

Su 23  
As the children bring us their Christmas Nativity this am and the Choir perform "Rumours Of Angels" this evening, let's give thanks for all those who have worked so hard to bring these to us. Pray for any visitors, that they might hear and understand the true message of Christmas as Alistair speaks. Pray this week for Uddingston, Viewfield, Westwood and Westray Baptist Churches.

M 24  
Pray we may all experience the presence of God today, as promised in Jesus our Immanuel "God with us," and be thankful. May we also know a sense of spiritual anticipation amid the materialism of the season.

Tu 25  
As we celebrate our Saviour's birth today, let's worship the Lord with our whole being and give God the glory. Give thanks for His precious gift of Jesus and for God's forgiveness through Him.

W 26  
When the wise men saw the star, they were overjoyed. From our own joy of meeting with Jesus this Christmas, let's all offer the gift of our lives to God afresh.

Th 27  
The SU Holidays Brochure is being posted out to all previous campers around this time. Pray that these are received with enthusiasm and excitement and that young people will be eager to

book another holiday in 2019.  
F 28  
Uphold Andy Feather as he seeks to partner with and to support parents in the teaching and raising of our young people in a God centred way. Pray our young people would develop and use their God given gifts in a humble and servant hearted way for the glory of God.

Sa 29  
Pray for refreshment for Owain Evans, our local SU Regional Worker, at the end of a busy term of travelling many miles to network and encourage volunteers, meet church leaders and to visit school SU Groups.

Su 30  
Uphold David as he preaches "The Whole Duty Of Humanity" this am and Alistair as he leads our End Of Year Prayer and Communion Service this evening. Pray this week for Wigtown, Whytes Causeway, Wishaw and Wick and Keiss Baptist Churches. Praise God for the Bible, His written word to us. May we be disciplined to read it regularly so that we may hear and heed what it says as we seek to put it into practice in our daily lives. As God's Word is proclaimed may the faithful be encouraged and challenged and the lost found.

M 31  
Whatever we've had to face this year, let's give thanks to God for having been our loving Father, constant companion and guide

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# Prayer Diary December 2018

Sa 1  
Let's rejoice and give God thanks for His faithfulness along with our friends at St John's Episcopal Church as they celebrate their 150th anniversary this weekend. David and Paula will be representing DBC at a special service there tomorrow.

Su 2  
Uphold Alistair as he continues our series from Ecclesiastes with "The Anatomy Of The Lonely" this am. Remember Phil and Louise speaking at Bethel Baptist Church in Bradford and our choir as they sing at the Farmers' Market, Station Yard. As the Alpha Group discuss "How and Why Should I Tell Others?" pray that God would give us all boldness to share our faith with others. Pray this week for Stonehaven, Stirling and Stranraer Baptist Churches.

M 3  
Pray for a time of rest and spiritual refreshment as Phil and Louise spend the next two weeks staying with Phil's Dad near Lincoln.

Tu 4  
As the annual UN climate talks take place in Poland over the next two weeks, pray world government leaders will keep their promises to tackle climate change and to address its impacts. Ask for wisdom to make the progress needed to turn agreements into action.

W 5  
As our Deacons meet this evening, give thanks for all those who lead ministries and groups within our fellowship, using the gifts God has given them to serve and bless us all. Let's ask God to equip each one of us for fruitful service.

Th 6  
Uphold Norman and Helen Mitchell as they bring a musical afternoon to Friendship Hour. Pray for the seniors in our church fellowship, that they would feel loved and included.

F 7  
Pray for our Pastor Alistair as he commences a week's annual leave, that he may be sustained in his faith and continue to be inspired to help

others grow in theirs.

Sa 8

Pray shoppers will stop and take part in the Carol Singalong in the Loreburn Centre this am and that they would be caused to reflect on the words, reminding them that Christmas is all about celebrating our Saviour's birth. Uphold our choir and the other churches taking part.

Su 9

Uphold Fiona Morrison as she speaks on "Why Does God Allow Suffering?" this am and Phil and Louise speaking at Lincoln Baptist Church. Pray for wisdom and sensitivity for the Alpha facilitators as "Does God Heal Today" is discussed. Pray this week for Stromness, Strathendrick and Thomas Coats Memorial Baptist Churches.

M 10

Give thanks for all those who attend our Toddler Group sessions. As the groups hold their Christmas parties today and tomorrow pray for fun, safety and an understanding of the real reason for celebration.

Tu 11

Praise God for the number of families and children we have in our church fellowship. Pray for those families who face challenges in their lives due to financial concerns, particularly as Christmas approaches. Pray especially for single parents.

W 12

Pray for the safe delivery of the

Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes to children in their various destinations around the world, despite the potential obstacles of customs clearance and adverse weather conditions. Pray God will protect these valuable opportunities to show His love and to share the message.

Th 13

Give thanks for all the folk from the Granary who attend services and ministries at DBC. Pray for an enjoyable and reflective time as our choir sing there today and that unchurched folk might attend and hear the message.

F 14

Give thanks for the opportunities Advent provides to share the Christmas story. Remember chaplains and SU staff and volunteers who are involved in leading assemblies and end-of-term services. Pray for preparations taking place to run Christmas presentations and that there will be an increased understanding of Jesus. Uphold David and Andy as they take the Christmas Assembly at Noblehill Primary School today. Pray for Alistair as he meets in Edinburgh with Greg Pritchard, Director of the European Leadership Forum.

Sa 15

Scottish Christian musicians David & Yvonne Lyon, Steph Macleod and Elyn Oliver are performing Christmas songs and carols in DBCC this evening as part of their Tearfund Scotland

Christmas Tour to raise funds for Tearfund partners, bringing hope to poor communities throughout the world. Pray that those who come will be inspired and moved to offer their support.

Su 16

Uphold David as he preaches "Celebrating Life" this am and Phil and Louise speaking at Carey Baptist Church, Hemel Hempstead. As the final session of Alpha is this evening, give thanks for those who have attended and for the openness and willingness to ask questions and to discuss the topics. Pray the Holy Spirit will open the hearts of the seekers to lead them to Jesus and deepen the relationship of those already following Jesus. Pray this week for Tillicoultry, Thurso and Tiree Baptist Churches.

M 17

The Christmas season is a wonderful opportunity for Christian Unions to reach students with the message of the gospel. As Carol services and themed outreach events attract thousands of students, pray that many students will engage and respond to the gospel through these events.

Tu 18

Give thanks for our choir members as they give so much time to practice to bless us all in song. Remember them as they sing at Allanbank today. May this bring back happy memories

of Christmases past for the residents.

W 19

Let's remember our brothers and sisters around the world who can not celebrate our Saviour's birth openly as they live under oppressive governments or regimes. Pray the light of Christ would shine into their darkness, giving them courage and hope.

Th 20

Pray others from the neighbourhood would join us at DBCC for our Community Carol Singing this afternoon, which will include Friendship Hour, Encore and Sing-A-Long. Uphold Alistair as he speaks at this event. Remember our choir as they sing this afternoon at Abbeyfield.

F 21

Remember those in our fellowship who are struggling at this time with illness or frailty or financial worries. Pray for those for whom Christmas is a difficult time, those living alone, those grieving for a loved one, those who are a long way from family, that they would all know something of the peace, joy and comfort of our Lord at this time.

Sa 22

Pray for a really happy family time as Phil and Louise spend Christmas with their family. Remember Joy in Nepal as she spends her first Christmas away from family. Pray they will each know the comfort and peace of our Lord in their separation.