the opportunity Marcus has today to take the assembly at Amisfield Primary School and pray that the children would understand the message and be eager to get to know Jesus more.

Sa 6

Remember Eileen McNeill in Kosovo and give thanks that she now has a wood burning stove so can keep warm despite the power cuts! Eileen asks us to pray for a friend who has started going to church with her as she learns about God and gets to know Him.

Su 7

Uphold Alan as he preaches to us today and thank God for His Word, asking Him as we read, hear and understand it, to shape us through it and to help us develop habits that glorify Him.

M 8

Pray for the right people to sit on the Search Committee, that they would be a good mix and representation of the fellowship, and that an interim moderator would be in place soon. Ask for a clear agenda and a united vision as the group seeks to identify a new senior pastor.

Tu 9

Give thanks that Grant and Ross Hamilton were able to spend time here recently and that Grant is feeling the benefit of medical treatment he received whilst here. Pray for a continuing recovery for Grant and for clear plans of action to be formulated by the organisation he works for in North Africa after their AGM last month, as they seek to reach out to the most vulnerable people in their society. May they truly be able to show God's love in action as they work.

W 10

Pray for trust to grow as mums share problems, joys and sorrows with the toddler group leaders and ask for wisdom for the leaders as they try to help in various different situations.

Th 11

Thank God for our small groups within the church and for the teaching, emotional and spiritual nurturing they provide to those who attend. Pray for the small group leaders as different skills are expected of them to lead and pastorally care etc.

F 12

Continue to pray for the Donaldson family as they make preparations to move. Remember Paul and Alex who will be attending new schools after the Easter holidays and pray that the whole family would settle quickly into

church, schools and their new community.

Sa 13

Praise God that David White has accepted the call to be the pastor at the newly constituted Fort William Baptist Church from the summer and ask God to equip David to be all that he will need to be to meet that role. Pray for David as he spends the next week or so with the fellowship there, looking forward to the summer.

Su 14

As we meet to worship God today, let's thank Him that He watches over us as a shepherd watches over a flock and that when we stray from the true path He searches for us and brings us back to the fold. Praise God that no matter where we wander, He will seek us.

Uphold David White as he preaches at Fort William Baptist Church today.

M 15

Please remember the 3 young ladies who attended the last Christianity Explored Course in our church, that they might be challenged to go on in their search of who Jesus is. Praise God that one of the ladies decided to put her trust in God and to follow Him.

Tu 16

Let's thank God for His wonderful creation that we can enjoy, but ask for His forgiveness for our greed and selfishness which contributes to climate change. Ask Him to help us care for His creation and to show us how we can help to protect people who are impacted by climate change

W 17

Give thanks for the new families that Eileen McNeill has got to know in

Kosovo and ask that she might soon build up good relationships with them. Pray for the children she is supporting - Eileen asks us to pray for Vita, that she would be able to start school.

Th 18

Remember Alan as he takes his farewell assembly at St Michael's school and thank God that Marcus will continue to share the good news of Jesus with the children there.

The Ladies' bible study group are enjoying their studies on "Money Matters". Pray that they will continue to be challenged by them.

Pray for a challenging and uplifting afternoon as Major Jim Prescott of the Salvation Army speaks at Friendship Hour. Thank God for the variety of different speakers who come to share with this group.

F 19

As Lesley and Catherine lead the SU group at Georgetown Primary School at lunch time pray that the children attending will understand the real Easter Story. Ask that more volunteers might take up opportunities to lead in this or other SU groups in schools.

Sa 20

Pray for good times of celebration as we meet to give thanks for Alan and Ruth's time with us at a lunch in church and a ceilidh in the High School tonight. Ask God's continued blessing on the Donaldson family as He works out His plans and purposes for them.

Su 21

Give thanks for Alan's ministry amongst us as he preaches for the last time as our Senior Pastor today and uphold David White as he preaches

again at Fort William Baptist Church. Remember those local youngsters going to the "Strictly Come Praying" SU event at Grangemouth today. Pray for young people to meaningfully engage in prayer and catch a vision of what God can do through them as they pray for others.

M 22

Pray for David White as he returns from his time with the Fort William fellowship, that he would feel encouraged and look forward to his induction there in the summer. Pray also that in the midst of all this, David would be able to complete his studies at Bible College well.

Tu 23

Give thanks for God's provision for Alan and Ruth and family as they move into their new home in Gartcosh near Glasgow today. Pray for the logistics of all the arrangements and that they would soon settle into their new home and be able to enjoy it.

W 24

In these times of climate change, poverty, greed, malnutrition and recession, let's remember and give thanks that "the earth is the Lord's and everything in it" and pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who have suffered most through our actions. Ask God to help us learn how to love and serve one another in His world.

Th 25

Pray for all those in our fellowship who are struggling at this time - with ill health, bereavement, the limitations of old age, those who feel overwhelmed with fear and feel ready to give up. May they each know the comforting