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**PRAYER UPDATE**  
JUNE 2011 - SEPTEMBER 2011



## Friday 1 July

Libby Lobban and John Gillan have been leading a Motiv8 Holiday at Allnacriche this week, teaching on 'Identity in Christ' from the life of Peter. Pray that God would challenge the young people as to the shaky and shifting foundations for life that the world offers compared to the security of the Christian's life in Christ.

Today marks the final full day of the first week of summer events. Pray for young people and teams as their Holiday finishes, that there will be a sense of joy, unity, and thanksgiving for all the blessings of the past week.

Give thanks for the Bibles that were given out at SU groups in Dumfries recently. Rejoice that the children chose to take a Bible instead of a book!

## Saturday 2 July

Give thanks for Michael Cook's appointment as centre director at Lendrick Muir. Pray for him as he settles into his new role and picks up responsibilities for the day-to-day operating of the centre and its overall direction and development.

Lots of young people are travelling today, either leaving or going to an SU Holiday. Pray for those driving minibuses and coaches, those on duty at pick-up points, and those acting as travel leaders.

We never take safety for granted. Pray for God's continued provision in this area.

Colin Carmichael is beginning a Holiday at Glenshee this week for P5-P7's. Give thanks for the opportunities the week gives to live out faith and to help the young people to consider and respond to Christ.

## Sunday 3 July

Please remember in prayer those who provide 24-hour on-call cover throughout the summer programme. May they know the Lord's wisdom as they deal with many different issues.

Give thanks for the generosity of Jane King in passing over the work of Bible Alive to SU Scotland on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Pray for new trainees to book for the training in August (email [bobby.thomson@suscotland.org.uk](mailto:bobby.thomson@suscotland.org.uk) for more information) and for increased opportunities to use Bible Alive in schools around Scotland.

Give thanks for the "Grill a Christian" event held just before Easter at Boroughmuir High School. Up to 200 pupils gathered to hear a panel answer questions on God and Christianity.

## Monday 4 July

Christine Murison is leading a girls' Holiday at Allnacriche. Pray that those enjoying the beautiful surroundings may see the Creator as well as hear about him.

Bob Harley and David Wharton lead a Mission starting today involving four churches in Kirriemuir. Pray that the team will work well together, the children will be challenged by the gospel, and the community of Kirriemuir will be blessed.

Give thanks for a good SU Primary Fun Day event held in May in Stornoway. With new SU groups starting in Lewis this year, it was great for these young people to get together and meet with others from across the island.

## Tuesday 5 July

Give thanks for the new prayer room which has very recently opened in Hermitage Academy, Helensburgh, and is already receiving good

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feedback from pupils and teachers. Initially only open on a Wednesday, our prayer is that this will increase as demand grows.

The first Holidays for summer 2011 at Scoughall and Kingscross are underway. Pray for Ian Emery and his team at Scoughall and Andrew Thompson and his team at Kingscross. May the young people respond to the teaching they hear and have great fun and great weather.

Anne Gunn leads the Scone Mission this week, seeking to build on past years of SU ministry. This is a crucial time for the two Scone churches, which have recently united. Pray that the Mission will help them reach out together to the town.

***They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.***

MARK 2:2

## **Wednesday 6 July**

Esther McLeod, Adrienne Cartwright, and Helen Hogg are leading Holidays at Lendrick Muir. Pray that the teams will be encouraged in their service and able to mix well with the young people in their care.

Two SU Missions are underway in Dunfermline, led by Andrew Philip at Pitcorthie and James Gill at St Margaret's Church. Pray for good numbers, for the congregations to be involved, and for spiritual growth among the many young Christians on the team.

Thank God for the work of Jane Lloyd, Nicola Affleck, and Felicity Sagnet who provide the HR service in SU Scotland. Give thanks for the quality of their work and that Nicola was able to return in March following maternity leave.

## **Thursday 7 July**

Moraig Lyall is leading the mountain biking Holiday based at Urr Lodge near Dumfries. This is a physically demanding Holiday riding the mountain bike trails. Pray for safety and many opportunities to share the Bible.

Give thanks for all the volunteers who give their time so generously to serve on Holiday and Mission teams. Pray for unity, recognition of the gifts of others, and growth in love for the Lord through the opportunity of working together.

Give thanks for a newly established Bible study group for secondary pupils in Sutherland. Please pray that it deepens faith in these young people, who can often feel isolated from other Christians their age.

## **Friday 8 July**

Colin Carmichael has been leading a Holiday for primary children from the Highland region at Glemshee this week. Pray that the young people returning home will be inspired to witness effectively to their peers. George and Audrey Chalmers and their team continue at Glemshee next week; pray for effective discipling for the many Christian young people attending.

Today Jackie Ringan sets off with 7 other Scots for the International Leadership Training Camp in Ukraine, where they will join teams from England, Northern Ireland, Armenia, Moscow, Siberia, and Ukraine. The main language spoken is Russian, so please pray that each member of the group quickly finds ways of communicating with non-English speakers.

## **Saturday 9 July**

Many Holidays are finishing and starting today and lots of children, team, equipment, minibuses, and coaches are moving around Scotland. Pray for patience and grace for staff and volunteers on duty at bus stations and other travel points.

Please pray for a good week of fun and friendship at the junior and senior music Holidays and that each of the campers will grow closer to God. Robin and Rachael MacLellan are leading the senior event, and Lesley Crawford is leading the junior music Holiday for the first time. Pray for good relationships and that people will settle in quickly.

Young people at SU Holidays this summer are being encouraged to give to enable young people in Crimea, Ukraine to attend camps. Pray they would give generously.

## ☐ Sunday 10 July

Give thanks for the appointment of Alex Kelly as the first youth and schools worker at 2CY Trust (associate worker trust). Pray for Alex as he meets new people, builds contacts with existing SU groups in the Clydesdale area, and seeks to set up new groups.

Pray for SU Zimbabwe, who are facing financial difficulties. A recent newspaper article also highlighted Christian students tempted into immorality because of financial pressures. Pray for wisdom and strength to address the problems and for moral restraint and purity among Christian young people.

## ☐ Monday 11 July

As well as the music Holidays at Lendrick Muir, Fiona Stewart is leading a drama Holiday; the creative arts Holiday is also running at Blaithewaite with Gordon Roy. Pray for young people to develop new skills and grow in confidence, both practically and spiritually.

## ☐ Tuesday 12 July

Pray for new team leaders involved in leading Holidays this week – Chris and Claire Macrae at Alltnacriche and Rachael Sloan at Kingscross. Pray for wisdom and grace in their demanding role.

Give thanks for the good progress being made on the new staff accommodation at Alltnacriche. Pray for the safety of those working on the site and that the project will be completed on time and within budget.

## ☐ Wednesday 13 July

A Motiv8 Holiday for young people in S1-S3 is taking place at Scoughall, led by Libby Lobban and David Clipston. Pray these young people realise that there is nothing more we can do to make God love us less and nothing we can do to make him love us more.

Give thanks for the wonderful response to the Holiday Sponsorship Appeal, enabling Motiv8 Holidays to be offered, places subsidised for young people where the family budget would not stretch to the full cost, and a proportion of the costs covered for team members.

## ☐ Thursday 14 July

Joseph Savadogo, SU Burkino Faso, was returning home from work in April when he was arrested by military men. He was later released, but his car was vandalised. Pray for Joseph and his family, and for provision of a new vehicle.

Food is an important part of every Holiday. Pray for all chief cooks and their assistants and for strength to be sustained as each event progresses.

## ☐ Friday 15 July

Today the group in Ukraine (see July 8<sup>th</sup>) will split into small teams and travel to a village community to begin holiday clubs using the SU "Mission Rescue" programme. Pray for safety, good health, adaptability, and a special time of working with children in a very different situation.

Children from the Highlands and Islands begin their Holiday tomorrow at Lendrick Muir, with Elaine Watt and Geoff Todd leading the primary event and Colin Carmichael the secondary. Richard and Rachael Underwood are also leading a seniors Holiday for teenagers in Grampian, Highlands and Islands. Many children are travelling long distances; pray for safety.

***Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth.***

PSALM 54:2

## ☐ Saturday 16 July

The junior and senior music Holidays finish today with a closing concert. Please pray for a powerful witness to parents and other family and friends who will attend.

Holidays start today at Kingscross and Scoughall, with Phil and Kathryn Coad at Kingscross on Arran and Gordon and Philippa McKinlay at Scoughall. Pray for quality activities and lots of fun as well as a spiritual harvest.

## ☐ Sunday 17th July

Pray for children with poor literacy skills who find it hard to engage with Bible reading. Ask that Bible stories would come alive to them at Holidays and Missions and that they would meet with Jesus, the living Word.

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Pray for children with ADHD and Asperger's Syndrome who often find it hard to make friends. Pray that they would cope with all the activities at events and that other children would treat them kindly.

## ☐ Monday 18 July

Ask God to speak into the lives of the secondary aged young people who are enjoying SU Holidays this week. Ali and Jill Laing are team leaders at Alltnacriche and Rosie and Paul Bowker are leading a team at Gleshee. Many return year on year; pray for a real encounter with God for each individual.

Chris Beattie leads the SU Mission in Whytescauseway Baptist Church in Kirkcaldy this week. Give thanks for the good work begun last year, and pray for much encouragement.

## ☐ Tuesday 19 July

Bruce and Kirsty Lockhart are leading the Mission team at Elie for two weeks. Pray that God will yet again use this event to build his kingdom. Pray for safety in all activities and for health and stamina for the team.

Pray for trainees at SU Holidays and Missions over the summer, that God will provide them with all they need to serve him and bring his love to the young people.

## ☐ Wednesday 20 July

A two-week Mission is underway at Whiting Bay, led by Gavin Thomson. Pray that children would enjoy the activities, be challenged to engage with the Bible, and consider the relevance of Jesus Christ to their lives. Pray too for unity in the team, a sense of purpose, and blessing to the community.

## ☐ Thursday 21 July

Part of our strategy for equipping and training envisages at least one discipleship group in each region which includes exploring the Bible. Pray for opportunities to make this happen.

The IT department have been working on a new contacts database system since May. Pray for all involved in this huge project, which will enable better communication with our supporters.

## ☐ Friday 22 July

Give thanks to God for all those who pray faithfully for events over the summer, especially those who are involved in the Prayer Hotline, responding each day to specific situations as they arise.

Thank God that we still have the freedom in this country to reach young people with the good news of the gospel through Holiday events. May we never take this privilege for granted and may we continue to pray for this work throughout the year.



# JULY - AUGUST 2011

## ☐ **Saturday 23 July**

Today sees Holidays begin at Glenshee, Lendrick Muir, and Scoughall. Pray for Stuart Smith, Hilary Phillips, Andrew Maudsley, Jen Robertson, and their teams as the young people settle in and start to make friends.

Those who have been attending the International Leadership Training Camp in Ukraine return to the UK today. Pray that each participant would begin to process what they have learned about the Lord, Christian service, and themselves.

Give thanks for members of the East Lothian Action Group who meet to support and direct the work of SU in the region. Today they are raising funds by providing lunches at a craft fair in North Berwick. Give thanks for their willingness to serve and to use their gifts so that the work can continue.

## ☐ **Sunday 24 July**

Andy Bathgate is leading a session at CLAN Gathering today. Pray for SU Scotland's links with CLAN, that they might be mutually beneficial and that today's session will help equip people to work with children more effectively.

Pray for the large team who are at Scoughall with Jen Robertson as team leader and John Wadsworth as assistant team leader. The theme is "Parties"; and the Bible stories each morning are all about meals. Pray that many young people would experience the reality of Jesus, who invites them to his feast.

## ☐ **Monday 25 July**

Assistant team leaders are responsible for the smooth running of activities at Holidays. This is a huge endeavour. Pray for them as they deal with unexpected changes to their programme and ask God to richly bless them.

Kenny and Janet MacMillan and team get underway at their Kingscross Holiday today. Kenny and Janet have led this event for many years; pray for the young people who return year after year and for those who are arriving for the first time.

Pray for the team and children at the joint churches' Mission based in St Peter's Church, Musselburgh,

which runs all week. Pray that the children would come to know God and that the team would be dependent on him for all they need.

## ☐ **Tuesday 26 July**

Andy Bathgate would appreciate prayer as he leads a Mission at Duncan Street Baptist Church in Edinburgh. It is many years since the church ran a Mission, and they are enthusiastic about reaching their community, the Mission being part of two weeks of outreach.

A number of young people from Helensburgh attend SU Holidays each year; pray that this year many would come to faith.

***Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave.***

*EXODUS 18:20*

## ☐ **Wednesday 27 July**

Today a Holiday begins at Allnacriche, led by Colin and Ruth Sinclair. Pray that the young people will clearly see the love of Jesus in the team members as they serve God together.

Thousands of Christians are in St Andrews this week for CLAN Gathering. Give thanks for the vision of the organisers to see delegates equipped and enthused for Mission. Pray for many people to sign up as SU supporters through our stand at the event.

## ☐ **Thursday 28 July**

As the two-week Missions at Elie and Whiting Bay draw to a close, pray for continued strength, energy, and a sense of God's presence for all involved.

Lots of work needs to be completed in financial and administrative terms over the next few months. Thank God for those who are involved in this largely unseen but crucial part of the work.

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## Friday 29 July

We rejoice today with Andy Lang (associate worker, Contraflow), who marries his fiancée, Emma Gault. They met through Scripture Union, and we pray much blessing on their marriage and future service for the Lord.

A brochure advertising school residentials at our centres was sent to schools in May. Pray these will be well received and many bookings will follow.

## Saturday 30 July

Whiting Bay Mission has been running for at least 60 years. This will be marked with a special service of thanksgiving today in Whiting Bay Church. Give thanks for all that God has done throughout these years.

Pray for the SU Mission team working in Mull this coming week. The team, led by Phil Wray and Martin Boyd, will be delivering clubs for children, toddlers, and teenagers, and organising family events in partnership with congregations in the north of Mull.

## Sunday 31 July

Holidays continue, with Elizabeth McDowall at Lendrick Muir, Jo and Aaron Black at Glenshee, and Donald and Dorothy Webb making a welcome return to leading at Scoughall. A secondary aged Holiday is also running at Lendrick Muir. Pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit at each event.

Pray for the centre staff at Lendrick Muir and Alltnacriche who work so hard all year round to keep all areas clean and running smoothly. May they know the Lord's deep blessing as they serve the many people passing through their care.

## Monday 1 August

Churches in Dunbar are busy over the next two weeks with their summer outreach programme for children and young people. Richard Taylor (associate worker, Dunbar) is leading the youth programme and would value your prayers.

Today is the first day of a Mission at Prestonpans, involving five churches working together. Pray for the children, the team, the teenage work in the evening, and the parents' coffee mornings, asking that the children and young people

would see what it means to be part of a Christian community in their town.

Andrew Thompson is leading the Aboyne Mission, seeking to build on the previous two summer Missions. Pray that the incoming and local team members will work really well together and that God's love will be shared with many children and families.

## Tuesday 2 August

Trish Archibald is leading the Shiskine Mission in the Arran Free Church of Scotland. Pray for God's richest blessings on this ministry and for Trish as she continues to train local Christians to take over the leadership of this Mission.

Give thanks for many years of partnership in Mission between SU and Colinton Mains and Craiglockhart Churches in Edinburgh. Pray for Gordon McBirnie and his team as they share the good news of Jesus with the children who are attending the Mission this week.

## Wednesday 3 August

Pray for staff in the Holidays and Volunteers departments as they tackle the heavy workload that a full summer brings. Pray for grace, wisdom, and the supernatural patience which is required when dealing with difficult situations.

Continue to pray for a good response from Scottish young people to the SU International Project this summer, raising money at Holidays to enable young people in Ukraine to get to camp.

## Thursday 4 August

Give thanks for our minibus drivers, most of whom are volunteers, who spend many hours driving young people to and from our Holiday venues.

Site assistants work throughout the summer at Scoughall, Kingscross, Alltnacriche, and Lendrick Muir, performing a crucial but mainly background role. Pray they feel part of each event and know the joy of serving the Lord.

Scottish Higher and Advanced Higher results are sent out this week. Pray for trainees who may be disappointed in their results, and for team leaders as they support and guide them.

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## Friday 5 August

Kenny McKie is leading the final Kingscross Holiday for the season and tomorrow Ed and Jo Turner's Holiday begins at Alltnacriche. May all involved be very aware of God's presence.

## Saturday 6 August

Gavin Berry and team are running a new soccer Holiday at Lendrick Muir this coming week. Please pray that the young people will enjoy learning about the Christian faith as much as the football!

Diane McWilliam is leading a Holiday for young people from Whiteinch Church of Scotland at Scoughall. Pray that they all grow in their walk with the Lord. Pray too for young people who will return home to difficult situations, some possibly unsympathetic to faith in Christ.

Give thanks for last summer's encouraging SU Mission at Tranent and for the follow-up ministry through regular activity days during the past year. Pray for Nicola Bruce as she leads the event this coming week and that God will continue to work in the lives of the children who attend.

## Sunday 7 August

Ken Coulter leads the Kilsyth Mission this week. Give thanks that an encouraging number of local churches and Christians are involved, and pray that these people will be enabled to take a growing responsibility for the Mission.

Tomorrow sees the start of the Buckstone Mission in Edinburgh, led by Lesley Crawford. Give thanks for the ongoing impact made by this holiday club over the last four years. Pray for stronger links with the host church and for continued blessing on the follow-up ministry.

A girls' Holiday is running at Lendrick Muir, led by Jeanette Cossar, while Eleanor Dickson is at Glenshee with young people from Grampian. Pray for these young people to be touched by the love of God and enabled to respond to him.

## Monday 8 August

This week Jackie Ringan and Gill Proudfoot are working with church volunteers from the East Craigs area of Edinburgh to run a "Wastewatchers"

Mission. Pray for the work with families to develop, and for the P7's who will have their own programme at various points.

Pray for Helen Hogg as she leads Kirkliston Mission in her home church and seeks to build on the encouraging start made last year. Give thanks for a strong team of local Christians, and pray that they will know God's enabling power and blessing.

## Tuesday 9 August

Chris Beattie leads this week's SU Mission in Burntisland. Pray for a good crowd of children and teenagers to attend events and for the local Christians on the team to take a growing responsibility for running the Mission.

Pray that this week's Mission in Musselburgh will be able to build on last year's encouraging start. Give thanks that three local churches are all involved, and pray for Alison Black as she leads the team and coordinates the programme.

Give thanks for the many ways God has blessed the ministry of Radio Rainbow Mission in Dunblane over the past decade, and pray for further blessings as Duncan Strathdee and Nerys Brown lead this year's Mission.

## Wednesday 10 August

Pray for the Holiday at the Benmore Centre this week for children in Argyll. This Holiday is being run in partnership with various churches in the Argyll area.

Pray for Margaret Benton as she leads a large team restarting the Inverbervie Mission, this time in partnership with SU. Pray for Andrew Thompson as he introduces and leads an evening outreach to teenagers.

Give thanks for the huge impact of the Peebles Mission on the lives of local children, teenagers, and churches over the years. Pray especially for Marc and Shona Haslam as they lead the Mission for the first time.

## Thursday 11 August

A Wheel Trust Mission to children of P7 and upwards is being held in Wellington Church, Glasgow. Pray for a good attendance, good

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relationships, and a faithful witness to God to those who come, many having no church connections.

Ronnie Gall is leading the Laurencekirk Mission in exciting new premises. Give thanks for the large number of children who attended last year, and pray that they will all return and be further blessed and challenged.

Alan Monk leads a mostly local team for the Mission in Saline, near Dunfermline. Pray for God to use this event to speak to the children, teenagers, and adults and so strengthen his church in this community.

## ☐ **Friday 12 August**

As a week of Holidays come to an end, pray for openness and responsiveness in the children as they consider the challenge to follow Jesus.

Praise God for all those who have served this summer on Mission or Holiday teams. Pray that they may continue to use their gifts as part of the local church, bringing encouragement to others with their stories of God at work.

Kenny McKie has been working with three Action Groups in his area (Bearsden and Milngavie, Dumbarton and Helensburgh, Kirkintilloch and Lenzie) to develop local strategies to fulfil SU's vision. Pray for wisdom, freshness and a sense of the Lord's leading.

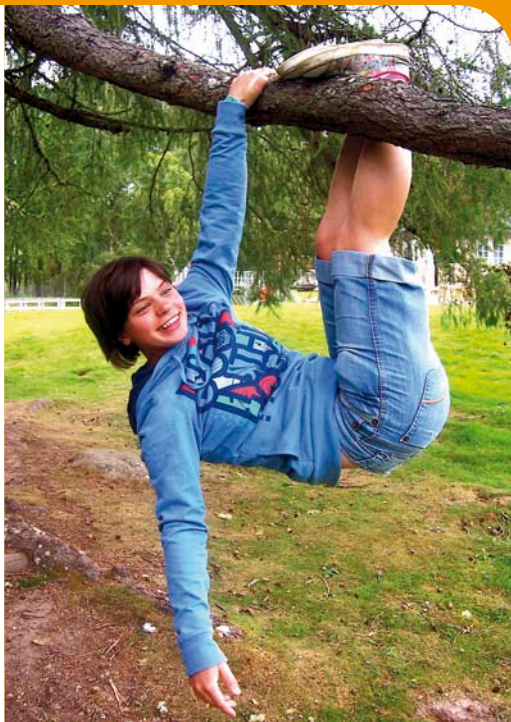
## ☐ **Saturday 13 August**

Give thanks for all the Lord has done in the lives of children and young people this summer, especially praying for those who have newly come to faith. Pray that they would find encouragement in their local church and a school SU group.

Sites need to be cleared and equipment returned to the Lendrick Muir store for sorting out. Pray for Graeme Stangoe, whose responsibilities include management of the store.

## ☐ **Sunday 14 August**

Please pray for the future of our gap year programme. We believe that our gap year is central to our strategic goals with regard to discipleship, but we are looking for the Lord's leading in how it might look in the future.



Kenny McKie will meet with staff in the West Team at different points during the next few months to discuss strategy for promoting SU Holidays for 2012. Pray for a significant increase in the numbers of young people coming to SU Holidays. Promotion starts in September.

## ☐ **Monday 15 August**

This week a Mission is being held at Kirkcudbright Primary School. Pray for all involved, and give thanks for the relationships Stella Gillette (associate worker, SCYT) has built in this area.

Dunbar Primary School has a new building, expanding the school roll to over 1000 pupils. Pray for the staff and pupils as they settle in to their new school and give thanks that SU associate worker, Richard Taylor, has an office there, enabling him to work closely with the children.

The Caithness Action Group meets in Thurso tonight. Give thanks for the work of this group, including praying for local SU groups and organising events for young people.

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## ☐ **Tuesday 16 August**

In her probationary year at Bishopbriggs Academy, Val Scott was able to restart an SU group and bring pupils on an activity day to Lendrick Muir. Val is no longer at the school. Pray that senior pupils will take up the challenge to continue the group.

Helen Hogg, schools programme manager at Lendrick Muir, is due to go off on maternity leave. Pray for Helen and James as they look forward to the arrival of their first child.

## ☐ **Wednesday 17 August**

The regional management team, consisting of Phil Wray, Gordon Roy, Jackie Ringan, and Kenny McKie, meets this week to catch up after the summer and ensure plans are underway for the new school term. Please pray for wisdom as they continue to work through the ongoing priorities of the new strategy.

Part of our strategy is to prioritise the needs of the disadvantaged, yet few special needs schools are registered with us for prayer. Pray for an increase in prayer for these schools in the coming year and for chaplains and others who share God's love with these children.

## ☐ **Thursday 18 August**

The Holidays and Volunteers staff teams meet today to reflect on the summer programme. Pray for encouragement as news is shared and

for clarity in identifying areas of organisation, administration, and support that could be improved upon in order to serve volunteers, young people, and families more effectively.

Give thanks for the new SU group which started in Campie Primary, Musselburgh, last term. Pray for Rhonda and Jenny as they lead the group and for the children as they hear about God's love for them.

## ☐ **Friday 19 August**

A group of cyclists is due to set off from Alltnacriche today to cycle 100 miles to Lendrick Muir, arriving during the Big Celebration tomorrow. Pray for safety for the participants and for the team who will support them on their journey.

Around 70 participants in SU's COMMISSION programme, who have served on Holiday and Mission teams over the summer, are heading to Lendrick Muir for a weekend of review and reflection. Pray that the weekend gives them a Christ-centred focus for their future service.

## ☐ **Saturday 20 August**

The annual Big Celebration event takes place today at Lendrick Muir, bringing together many SU staff, volunteers, and supporters in thankfulness to God for the summer programme. Pray for fresh motivation for future ministry and for John MacKinnon and Emlyn Williams as they speak.

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Praise God that the junior and senior SU groups at Kelvinside Academy in Glasgow were relaunched before the summer. Pray for encouragement for those who lead.

## ☐ **Sunday 21 August**

Gillian Mawston from Bishopbriggs has volunteered part-time with our support services team over the past year as part of her work placement. Give thanks for her contribution and pray for God's blessing on her as she returns to full-time studies.

## ☐ **Monday 22 August**

Those who have joined the SU staff team in the last 12 months gather today until Thursday at Alltnacriche for Bible teaching, prayer, and training. Please pray for an envisioning experience, also for Andy Bathgate and Jackie Ringan as they lead and for Anne Maxwell as she cooks.

There are no SU groups at present in Belmont House School, Newton Mearns, St Columba's School in Kilmacolm, or Kilgraston School in Bridge of Earn. Pray for these Independent Schools and for the Lord to raise up suitable volunteers to lead groups.

## ☐ **Tuesday 23 August**

The first Bible Alive training course run by SU begins at Alltnacriche. Pray for Lesley Crawford, Jane King, Gavin Berry, and others involved in delivering the training. Pray for those being trained, that they will be inspired and know God's plans for their use of this programme when they return home. Pray that Bible Alive will be used in many more schools around Scotland.

## ☐ **Wednesday 24 August**

The staff team at Alltnacriche and Lendrick Muir meets today at Alltnacriche. Pray for a good time of fellowship together and that all will feel the value of their contribution to SU's ministry.

David Clipston asks for prayer for the east end of Glasgow, particularly the challenge of finding people to start new school groups where the schools are willing and ready to have them.

## ☐ **Thursday 25 August**

SU Scotland's support services committee meets today to review our finances and other practical issues. Give thanks for these volunteers who share their time and wisdom so generously, and pray for God's leading in the discussions.

The Ross-shire Action Group meets in Dingwall this evening. Give thanks for the recent Friends' Evening they held to help people hear more about SU's work internationally and in the Highlands.

## ☐ **Friday 26 August**

The new Hillhead Primary School in Glasgow has gathered several local small schools together. Pray for staff to continue to be open to involvement by local church youth workers and to working with local churches in the community.

Our IT department, Gareth Archibald, David Wilkinson, and Andrew Hamilton, are making final preparations for the switchover to new database systems at the end of this month. Pray that the transition goes smoothly.

## ☐ **Saturday 27 August**

Give thanks for four new volunteers who have come forward to lead a new after-school SU club at Crossmichael Primary in Dumfries and Galloway. A team in Dumfries and Galloway are planning three or four out-of-school events to develop the work done in SU groups throughout the year. Pray for them as they plan.

## ☐ **Sunday 28 August**

The Cambuslang and Rutherglen Reachout Trust (CRRT) are having a celebration evening to thank God for all the work he has enabled them to do in the past year. Pray that the trust would connect in new ways with local congregations and receive continued support.

## ☐ **Monday 29 August**

Work on the staff housing project at Alltnacriche has been continuing all summer and should now be in its final stages! Pray for any remaining problems to be quickly resolved. A special day of thanksgiving and dedication is planned for Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

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## ☐ Tuesday 30 August

The regional board committee meets tonight, chaired by Robin Easton. Pray for wisdom and discernment for the committee members as they seek to support and govern the work of the regional ministries department.

Each year a number of senior pupils join the Strictly Come Praying planning group. Pray for the selection of committed young people and for wisdom in choosing next year's theme.

## ☐ Wednesday 31 August

Give thanks for Carren Malcolm, our communications and marketing coordinator. Pray for God's blessing as she seeks to share what God is doing in and through SU Scotland via our website, social networks, and printed publications.

## ☐ Thursday 1 September

The Stewartry Churches Youth Initiative, the trust which employs Stella Gillette to develop SU's work in Kirkcudbright, Dalbeattie, and Castle Douglas, are rejoicing after being given a 3-year grant from the Church of Scotland Parish Development Fund. Give thanks with them.

## ☐ Friday 2 September

Young people from Cromarty "Trailblazers" will be at Alltnacriche for their annual weekend away. Pray for an enjoyable event and that they will know God's presence during their stay.

Pray for wisdom, creativity, and fresh ideas for team leaders as they plan weekends away for SU groups over the coming months.

## ☐ Saturday 3 September

Kenny McKie led three SU events over the summer – Basecamp on Arran, LM1 at Lendrick Muir, and KX5 on Arran. Pray that the significant number of young leaders and trainees who attended these events will take discipleship seriously throughout the year and continue to grow in their faith.

Part of our strategy is to grow the number of SU groups in schools, particularly those led by young people. Pray for God to raise up committed pupils with leadership ability.

## ☐ Sunday 4 September

At the end of June, Andy Bathgate celebrated 10 years as chief executive of SU Scotland. Give thanks for Andy, his leadership, and ministry, and pray for the Holy Spirit to give Andy a fresh anointing for the future.

Pray for vacancies which are currently being advertised, asking that God would call and equip people with a real heart for SU's ministry among young people.

***He put a new song in my mouth,  
a hymn of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear the LORD  
and put their trust in him.***

PSALM 40:3

## ☐ Monday 5 September

Two small groups from Dallas Primary, Forres, and South Park Primary, East Kilbride, are enjoying residential breaks at Lendrick Muir. Pray for unity and happy mixing between the two school groups.

The Tannochside Primary SU group in Uddingston is being relaunched today after a year's break when the previous leaders sadly had to step down. Pray for Michael Lyall, Les Brunger, and Gillian Davie as they take on leadership of the group.

## ☐ Tuesday 6 September

Give thanks for Gail McLay, PA and office manager in Milton Street, Glasgow. Pray for Gail as she provides vital administrative support to Andy Bathgate and Christine Murison, as well as coordinating several large-scale SU events throughout the year.

One of the events Gail organises is the Team Leaders Conference in January. Pray for the planning of this and for seminar leaders who will be invited to take part.

## ☐ Wednesday 7 September

Give thanks that we are able to bless Ukrainian young people through the sum raised by the

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International Project at summer events. Pray for those with responsibility for spending the money.

## ☐ **Thursday 8 September**

Kenny McKie has been meeting with P5-P7's in Lennoxton every Thursday at 3pm for a number of years and leading assemblies in the school. Recently Kenny was encouraged by a 4<sup>th</sup> year boy who contacted him to say he had committed his life to Christ and joined a local church. Pray for more encouragements like this!

## ☐ **Friday 9 September**

David Clipston is involved with organising three residential weekends for young people from the east end of Glasgow, as well as leading SU groups in Bannerman High, Mount Vernon Primary, and Caledonia Primary, and a senior Bible study group. Pray for wisdom as he prioritises his time.

## ☐ **Saturday 10 September**

Pray for regional administrators. They give vital administrative support to regional workers and deal with parents who book children and young people on regional weekends away. Those in regional offices often work alone, so pray for much encouragement.

## ☐ **Sunday 11 September**

Give thanks for the group of people who meet in north Edinburgh on a termly basis to pray for the area and the work being carried out by local churches and SU. Join them in praying that God would work in the lives of many young people, right across the city.

Pray Any Way, the prayer event for children and their families, is again being planned for 2012. Pray for all involved in the planning, and that a new generation of intercessors might be raised up.

## ☐ **Monday 12 September**

Jen Robertson is working with the chaplaincy team at Calderside Academy in Blantyre for a whole week of activities with the S1 pupils. The pupils are well known to the team through the chaplaincy work in the associated primary schools; pray for many to join the school's SU group and Cosy Café.

## ☐ **Tuesday 13 September**

Pray for Charlotte Craig and Joyce Allen as they faithfully lead an SU group every Tuesday lunchtime in Hillhouse, Hamilton. Pray that they would know God's strength and joy as they serve God each week in caring for the pupils who attend the group.

## ☐ **Wednesday 14 September**

The associate workers group meets tomorrow morning. They will receive the report of an extensive review of the Associate Trust Scheme, and seek to make recommendations on the feasibility of growth in this area. Pray for much wisdom.

## ☐ **Thursday 15 September**

The SU Board meets this evening. Pray for unity of mind and heart and Godly decision-making. Alasdair Morrison will chair the meeting.

Supporters of SU's work in Badenoch and Strathspey meet tonight to pray at Alltnacriche. Give thanks for answered prayer, seen in the increase in SU groups in the area. Pray for the schools where there is still no SU group.



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## Friday 16 September

This weekend leaders and S1-S6 pupils from Dundee and Angus will be at Lendrick Muir. Pray that they will have a good time of fun and engage with the Bible teaching.

The Glasgow University MEd module, 'Religious Observance Design and Practice', begins a new session today. Pray for Jen Roberston and Ken Coulter who tutor and lecture on this course.

'Powerpoint', the Edinburgh youth event, returns tonight after the summer break. Please pray for the young people who attend from Edinburgh and beyond, that they may connect with God tonight and that their knowledge and love of him might grow deeper.

## Saturday 17 September

Give thanks for the children from Muirhouse and Pilton, Edinburgh, who are at Scoughall for a weekend away. Pray that good relationships are formed over the weekend and that the children learn of Jesus' love for them.

## Sunday 18 September

Give thanks for all those who volunteer and support the work of Es-team in Edinburgh, including many university students. Pray that they may continue to see God at work in their lives and in the lives of others.

Pray for members of SU's student executive, and for the valuable contribution they make. They bring helpful insight on the whole range of issues facing us as a movement, including strategy and communication.

## Monday 19 September

Pray for Jenny Kirkwood, an S5 pupil at Strathaven Academy who leads the school SU group along with a team of fellow pupils. Pray that they would be encouraged by leading the group, and would know many blessings from serving God in this way.

Greyfriars Primary School, St Andrews, are at Alltnacriche this week. Pray that they have a great time and engage well with "Feet off the Floor", the evening session which looks at their chosen theme for the week.

## Tuesday 20 September

Pray for the regional department as they meet for departmental training. Administrators will be trained on how to use the new databases, and there will be further training on schools and Holidays ministry for regional and associate workers. Pray for a good day.

## Wednesday 21 September

The work of the regional ministries department is key to the outworking of SU's strategy. Pray for regional workers, as there are many demands on their time; pray that discipling young people would be an intentional priority.

## Thursday 22 September

The Missions committee meets this evening in Perth. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they review the programme of summer Missions and also the first year of the Mission Leadership Course.

## Friday 23 September

With East Lothian schools closed on Friday afternoons, Dunbar Methodist Church opens its doors to children and young people for a youth club. Pray for this vital link between the church and the local community, supported by Richard Taylor (associate worker, Dunbar).

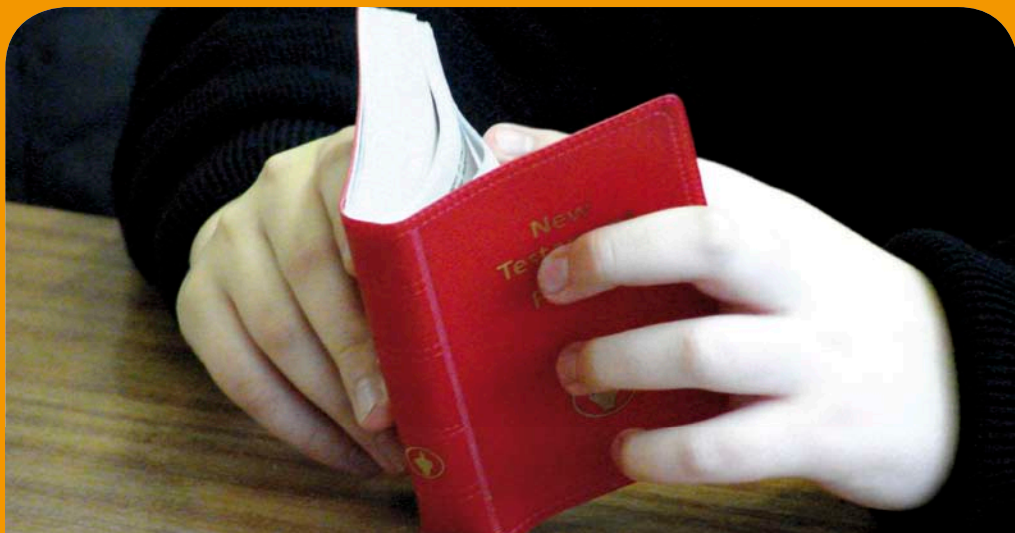
This weekend at Alltnacriche, Colin Carmichael is leading a Highlands camp for P5-P7's. Give thanks for the team who will serve at this, working with small groups, sharing from the Bible, and cooking meals.

## Saturday 24 September

The Edinburgh Action Group have organised a ceilidh in Edinburgh tonight for supporters, volunteers, campers, and their families. Please pray that this will be a good evening and that everyone will enjoy hearing a little about Es-team's work in Edinburgh.

The first out-of-school Primary Event of the 2011/2012 session is being held in Troqueer Church Centre, Dumfries this afternoon. Pray that the children who attend will enjoy the event and be encouraged by joining up with others from different schools.

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## ☐ **Sunday 25 September**

The E100 (Essential 100) Challenge has been used widely by churches throughout the UK, encouraging Bible reading by focussing on 50 Old Testament and 50 New Testament daily readings. Some SU staff and committee members have taken up the challenge and are reading the 50 New Testament passages between August and October. Pray for rich blessing from this engagement with the Bible.

## ☐ **Monday 26 September**

Aviemore Primary are visiting Allnacriche this week. Pray for a good relationship with this school, which is local to the centre, and that many of the pupils will link up with the SU group which meets in the school.

## ☐ **Tuesday 27 September**

Pray for the "Good News Club" at Rutherglen High, a school for young people with special educational needs. Pray for Linda Kilpatrick, who leads the group with the support of Ross Murray and Estelle McKean from the Reachout Trust. Give thanks for the many young people who have attended SU residential events as a result of attending the group.

## ☐ **Wednesday 28 September**

The management team (Andy Bathgate, Christine Murison, Phil Wray, and Robin

MacLellan) meets over two days at Lendrick Muir from lunchtime today. Pray for a good use of this time, that God's presence will be felt and that progress will be made on key issues.

A Supporters' Evening is being held in West Lothian. Give thanks for those who pray and support SU's work in this region, and pray that many more would be inspired to get involved through tonight's presentation.

## ☐ **Thursday 29 September**

The Junction 12 Board meets tonight, chaired by Christine McPhail. Pray for Libby Lobban as she leads the project forward, hopefully with a new male colleague (at the time of going to print, interviews were taking place). Pray too that there will be ongoing funds for the amazing outreach opportunities J12 has in the east end of Glasgow.

The Lanarkshire Action Group are hosting a dinner for SU group leaders tonight. Pray for an uplifting evening.

## ☐ **Friday 30 September**

Pray for encouragement for secondary school SU groups and their leaders. Groups compete with a whole range of lunchtime clubs, and often only a few young people gather together. Pray for a sense of God's presence in the middle of a busy school day.



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