

Friday 25/5	The Mission and Discipleship Council reports today. One of the items which they are working on is a fresh vision for Elders. Pray that our Elders may “front line leaders who point others to Jesus through their words and example.”
Saturday 26/5	May God be with us as we gather for our monthly prayer meeting. Help us to know that He is at work in our community and to know our role in joining in and being part of His work. May we wait upon Him and know His will.
Sunday 27/5	Pray for the difficulties in sustaining a viable Sunday School programme with fewer regular attenders. Pray for the right number of helpers to continue the work. Pray also for how best to sustain matters over the summer months.
Monday 23/4	Pray for those who are suffering loss of health, cognitive abilities, those suffering bereavement, those losing jobs or financial security, pray they will know peace, comfort and strength of the Holy Spirit in difficult times.
Tuesday 28/5	The Israelites spent 40 years needlessly wandering in the desert and were denied access to the Promised Land (apart from Joshua and Caleb), all because they grumbled. They grumbled about their food, their drink and their leaders. It is all too easy for us to grumble when things are not the way we expected or wished, but the grumbling demeans us and dishonours God. Let us rather heed the words of Paul in Philippians 2:14 to "do everything without complaining or arguing".
Wednesday 29/5	Pray for the continued work of the Cafe. Pray for Rachel as she manages the cafe, pray that God will bless her with all the skills she requires and that she will feel God's presence in everything she does. Give thanks for new volunteers; pray that they will soon become familiar with the cafe routine and feel a valued member of the team.
Thursday 30/5	Pray for all those in government both in London and Edinburgh. Politicians are under great pressure and strain. Pray that they may have the wisdom and courage to do what it right, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6 8)
Friday 31/5	Please remember team leaders of SU summer holidays as they seek to fill any vacant spaces in their teams and put together the teaching programme. There are endless details to consider. Pray they may have the time in busy working lives to get this done and give thanks for them, very committed people, not afraid to shoulder the overall responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of the campers in their care.

Newhaven Church Prayer Calendar

May 2018

Tuesday 1/5	Give thanks for those who have volunteered to help in the café during Yvonne's absence. Pray that they will quickly learn how the café operates and will work with Rachel as a good team.
Wednesday 2/5	Give thanks that we now have a new Church Cleaner. Pray that Sharon will soon settle into her new role and feel part of our Church family.
Thursday 3/5	We will be considering applicants for the Youth Workers post today. Pray for wisdom and discernment in assessing any applications.
Friday 4/5	Remember Christine and Lynn as they take Chatterboxes at lunchtime today. The P7s will be going to Trinity Academy and let us remember their transition day. Pray that numbers will keep up in the summer term and that the children will learn from the story of Joseph how God is with them in all circumstances.
Saturday 5/5	Remember the Syrian people, suffering so much through war, which is causing shortage of food and medicine. Pray fighting will end and peace restored. Pray for our world leaders as they grapple with issues of conflict in many parts of the world. Lord give them the wisdom to find solutions.
Sunday 6/5	Let us pray for those who have recently joined our Sunday worship, that they would feel welcomed. May they find the warmth of fellowship among us. Give thanks to our Lord for His goodness to us.
Monday 7/5	Pray for all those working in the health service. Many are facing times of acute stress with demand exceeding the supply of doctors, nurses and other professionals. Pray also for those having to wait long times to get appointments. Pray that politicians may work together to seek solutions.

Tuesday 8/5	Remember Rachel the assistant café manager as she copes in Yvonne's absence. Pray for her with her added responsibilities. Give her strength to balance all the competing responsibilities in her life.
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Wednesday 9/5	Let us remember the various Growth Groups. Pray that they would be built up through studying the Bible and also through the shared wisdom and experience of the members. Let us not neglect to meet together (Hebrews 10 25)
Thursday 10/5	A morning prayer- Lord, may nothing separate us from You today. Teach us how to choose only Your way so each step will lead us closer to You. Help us walk by the Word and not our feelings. Help us to keep our heart pure and undivided. Protect us from our own careless thoughts, words, and actions. Keep us from being distracted by our wants, our desires, our thoughts on how things should be. Help us to embrace what comes our way as an opportunity... rather than a personal inconvenience.
Friday 11/5	Let us remember the Boys' Brigade meeting tonight. Give thanks for the encouragement of a new leader having come forward. Pray for the staffing difficulties and that they may have sufficient helpers to be able to operate.
Saturday 12/5	Pray for plans for the holiday club during the first week of July. Pray for Rachel as she leads it and for helpers to come forward as there are fewer available this year. Pray that plans will be made and that there will be adequate staffing.
Sunday 13/5	Show me the path that I should walk, O Lord point out the right Road for me to follow, lead me by your truth. Psalm25:4-5 NLT. Pray that God will show each of us what he wants us to do and that we would have the courage and obedience to respond.
Monday 14/5	Pray for the work of Christian Aid as it works around the world to eradicate poverty and its causes, striving to achieve equality so everyone can have a full life. Lord when we meet new people, help us not to see our differences, but realise how similar we are as we enjoy and value time together. Amen
Tuesday 15/5	Gal 3:28 (The Message) in Christ's family there can be no division into Jew and non- Jew, slave and free, male and female, we are all in common relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray that people will appreciate that as they consider giving to Christian Aid.

Wednesday 16/5	Remember Peter is all the various aspects of his work. Pray for him as he visits those in hospitals and homes. Pray for his work with those who have suffered bereavement as he points them towards the hope that we share. Pray for his studying and preparation of his message for Sunday.
Thursday 17/5	Christian Aid Prayer - <i>O God, our refuge and strength, our help in times of trouble.</i> Have mercy on the lands where the earth has given way. Have mercy on the lands where the weather has destroyed livelihoods. Prosper those who rebuild houses, and strengthen those who rebuild hope so that entire communities may face the future without fear
Friday 18/5	Help those in our community to contribute generously to Christian Aid and despite the recent bad publicity the charity sector has received folk may still be willing to help those with far less that we have.
Saturday 19/5	The General Assembly begins today. Pray for the Moderator Rev Susan Brown and the commissioners. Guide them in all the debates that they uphold the truth of scripture.
Sunday 20/5	Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pray that God's Holy Spirit would be active among us this morning as we worship and would empower and enable us to be effective disciples in all our activities in the coming week.
Monday 21/5	Pray for the work of Church's World Mission Council as their focus is on woman in the world church. They report to the General Assembly this morning. Pray for those suffering domestic violence, trafficking, slavery, in societies where woman are undervalued and have no rights.
Tuesday 22/5	The Ministries Council report today. Pray about the problem of the shortage of ministers. Pray for congregations who have gone for years without a minister and have little prospect of having one. Pray that they will develop talents from among their own number.

Wednesday 23/5	The Church and Society Council report today. The Assembly will be considering policy on investing in fossil fuels and what the policy of the Investors Trust should be. Pray for wisdom in balancing competing pressures.
Thursday 24/5	The Social Care Council report today. Give thanks for the wide range and good quality of the care that the Church provides to those in need in many different ways. Pray for funds to enable the good work to continue and thrive. Also remember John as he presents the report of the Church of Scotland Trust this afternoon. Pray for progress on the issue of the properties in Pakistan and the setting up of a trust to administer them.