

Newhaven Church Prayer Calendar

October 2017

Thursday 26/10	Thanks for Gillian Charles and her hard work as PVG co-ordinator. Help us to make sure that we take all necessary steps to protect and care for all vulnerable people we come in contact with. Help us to be alert to situations which can cause trouble. Remember Gillian as she ensures that all necessary checks are carried out.
Friday 27/10	Let us remember the Boys Brigade meeting tonight. Pray for Chas their captain and all the officers. Give thanks for the good number of boys that attend. Pray for them as they seek new leaders for groups.
Saturday 28/10	Even if you can't be present at the Church prayer meeting this month, take time to remember those in the congregation known to you who are in need of prayer and also remember the local, national and international events which require our prayers.
Sunday 29/10	Blythswood shoe boxes- pray that many will take this up and it might be a way to introduce others to the work and bring them along to the shoebox service on 3rd November. Pray for fruitful conversations and for God's love to be shown in them, as we explain why we do this.
Monday 30/10	Pray for teachers in our schools. Let us remember in particular those at Victoria and Trinity Primary and those in our congregation. Help them with the various pressures on their time and also for the management staff with the financial pressures which prevents them doing all that they might wish to do.
Tuesday 31/10	"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint." Isaiah 40 v31. May we rely on the Lord and experience his strength.

Sunday 1/10	Pray for the family service this morning. Pray for Cassie and Peter as they lead it. Help us all to see our responsibilities as Christians in the community to be salt and light.
Monday 2/10	O fill me with thy fullness Lord, until my very heart overflow; In kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show. (Frances Ridley Havergal - Lord speak to me that I may speak)
Tuesday 3/10	Pray for all those who are in hospital, for those undergoing treatment, those feeling frightened, disorientated or facing uncertainty. Pray that God will be close to each one of them, comforting them and knowing His peace and hope.
Wednesday 4/10	Give thanks for God's great love and care, and that he endured death on the cross to show the depth of such love. "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;"
Thursday 5/10	Let us remember at this time the various families in the church who have lost a loved member of their family. We rejoice that there this life is not all there is but we share their loss.
Friday 6/10	We are seeking funding for the renewal of Cassie's appointment. The application has been lodged and is being assessed. Pray for those on the committee carrying out the assessment that they will have wisdom in knowing which projects to back.

Saturday 7/10	Let us remember Susan Walker's family at this time. Susan was a volunteer at Toddlers and the café. She died very suddenly last week. Let us remember them all as they come to terms with the shock. Remember Peter as he leads the funeral service and give him the right words for the occasion.
Sunday 8/10	Give thanks for our recent series on the parables. Remember Peter as he brings us his message this morning. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give him the words for us this morning and that we will be challenged to follow Christ more closely.
Monday 9/10	Pray about the possibility of running an <i>Alpha Course</i> for those folk who are interested in learning more about the Christian faith. Pray for the problem of finding a convenient time and space for busy people.
Tuesday 10/10	Give thanks for 2 people who have come forward as volunteers for Toddlers. Pray for the many new mum's and carers who have just started, that we might truly be salt and light in our communities and be the fragrance of God's love and acceptance to all. Pray also for the many wee ones who have left for nursery that we might keep in contact and be able to see them again in various events when they start school as we have built up some lovely relationships with them.
Wednesday 11/10	Pray for the café and volunteers. Pray for the current situation and that there will be people available to perform all the tasks. Remember Yvonne as she copes with challenges of recruiting volunteers. Give thanks for the appointment of Rachel as assistant and the way in which she has quickly fitted into the café.
Thursday 12/10	Pray for all those involved in politics and government. Pray for wisdom to do what is right; pray that they might act justly, love mercy and walk humbly before God.
Friday 13/10	Pray for applications for the Scripture Union weekend at the end of February; that we might have a good attendance from both the church children and those at Chatterboxes. It is a great way to build up relationships and also to have fun together in crafts and activities, and exploring and growing our faith.

Saturday 14/10	Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and after looking at himself goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like (James 1 22-24)
Sunday 15/10	Gives thanks for the generous gift of a member for a new dishwasher for the camp in a former soviet republic. This with other donations from the congregation is being sent out to enable them to purchase this equipment for their work. Pray for that work and for the faithfulness of all those involved.
Monday 16/10	Pray for all those grieving over the loss of a loved one. Pray that God will draw near to them strengthening and comforting them at this difficult time. <i>The LORD is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:1</i> Give thanks for God's word.
Tuesday 17/10	This week in half term. Pray for families for whom this is challenging with having to find child care. Pray for the children as they have a break from school. Pray that they would return refreshed and ready to learn.
Wednesday 18/10	Give thanks for our new Fabric Convenor Robert Weir. Pray that Robert will settle into his new role with ease and that he will feel God's blessing upon him in all that he is required to do.
Thursday 19/10	Pray for a volunteer to take on the editing of the prayer letter. Give thanks for all the work Dermot put. Let us remember Dermot and Laura and the girls as they settle into their new life in America and give thanks for all that they brought to our fellowship in their time with us.
Friday 20/10	Give thanks for the new session at Chatterboxes. We have 20 children from P5-7 - 4 who are siblings of previous children. Pray for the group as we explore "Who is Jesus?" and look at the portrayal of his life and teaching from the DVD "The Miracle Maker" we have a big group so pray that we will be able to chat and get to know them in the business of the time available, as well as giving them opportunities to ask questions.

Saturday 21/10	Pray for the worship committee as they consider the services. Pray for the plans for Remembrance Sunday. Let us also remember the other services of remembrance that take place including the one at Victoria school.
Sunday 22/10	As we have freedom today to meet to worship God, let us remember Christians in many countries in the world who do not have this freedom. Let us not take for granted our privilege and pray that those without such freedom may be aware of God's presence and protection as they worship today.
Monday 23/10	Pray for a way to resolve the property issues of the church in Pakistan. Pray for action by the bishop and other people in Pakistan to enable the transfer process to get going.
Tuesday 24/10	Keeping the finances in order is a key but unseen part of the church's work. Thanks for Shona and Alister and all the hard work that they put into keeping them in order. Pray that we will have enough income to cover our expenses. Help us all to be responsible stewards of our resources.
Wednesday 25/10	Remember the Growth groups meeting. Pray that the members would grow as a result. Pray for deepening of fellowship and love between those who attend.