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PRAYER DIARY

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Together we are his house,
built on the foundation of the
apostles and the prophets.
And the cornerstone is Christ
Jesus himself. (Ephesians 2:20)



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July

FRIDAY 1

Coronavirus is still a reality and last-minute changes to team members is something our Volunteers Department are coping with! 14 SU events are happening next week. Pray that if required, necessary replacements can be quickly found to enable the safe and enjoyable running of events this summer.

SATURDAY 2

Valerie Sim is leading a Baking Holiday for P5–S1s at Lendrick Muir, a new event with a team who haven't worked together before. Pray for Calvin Sim who is Assistant Team Leading for the first time and for a relaxed event with Jesus at the centre.

SUNDAY 3

Seven SU Missions are beginning tomorrow at Kilwinning (Paula Morton), Peterhead (Cheri Young & Julia Pizzuto-Pomaco), Leith (Christine Hodge), Larbert (Mike Glass), Renfrew (Colin & Pauline Forster), Helensburgh (Christine Galloway) and Kilmaurs (Carol Baird). Commit them to God today. Peterhead and Renfrew are brand-new mission events.

ML & Jonny Clipston are giving young people

who live in challenging circumstances an opportunity to enjoy a seaside holiday at Scoughall. Pray for ML and Jonny as they build trust and point to Jesus.

MONDAY 4

Shula Bayton is leading a Canoe Adventure for S3–S6s on the River Spey, and a partnership with A Rocha has enabled a new Adventure in Creation camp at Alltnacriche for S2–S6s, led by Rachel and Anthony Luxton. Pray for memorable adventures discovering God and his creation.

TUESDAY 5

Angus Moyes and Cara Wightman are leading multi-activity holidays at Kingscross and Lendrick Muir respectively, spanning the P6–S6 age range. Their events are halfway through: pray for lots of energy for the team and increasing interest in God among the young people.

WEDNESDAY 6

Hannah Thresher & Zonya Bewick are leading a residential at Lendrick Muir for young people from the BUSY Project in Broxburn. Give thanks that the team know the young people well. Pray for a deeper understanding of God and his love for them in Jesus.

THURSDAY 7

Give thanks for 'Joseph and the Triumph of Grace', a resource produced by the Scottish Bible Society which is being used at many SU events this summer. Its exciting comic book illustrations bring the Bible narrative to life, and a workbook helps young people reflect on their own journey with God.

FRIDAY 8

Pray for clarity and faithfulness to God's word for those delivering final Bible engagement sessions at holidays and missions today. Pray for courage for young people who want to choose to follow Jesus in the face of friends or family who may not believe.

SATURDAY 9

Nine SU Holidays start today. Pray for Owain Evans and his team who are at the start of an event for S1–S6s at Gowanbank. Pray that teenagers coming from different locations get on well together and that many good conversations about faith will happen this coming week.

SUNDAY 10

Give thanks for Lendrick Muir and its fantastic facilities which are being enjoyed by four separate SU Holidays this week. Pray that centre staff find joy and satisfaction in their work, and that current vacancies will shortly be filled

to provide a full staff team. (suscotland.org.uk/jobs)

MONDAY 11

Raploch is an area of Stirling ranked highly within the Index of Multiple Deprivation. Pray for children to enjoy the fun and Bible stories at the SU Mission led by Barry Hughes this week. Lunch will be offered to families of attending children, building relationships with the local church.

Chris Beattie, Associate Worker for KART Trust, is finishing up a 3-night holiday for Kirkcaldy primary children at Lendrick Muir today. Pray each child has a desire to continue seeking God.

TUESDAY 12

John Gillan & Val Scott are leading a Motiv8 Holiday at Alltnacriche; Brian & Vicky Allen are at Scoughall leading SURf Camp; Graham & Elaine Tait are at Kingscross leading an SU Holiday for P6–S4s. Pray for friendships, dry weather, safety, lots of fun and great times looking at the Bible.

WEDNESDAY 13

Give thanks for the Christian community living out faith at the P5–P7 SU Holiday led by Jo Rose at Lendrick Muir. Pray that the children will take away great memories and have a lasting awareness of who God is.

THURSDAY 14

Two Creative Arts events have been running this week: P5–P7s have been at Lendrick Muir and S1–S6s at Bassenfell with Gordon Roy. Pray for great creativity as they develop their God-given gifts and that they enjoy exploring the Bible in a fresh way.

FRIDAY 15

Please pray for great wisdom for the small team of individuals who are providing duty cover for SU events this summer, giving 24/7 support to Event Leaders.

SATURDAY 16

Gavin & Joanna Thomson are leading the Whiting Bay Mission for the next two weeks. Pray for excitement and interest among local children as well as holidaymakers. Pray too that each child experiences a warm welcome from the team and encounters the love of Jesus.

SUNDAY 17

Residential events are also happening in Belarus. Pray for strength for Nikolai and his team as they serve in the summer heat and for protection over their ministry. Pray too for Open Bible staff in Ukraine who are disappointed at not being able to run a summer programme for children and young people.

MONDAY 18

Two events are running at Lendrick Muir. Tim & Catherine Frew are leading a holiday for S1–S6s and Colin Carmichael is leading a holiday for P7–S3s. Pray for friendship, laughter, great activities, and a deepening love for God.

TUESDAY 19

Elaine Watt & Geoff Todd and Fiona & Russell Shields are in the middle of P5–P7 holidays at Alltnacriche and Scoughall. Pray for wisdom in dealing with anxieties and upsets and that the team get it right for every child, no matter their needs. Pray God's blessing upon them today.

WEDNESDAY 20

Three specialist events are happening this week: Drama (led by Suzi Sherriffs at Gowanbank for S2–S6s); Watersports (led by Gordon Roy at Glencoe for S1–S6s); Mountain Biking (also led by Gordon Roy at Glencoe for S1–S6s). Pray for safety, many fun experiences, and encounter with God through his word.

THURSDAY 21

There are many children and young people who have been damaged by Acute Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and many others who are confused about their gender and sexuality.

Pray for sensitivity, understanding and wisdom for our staff and volunteers as they hear about such concerns.

FRIDAY 22

After months of planning, the Magnitude Festival begins tomorrow at Lendrick Muir. Pray for last minute hiccups to be sorted and for smooth logistics as team and young people travel to the festival from across Scotland and beyond.

SATURDAY 23

Mike Glass and James & Helen Hogg are leading SU residential events at the Magnitude festival for S2–S6s. Mike is leading an outdoor camp and Helen & James are indoors. Pray that the highlight might be time spent with God in worship and prayer.

SUNDAY 24

John Gillan is leading an SU Motiv8 Holiday at Alltnacriche. There can be challenges integrating socio-economically disadvantaged young people from different areas, who are insecure outwith their own territory. Pray for barriers to be broken down and for the love and peace of Christ to reign, transforming lives.

MONDAY 25

Three SU Missions begin today and covet your

prayers: Heather Merriman is leading at Currie/Juniper Green in Edinburgh, Hazel Gray in North Berwick, and Chris & Lindsay Dixon at Prestonpans. All are well-established events that were affected by the pandemic. Pray for lots of excited children to come!

TUESDAY 26

Alan Scott & Craig Morris are leading an SU Holiday at Glenshee for P5–S6s while John & Sarah Wadsworth and team are at Scoughall with a programme catering for P6–S4s. Pray for good role modelling by Group Leaders, and that young people feel listened to and cared for.

WEDNESDAY 27

Susan Whyte is leading a holiday at Gowanbank this week run in partnership with the Presbytery of Argyll. Give thanks for an opportunity to support ongoing work with young people from Dunoon and other parts of Argyll. Pray that the team see young people grow in faith as they grapple with doubts and questions.

THURSDAY 28

Give thanks for every volunteer who is making our summer programme possible: Event Leaders and their Assistants; Cooks, Assistant Cooks, Group Leaders, General Helpers, Trainees, Minibus Drivers

and Travel Leaders. Pray they know the thrill of serving the living God.

FRIDAY 29

It is now three years since the Respond Rwanda mission trip to serve alongside our brothers and sisters in SU Rwanda. Pray for their summer programme, and for wisdom concerning future exchange trips.

SATURDAY 30

Give thanks for the year-round work Libby Lobban heads up at Junction 12 and for the team of J12 volunteers who know the young people well. Pray for those attending their Motiv8 Holiday at Alltnacriche this week to be eager to hear from God in the Bible.

SUNDAY 31

We are now into week five of our summer programme. Pray for our Volunteers Department as they continue to work hard to source and support teams, not just for SU Holidays & Missions but for SU Groups ahead of their restart after the summer.

August

MONDAY 1

Eleanor Dickson & James Clark are leading a holiday for P5–S4s at Lendrick Muir, while Andrew Maudsley is leading a sailing adventure

for a small group of S2–S6s to Dunstaffnage and the Outer Hebrides. Pray for a sense of God's presence and favour at both events.

TUESDAY 2

Four SU Missions are happening in very different locations: Colinton Mains in Edinburgh (led by Gordon McBirnie), Ferguslie Park in Paisley (led by Stuart Davidson), Islay (led by Calum & Sue McFarlane) and Bannockburn (a new mission, led by Gordon Roy). Pray that every child feels cared for and eagerly welcomes the good news of Jesus.

WEDNESDAY 3

Give thanks for the new cabin accommodation now in use at Scoughall. Pray for the S1–S6s attending their SU Holiday by the sea there this week, led by Katie Piggot & Phil Copeland. Pray they benefit from time away to consider God more fully.

THURSDAY 4

Susie Graham and her team will be making last-minute preparations today for the Whitecraig Mission, running from tomorrow until Sunday. Pray for unity among the team, energy, and enthusiasm. Pray too that lots of children will come.

FRIDAY 5

We are hugely grateful to our team of Chief Cooks

and Assistant Cooks who serve God at our events, some having done so for many years. We are looking for nominations to attend a Cooks' School in November: pray for a new generation of cooks to be raised up to continue to provide tasty food!

SATURDAY 6

Praise God that our much-loved sites at Kingscross and Scoughall are being well used this summer. Pray God's blessing upon the P6–S6s travelling to Kingscross and the P5–P7s journeying to Scoughall today. Pray for a memorable, life-changing week with Jesus in the midst.

SUNDAY 7

Fundraising has been taking place at holidays and missions to 'Kit Out the Campsite' for SU in a restricted country. Pray for generosity over the remaining two weeks of summer events as well as at our Big Celebration later this month. (suscotland.org.uk/give)

MONDAY 8

The Senior Voice Holiday is happening at Gowanbank, led by Jenny Cheung, where singing is the focus. George & Audrey Chalmers are at Alltnacriche leading a multi-activity SU Holiday for P7–S6s. Pray for a sense of God's presence, deepening faith, and positive friendships.



TUESDAY 9

SQA results come out today and it's a day of excitement for some and disappointment for others. Pray for young people who will receive results while they are at an SU Holiday or Mission, and the leaders who will either celebrate or commiserate with them. Pray for sensitivity to those who are struggling.

WEDNESDAY 10

Pray for Tim Raynes, Andy & Carrie Haddow and Kirsteen Marcelin as they lead SU Missions happening at Smithton/Culloden, Eyemouth and Kirkliston all this week. Susie Graham is leading a 2-day mission at Ormiston. Pray for huge fun and enjoyment and that the children listen well as they hear from the Bible.

THURSDAY 11

Valerie Sim has more requests from schools for Bible Alive than she can deal with! Praise God for the effectiveness of Bible Alive in helping children discover God's big story throughout the whole Bible. Pray that more people may be raised up with a heart for this ministry and come forward to be trained. (suscotland.org.uk/biblealive)

FRIDAY 12

Many churches will be preparing to hold Back to

School with God services on Sunday and in the next few weeks. Pray the service helps children and young people feel the support of God's people and that knowing God goes with them as they return to school brings reassurance. (suscotland.org.uk/bsg)

SATURDAY 13

Our last SU Holiday of the summer programme begins at Alltnacriche today for P5-S6s. Pray for strengthening and equipping for Jenny Thomson as she leads and for many signs of God at work, revealing himself to the team and young people as the Bible is explored.

SUNDAY 14

Give thanks for a good number of new gap year students. They begin their year tomorrow with two weeks' training before heading off to various placements. Pray for confidence, not in themselves but in Almighty God, and growing trust in what he has planned for them in the coming year.

MONDAY 15

Cheri Young and Owain Evans are leading SU Mission teams in Inverbervie and Stranraer this week. Inverbervie was a long-established mission pre-COVID, and Stranraer is only in its second year. Pray for an encouraging response

from the local communities, and for children to be excited about Jesus.

TUESDAY 16

Jenny Hamill began a new post as Head of Digital earlier this year. Pray for Jenny today, that she might know God's leading as she formulates a strategy for using digital innovation to reach a generation.

WEDNESDAY 17

Equip pupil leadership training will take place on Zoom for S4-S6s across Scotland from the end of August to the middle of September. Pray for those who are nervous about taking up the baton of SU Group leadership. Pray for courage to join in, and good discussions at each session.

THURSDAY 18

We are thrilled to partner with a whole range of organisations to help children and young people explore the Bible and respond to the significance of Jesus. Give thanks for Circle and Prison Fellowship who worked with us to enable children affected by imprisonment attend an SU Holiday.

FRIDAY 19

Young people who served as first-time group leaders at events as part of the ComMISSION programme

this summer begin their Review Weekend at Lendrick Muir. Pray for good self-reflection on what they have learned as well as an eagerness to continue to grow spiritually and serve God.

SATURDAY 20

The Big Celebration and the AGM take place today at Lendrick Muir. Give thanks for the SU family coming together in person! Pray for a spirit of thanksgiving and prayer and that God receives all the glory from the programme of worship, Bible teaching, prayer, story-sharing, and activities. Pray for Tommy MacNeill as he shares from God's word.

SUNDAY 21

One of the major challenges we have been facing this year is recruitment. We give thanks today for those who have recently come to work with us. Pray that God will raise up committed, able individuals with a heart for children and young people for vacant roles, particularly at our centres. (suscotland.org.uk/jobs)

MONDAY 22

New Staff Retreat is happening at Alltnacriche until Wednesday, with Gap Year joining the event and continuing their training until Friday. Lendrick Muir staff are also having a training week. Pray that the God

who gives endurance and encouragement may give them a spirit of unity among themselves, so that with one heart and mouth they may glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:5)

TUESDAY 23

Schools in Belarus don't start until September. Nikolai and his family have been working at their campsite for weeks on end in extreme heat, with no air conditioning in their accommodation. Pray for energy, endurance, and enthusiasm in serving the Lord.

WEDNESDAY 24

Give thanks for SU Scotland staff and volunteers who have completed a summer full of activities, expending energy in working with children and young people. Pray for spiritual refreshment. Pray that Christ's power may rest on them.

Pray for the Finance Committee as they meet this evening.

THURSDAY 25

Pray for a sense of God's presence at ACTIVATE, which takes place in Edinburgh tomorrow night to kick start the year for S1–S6s with a time of envisioning for the young people as they live for Jesus in school, and to pray for them.

FRIDAY 26

Give thanks for volunteers across the country who serve on SU Action Groups, supporting regional ministries. A new North Lanarkshire Action Group was formed before the summer with Ian Stangoe as chair. Pray for direction in stimulating and supporting SU work in the region.

SATURDAY 27

Give thanks for the weekly ministry of SU Associate Trusts in supporting vulnerable young people and giving them opportunities to find out more about the Christian faith. Pray for encouragement for Associate Workers and for a good start to weekly groups and clubs.

SUNDAY 28

In March 2020 we had around 450 SU Groups running in schools, and we were praying for 500! Lockdown changed the picture completely of course. But as COVID restrictions eased, groups restarted, and we ended last year with 150 active SU Groups. Pray for God to rebuild this ministry—that many more will be given permission to restart, and volunteers will be in place to lead.

MONDAY 29

Give thanks for the role of monthly Spotlight and Equip

events in helping secondary aged young people flourish in faith. Pray for programme planning for the coming year; for suitable speakers to be found; for sufficient team members to be in place.

TUESDAY 30

Pray for Elizabeth McDowall and Bruce Lockhart, who around now will be identifying young people keen to be part of the planning group for our Encounter prayer event. Pray that senior pupils who are already busy with studies may find time to commit to serving God in this way.

WEDNESDAY 31

Pray for the group meeting today to firm up plans for the Staff Conference taking place at the end of November.

The Board of SU Scotland will be meeting online tomorrow night. Give thanks for the gifted and committed volunteers who serve as trustees and pray for godly wisdom and good governance in all the matters under discussion.

September

THURSDAY 1

Tim Raynes begins his job as Lead of Ministry at the Margins today. Tim has a wide experience of mission in Scotland's most socio-economically deprived

communities as well as good relationships with organisations such as Transforming Lives for Good (tlg.org.uk). Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading in this new role.

FRIDAY 2

A new Independent Schools Weekend for S3–S6s begins tonight at Gowanbank, led by Jenny Thomson. Pray for relationships between the young people and Jesus to deepen and for friendships to grow between pupils from different schools.

SATURDAY 3

Monika Kuschmierz is Director of SU International and started weekly prayer sessions for Ukraine in the spring. Pray for Monika and Becky Swamickan, SU International Ministry Specialist, as they work on plans for the International Week of Prayer in November.

SUNDAY 4

Praise God for the ministry of our centres, giving thanks for our Centre Directors Marek, Dave, Colin & Sylvia. Pray that blank spaces currently in the diary for the coming academic year may soon be filled with bookings from schools, churches, and organisations, as well as SU events.

MONDAY 5

Pray for the National Ministries team as they meet at Scoughall today

and tomorrow for training and equipping and to pray for the academic year ahead. Pray for God-centred conversations and much encouragement in meeting together.

TUESDAY 6

Please pray for God's presence at two Action Group meetings happening tonight. The Bearsden and Milngavie Action Group and the South Lanarkshire Action Group will be updated on SU work in their area, make plans, and spend time in prayer.

WEDNESDAY 7

Prior to lockdown our SU Holidays were rated highly by young people, with a healthy return rate. Pray that children and young people who have returned home full to bursting with their experiences will want to return to a regional SU Weekend or to a future SU Holiday.

THURSDAY 8

Lendrick Muir staff are delighted to welcome Bellevue Chapel this weekend: pray that folks from the church have a blessed time together. Give thanks that Hebron Evangelical in Aberdeen are keen to serve local schools by running an SU Group and have a team of volunteers in place. Pray for open doors and favour with headteachers.

**FRIDAY 9**

Pray for a level of anticipation as Spotlight and Equip dates are posted online for the coming session and that those who came last year will return and bring friends. Pray too that new church groups and individuals will be keen to come.

SATURDAY 10

Pray for pupil leaders in Clifton Hall School, George Heriot's School, and George Watson's College. Pray for wisdom and creativity as they restart their SU Groups, and boldness as they invite others to join them.

SUNDAY 11

Planning is underway for the Go Conference next month. Pray for a good response to invitations that have gone out to senior pupils, and that young people in churches will also see the publicity. Pray for enthusiastic young delegates! (suscotland.org.uk/go)

MONDAY 12

Give thanks for Rev Steve Younger's relationship with school staff at Auchinraith Primary, where he leads a nurture group supporting vulnerable children. Before the summer the Headteacher granted permission for an SU Group to restart in the school. Pray it can go ahead and that children will want to come.

TUESDAY 13

Recruitment has proved an issue for many Associate Trusts, including Contraflow in Helensburgh, K2 in St Andrews and GROW in Glenrothes. Pray for these Trusts as they take time to prayerfully consider the way forward.

WEDNESDAY 14

Pray today for your Regional Worker as they seek to grow the number of SU Groups in your region and plan forthcoming regional SU weekends. Pray for good relationships with volunteers, churches, children and young people. Find out more at suscotland.org.uk/regional.

THURSDAY 15

A new project team has been put together to look at upgrading and refreshing the SU Scotland website. Pray for Gillian Aitken, Comms Manager, as she heads up the team and for planning and decision-making.

FRIDAY 16

Give thanks for the new Holiday Club resource for 2023 which has now been written and is at the design stage: pray for creativity and a layout that will be attractive and helpful to those who will use it.

SATURDAY 17

Tima and Tamara Stupak and their three children have

been in Scotland almost six months now and they were joined in May by Tima's sister Anya. Pray for continued readjustment to Scottish culture and that they feel settled in a local church.

SUNDAY 18

We are looking for 12 people to join a Chief Cooks' Course, and four younger adults to pilot a Trainee Cooks' Course, which will begin with residential training from 25–27 November at Gowanbank. Pray for nominations to come from Team Leaders, and that those who are nominated might respond positively!

MONDAY 19

Give thanks for Alistair, who used to run the SU Group at Ellon Academy and recently moved to Orkney. As volunteers move on, pray for suitable individuals to be raised up to take over leadership of SU Groups in schools.

TUESDAY 20

Give thanks for One Big Question, a programme for primary SU Groups based on the big questions that children and young people ask about God, such as 'Who made God?' and 'How do I know he is real?' Pray that it will stimulate children to think for themselves. (suscotland.org.uk/resources)

WEDNESDAY 21

Give thanks for Ailsa Grant, who retired in June after 14 years with SU Scotland, and pray for Steve McDerment who has replaced her as Assistant Account. Pray for Jennifer Babb, the new Head of Fundraising, giving thanks to God for calling both individuals to work with us. Pray they grow in dependence on God and deepen relationships with staff and volunteers.

THURSDAY 22

The SU Holidays staff team will meet tomorrow to debrief on the summer holiday programme. Please pray for clear insight, good decision-making, and continued vision.

FRIDAY 23

Colin Carmichael is heading to Alltnacriche tonight to lead a weekend for P5–P7s from the Highlands. For some, this will be their first time away from home. Pray the children settle, have lots of fun, and enjoy exploring the Bible.

SATURDAY 24

Praise God for a new staff prayer group that started at Peebles High before the summer and for others who pray for schools and have registered prayer through Pray for Schools Scotland (prayforschoolsscotland.org.uk). Pray that answers to prayer may be seen in the coming days.

SUNDAY 25

Please pray that funding will be secured to enable ongoing MIDAS training for minibus drivers. As of 1 September, all our minibus drivers require training in order to continue to drive for SU Scotland. Our desire is that the cost of training would not be a barrier to any volunteer.

MONDAY 26

Spotlight starts back on Friday for S1–S3s in Edinburgh. Give thanks for Zonya Bewick and others involved in leading the event and pray that new S1s will quickly feel at home, enjoy making new friends, and that good spiritual foundations will be laid for the year ahead.

TUESDAY 27

Around 75 P5 pupils from George Heriot's School in Edinburgh will be arriving at Lendrick Muir tomorrow and staying until Friday. Pray for the staff team as they prepare today for their arrival, giving thanks for this opportunity to lead activities and run a school residential programme.

WEDNESDAY 28

Give thanks for churches who are benefitting from the facilities at our centres in helping them take time out for refreshment, fellowship, and prayer. A group from Kinross Parish Church will be

at Gowanbank this coming weekend and City on a Hill Church from Edinburgh in a few weeks' time.

THURSDAY 29

Ask God's blessing on the Bearsden & Milngavie SU Volunteers Thank-you Meal which will be happening tomorrow night, bringing together prayer supporters, SU Group leaders, and team members of the East Dunbartonshire weekend to celebrate all that God has done and is doing.

FRIDAY 30

The Residentials Board Committee meet at the beginning of October. Pray that there would be good reflection on the summer activities and creative planning for all that lies ahead in ministry with children and young people at centres and in SU Holidays.

October

SATURDAY 1

A Bethany Family Camp is happening at Lendrick Muir this weekend. Pray for a good day of activities and chat and that both children and their parents will make new friendships and take steps towards discovering God.

SUNDAY 2

Pray for wisdom for SU Scotland's Leadership Team

and Wider Leadership Team as they oversee SU ministry. Pray they stand firm in the face of challenges and opposition and are sensitive to the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit.

MONDAY 3

The Event Leadership Conference planning group meets this morning to finalise plans for the annual conference in January. Pray for attention to detail and a clear sense of each part of the programme falling into place.

TUESDAY 4

Regional SU weekend publicity will be going out to young people who attended summer events as well as young people attending SU Groups in their schools and local churches. Pray that young people will be eager to go on a weekend residential with others from their area.

WEDNESDAY 5

Give thanks for John Mowat, Support Development Manager, and his work on our latest appeal which is due to land on doorsteps around now. Pray for favour and generosity from those reading it, giving thanks for the spiritual gift of giving.

THURSDAY 6

We have been working over the past year to move

to a modern system to manage details of contacts and supporters, and it has been a huge project! Pray for Ken Aitken (Project Manager) and Noel Slevin (IT Manager) and others still working on it.

FRIDAY 7

John Gillan is leading a Ferrywell Youth Project weekend away at Alltnacriche for S1–S6s who live in Pilton, Muirhouse and Drylaw in Edinburgh. Pray the weekend is full of God's love, joy and peace, bringing strength to young people who are dealing with difficult home situations.

SATURDAY 8

A good number of prayer groups meet around the country each month, praying for SU Groups, schools, and wider SU ministry. Give thanks for those whose ministry is in prayer, ask God to encourage them with answers. Pray that others might join them. (suscotland.org.uk/events)

SUNDAY 9

Every second Monday the Holidays Leadership Team (Alan Myles, Graeme Stangoe & Jackie Ringan) meet. The 2023 programme is being prepared. Pray for clear marketing strategy and for even more young people to hear of the opportunity to take part in an SU Holiday in 2023.

MONDAY 10

Recruitment continues to be a challenge and one that we have prayed into often! Pray for encouragement for our HR Partner, Rachel Causey. Pray that God will call committed and able individuals to work for us. (suscotland.org.uk/jobs)

TUESDAY 11

Give thanks for the young people who are spending a gap year with SU Scotland. Despite their placements being in different locations, pray that they have a sense of being co-workers together in God's service. Pray they encourage one another and build each other up.

WEDNESDAY 12

Pray for the mental and physical wellbeing of the SU staff team, both here and in our partner SU movements in Belarus and Ukraine. Pray that each one whose strength is failing may lean on God's promise through Isaiah to give strength to the weary and increase the power of the weak. (Isaiah 40:29)

THURSDAY 13

Pray that our supporters feel well connected with SU where they live. Pray for more to take up the opportunity to receive newsletters from Regional Workers, support them in prayer, and give financially to sustain their ministry.

**FRIDAY 14**

The Go Conference for S4–S6s meets for a long weekend at Lendrick Muir. Pray for Colin Sinclair as he leads the Bible teaching and others who will lead seminars. Pray that young people will deepen their trust in God and be inspired to live out their faith wholeheartedly at home, at school and amongst their friends.

SATURDAY 15

Alan & Victoria Myles are leading a Baking Camp for P7–S3s from today until Tuesday at Gowankbank. Pray for the young people to gel well together, gain new skills, produce great baking, and eagerly get stuck into exploring the Bible.

SUNDAY 16

Give thanks for a growing number of Ambassadors across Scotland. Pray they feel valued by us in their role of effectively communicating SU events, resources, and opportunities to their church. (suscotland.org.uk/ambassadors)

MONDAY 17

Graeme & Karen Stangoe are beginning a four-night SU Holiday for P5–S1s at Alltnacriche and Tim Raynes is leading an SU Mission in Pilton & Muirhouse, Edinburgh, with Ferrywell and local churches. Pray that the children quickly settle, listen well, and increasingly grow in their knowledge and love of God.

TUESDAY 18

Give thanks for close working opportunities with other SU movements across the UK and Ireland. Myles McBean took up the post of General Director of SU England & Wales in 2019. Pray for him as he leads the staff team and for increasing effectiveness in sharing Jesus with the unreached 95% of children and young people not in church.

WEDNESDAY 19

Give thanks for the many young people who attended Magnitude this past summer and pray that God continues to be at work in their lives. Pray for wisdom for Kirsty Haxton, Festival Coordinator, and her team as they debrief and make plans for the future.

THURSDAY 20

There are many children and young people who cope with chaotic home circumstances. Pray today for John Gillan of the Ferrywell Youth Trust and Libby Lobban of Junction 12 and their staff and volunteers who offer vital support to individuals.

FRIDAY 21

Lendrick Muir will be filled tonight with students attending the Edinburgh University Christian Union Weekend. Pray their programme of Bible teaching and workshops deepens a passion to reach fellow students with the good news of Christ. And that they have fun!

SATURDAY 22

We are incredibly grateful to God for the way he provides for our needs, through his faithful people. Pray for our Head of Fundraising as they work to build new donor relationships.

SUNDAY 23

Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen Christian young people living out their faith at school. Some who completed the Equip pupil leadership course last month will still be trying to start an SU Group. Pray that permission will be granted, a suitable venue found, and the right words given to say in advertising it.

MONDAY 24

Chatterboxes is a Monday afternoon club for the pupils of Victoria and Trinity Primary Schools in Edinburgh. Pray for Christine and Lynn as they plan a programme for the coming term and that many seeds will be sown.

TUESDAY 25

Some SU Groups begin after the October school holiday and run through to Easter. Pray for volunteers seeking to get new groups started. Pray for favour with headteachers and parents.

WEDNESDAY 26

We have been praying for the small team writing a new Missions resource for 2023. It is now at the design stage. Pray for creativity and that a deadline of printing in December will be met ahead of a launch at the Event Leadership Conference in January.

THURSDAY 27

Planning is taking place for both Staff Conference in December and the Event Leadership Conference in January. Pray for attention to detail for Gail McLay, Office Manager & PA, who has the overall responsibility for administering both events.

FRIDAY 28

Give thanks for Gillian and Sarah, our Comms Team, and pray that

news of what we do will reach a wide audience on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media platforms. Pray particularly that young people will engage. Pray too for Gillian as she gets married tomorrow and adjusts to living in a new location!

SATURDAY 29

Tomorrow night a Supporters' Evening will be held in South Lanarkshire, organised by the Action Group. Pray that those who pray, give and volunteer will feel part of what is going on locally and be inspired to invite others to join in.

SUNDAY 30

Give thanks for the faithfulness of Independent School Action Groups in the east (chaired by Ed Tulloch) and west (chaired by Michael Reader-Harris). Pray for Jenny Thomson and Lyndsey Cole, our workers in the east and west, giving thanks for growing connections.

MONDAY 31

Give thanks for every person who volunteers with SU Scotland. Pray on that many more would consider volunteering particularly to take up opportunities with SU Groups in schools. Pray for Janice, Alastair and Fiona as they speak with potential volunteers and ensure that the accreditation process goes smoothly.

Glossary

2CY Trust	Associate Worker Trust, Clydesdale, South Lanarkshire
Basecamp	COmMISSION training event for S5–S6s
BCYT	Associate Worker Trust, Berwickshire
Bible Alive	Interactive primary school lessons covering the storyline of the Bible
Big Celebration	SU Scotland annual celebration at Lendrick Muir
BUSY	Associate Worker Trust, Broxburn & Uphall
COmMISSION	Mission and discipleship programme for S5 to student age
Contraflow	Associate Worker Trust, Helensburgh
Connect Groups	Small discipleship groups meeting for Bible Study across Scotland
COOL	Associate Worker Trust, Lochalsh and South Skye
CVE	Christian Values in Education (cve-scotland.org.uk)
Easter Code	Presentation of the Easter story to primary school children
Encounter	Annual prayer event for P7–S6s
Equip!	Discipleship events for secondary aged pupils
es-team	Edinburgh Schools Team (Regional Workers based in Edinburgh)
Ferrywell	Urban youth ministry project in Edinburgh—Pilton, Muirhouse and Drylaw
Go Conference	Discipleship training conference for pupils in S4–S6
GROW	Associate Worker Trust, Glenrothes
Junction 12 (J12)	Urban youth ministry project in Glasgow's east end
K2	Associate Worker Trust, East Neuk of Fife
KART	Associate Worker Trust, Kirkcaldy
KYTHE	Associate Worker Trust, Kinross-shire
LCYT	Associate Worker Trust, Larbert
LeadUP	COmMISSION training event for S6 and students
Magnitude	Youth Festival at Lendrick Muir
Motiv8	SU Holidays for children from disadvantaged backgrounds
Powerpoint	Worship and teaching event in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen for S1–S6s
Reachout Trust	Associate Worker Trust, Rutherglen and Cambuslang
RO	Religious Observance
School Residential	Midweek school activity break at Alltnacriche, Gowanbank or Lendrick Muir
Spotlight	Monthly discipleship group for S1–S3s
WHEEL Trust	Associate Worker Trust, west end of Glasgow