

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our October 2018 prayer / newsletter! I read this quote from my favourite Puritan writer called Thomas Watson who ministered in London during the 17th century, 'Prayer delights God's ear, it melts his heart and opens his hand. God will not deny the praying soul'. I trust that our prayers throughout the month will move the heart of the Lord and result in gracious changes in our individual and congregational experiences.

Our monthly 'Soak the Mission in Prayer for the month of October ' will be held at 7 00 pm on Wednesday 03 October and our Mission of the Month will be Operation Mobilisation (OM). The monthly city-wide prayer gathering will be held at 7 30 pm on Friday 19 October in South St. Nicholas Church in Kincorth.

It seems that this month is going to be a month for change. A number of people that we have been working very closely with are either retiring or moving on to new roles. Hugh Wallace and Joan Lyon have retired and already moved away from the city, their ministries have been remarkable and their legacies significant. Curtis Sangbarani and John Amalanand are leaving their respective roles with NESYFC and SAMS and moving away to be involved in youth work in different areas of the city. They will be a great miss around the office as they regularly provided life, grace and humour and were very effective in their work especially with relationships with the young people in our Donside area. I wish all four multiplied blessings in their new situations and offer them deep thanks for their friendship and service. However, change can mean new opportunities and we pray that the Lord will reveal how that will happen in due course. We should pray that during this season of changes God will creatively establish something among us that will not only be new but life-transforming for many and essentially be glorifying to him.

We are continuing with our very informative Sunday morning series about the Holy Spirit in the Luke - Acts writings and will begin a new series during our café-style services entitled 'Tips from Jesus family and friends about how to follow him effectively'. Another way to explain this is that we will explore the epistles of James, Peter, John and Jude on these particular Sundays. We shouldn't forget, either, about our recent series 'Living the new Jerusalem in advance' and trust that it encouraged, edified and challenged us to live fuller and richer lives as our particular expression of the church of Jesus. For now, we are holding a short series during our Wednesday evening Praise, Prayer and Fellowship meetings entitled The Compass Course which provides direction and meaning for our lives. We continue to pray about how we should make our midweek meeting more compelling so that more folk will attend regularly.

A couple of things usually happen during October;

This years 'tattie holidays' begin on Friday 12 October (ask a local for an explanation if you don't know understand this holiday) and it will last for two weeks. During this time we will give thanks for this years harvest at our cafe - style service on Sunday 14 October. If you wish to contribute, please take some cupboard food along for our Food-bank ministry.

On Sunday morning 28 October we set our clocks back one hour which is a peculiarly British thing to do. So, nobody should be late for the service that morning!

Matters carried over from September that we should continue to pray about;

It didn't take long for our returning students to make their impact. It's a great joy to have them around the place whether they are part of our congregation or members of AUCU who continue to use our premises frequently. We continue to pray for Aberdeen university, RGU and for NE Scotland College students. In this connection I'm delighted to inform you that both the International students welcome meals were well attended and really enjoyable occasions. I'm personally delighted that Sarah McLean, who is a UCCF Relay worker, has joined the congregation recently and we must remember Sarah in our prayers as she reaches out to students on campus.

Thanks to everybody who supported our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning for Macmillan nurses. This was a lovely occasion which raised £96.58. The Coffee morning ended just as our 24/1 prayer event began. Thanks also to all who supported this prayer - time, whether in the Mission building or at home. Many

areas were covered by our prayers and we await with expectation to see how some of our requests will be answered.

Items for your prayers during October;

Mon	01 Oct. 9 30 am	Donside Pastors prayer and intercession meeting.
Wed	03 Oct. 7 00 pm	Immerse the Mission in prayer for the month of October.
Sat	06 Oct. 11 00 am	Connect students welcome event.
Thur	11 Oct. 12 00 pm	AUCU lunchbar.
Sun	14 Oct. 11 00 am	Cafe - style service and Harvest Thanksgiving.
Frid	19 Oct. 7 30 pm	City - wide prayer gathering in Kincorth Parish Church.
Sun	21 Oct.	The beginning of a week of prayer for the Christian Institute.
Thur	25 Oct. 7 00 pm	icafe with an African theme.
Sun	28 Oct. 6 00 pm	SAMS youth group, 18 The Chanonry.

There are also a couple of events during November that will be of interest to you but need to be booked in advance;

Fri-Sat	09/10 Nov.	Global Leadership Summit event.
Frid	23 Nov. 7 30 pm	Stuart Townend - CourageTour. Stuart wrote songs like, In Christ Alone. Gilcomston Church.

October means the eighth month and in conclusion I feel persuaded to remind us of the eight-fold exhortation written by Paul to the church in Philippi and to encourage us to pray that these principles will characterise our lives during October.

Finally, 'whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Phillipians 4 v 8.

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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