

Dear Friends'

Welcome to our June and July prayer and information newsletter. I'm thankful that during these summer months life in the Mission gets a little quieter which gives us the opportunity to reflect, pray and prepare for the future.

Our meetings for 'immersing' the work of the Mission and our partners in prayer will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 06 June and Wednesday 04 July respectively. Our Mission of the month for June will be Dochas Education Trust and for July will be Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). The School holidays for local children begin on Friday 06 July and they return to school on Wednesday 22 August. During the seven Wednesdays of the school holidays we will meet at 11 00 am for Prayer and Coffee instead of our usual Wednesday evenings. However, we will meet again at 7pm on Wednesday 29 August and continue our regular, weekly Praise, Prayer and Fellowship meetings then.

The programme between now and then means that for the next four Wednesdays we should complete The Community Bible Experience. I trust people have enjoyed this series very much. On Wednesday 27 June, Andrew and Anne Wilma have invited us to enjoy a social evening in their very hospitable home and then we meet the following Wednesday for Prayer, Praise and Fellowship at 7pm. Our Sunday morning family services will continue as per our rota and current teaching themes throughout the summer months. For those of you travelling and enjoying holidays I wish you a restful and blessed time.

Matters carried over from May;

We held our AGM during May which gave us the opportunity to give thanks to The Lord for his care and provision throughout the past year. I felt led to summarise the years activity by using a text from Luke 11 v 33 to 36. I referred to the words 'if your whole body is full of light and no part of it dark, then it will be completely lighted as when the light of a lamp shines on you.' Hitherto, I had always assumed this was a reference to light within the individual, however I saw something different in it during the AGM and was able to apply it to our congregation upon whom the light Of the Lord's favour had shone brightly throughout the year. This light, has been demonstrated by deepening our future hopes and expectations, maintaining precious unity amongst us, blessing us with exciting growth, creating a vibrant gospel community and providing for us to ensure that our reputation for hospitality and warm welcome continues. Please pray that we don't lose this light but that we will always 'have oil in our lamps.'

May also saw the launch of the P7 Leavers Journeys, this is an attempt to bless and encourage the children from the feeder Primary Schools of St. Machar Academy who will transfer there following the Summer holidays. Please pray that all the seeds being sown during this initiative reap a bountiful kingdom harvest and give thanks to the Lord for the very strong, united and effective team involved with the planning and the delivery of the programme.

I had a lovely visit from the President of AUCU during session 2017/18. He brought a hamper full of goodies to say thanks and express his appreciation to the Mission for all our support throughout his term in office. The goodies are being shared out accordingly and a hand-written letter he gave me is pinned to a cupboard door in the kitchen for all to read. The hamper included a bottle of cordial which we have planned to use for our communion service on Sunday 02 June and as we do so we can also pray for all our students, especially that they will enjoy a safe and happy vacation over the next few weeks.

I was honoured to be present at the Friendship House inaugural worship service on Thursday 24 May. Our friend John Swinton led the service along with colleagues in a very creative, inclusive and enjoyable way. The concept has a specific focus upon friendship and inclusion for people with learning disabilities. I was very impressed with the occasion and look forward to continued partnership in the future.

Once again, our provision of ' Study Space ' during the diet of examinations has been very much appreciated. Some days the hall was full and at other times it was quiet, however I believe this is another, very meaningful expression of our unique witness.

Items for prayer during June and July;

- Tue 05 June 10 30 am. Local Pastors and Church leaders monthly meeting for prayer and intercession.
- Sat 09 June 6 30 pm. We have been invited to a ' Live Music ' event in Hebron Church to raise funds for Worldlink International Ministries.
- Sun 10 June, 11 00 am. Cafe - style family service and congregational lunch. We will also have a visit from Donnie and Sandra Macleod who will provide us with an update about the work of Dochas Education Trust, our Mission of the Month.
- Fri 15 June 7 30 pm. City - Wide prayer gathering in St. Nicholas Kirk, Back Wynd.
- Sat 16 June. 2 00 pm. Indoor Car Boot Sale, Woodside Parish Church.
- Fri 22 June 7 30 am. The Lord Provost's Civic Prayer Breakfast in the Town House.
- Sat 23 June 12 00 pm. Shared Futures Event in Pittodrie Stadium involving the Syrian Families.
- 1 00 pm. Trinity Church Sunday School Party
- Sun 24 - Sat 30 June. Italian Mission Trip with Steven, Mhairi, Paddy, Rita, Elif, Craig, Darren, Danielle, Lisa, Brendan and Bosede - Joy.
- Tue 03 July 10 30 am. Local Pastors and Church Leaders prayer and intercession meeting.
- Sun 08 July 11 00 am. Cafe - style service including a presentation about the work of SAMS Children's Trust, followed by our monthly lunch.
- Mon 09 - Fri 20 July. SAMS children's mission.
- Fri 20 July 7 30 pm. City - Wide prayer gathering, South Holburn Parish Church
- Sun 22 July 11 00 am. Shared family service with our friends from Stockethill Parish Church.

I felt encouraged and empowered with a scripture I read from Galatians 6 v 9 + 10 recently. ' Let us not be weary in doing good, for at a proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up, therefore, as we have opportunity let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.' I pray that as you read this prayer / newsletter you too will be encouraged and empowered and that the ' proper time ' will happen soon.

With warmest blessings on behalf of the Mission Church elders,

Hector

*You're invited!*

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Sunday at 11am

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