

PRAYER DIARY
JUNE-SEPTEMBER 2025

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## June

#### **SUNDAY 1**

June is always busy for the Volunteers Department. and due to PVG laws having changed they will be working flat out to accredit volunteers and place them on a team. Pray for stamina. Pray too for wisdom in placing young leaders graduating from COmMISSION: we want them all to have a fabulous volunteer experience!

#### **MONDAY 2**

The Wheel Trust AGM is this month. Praise God for their ministry and for projected stable finances for the next two years due to the generous support of churches, individuals and trusts. Karen Campbell begins work as SU Scotland's Local Youth Projects Coordinator on 27 July. Pray for Karen and for the Wheel Trust as they recruit to fill her post.

#### **TUESDAY 3**

Give thanks for Pupil Leaders who have faithfully borne witness to the Lord in their schools. Pray that they will continue to serve God at work, college, university and in churches. Pray that other pupils will be called by God to replace them, so that their SU Groups will continue.

#### **WEDNESDAY 4**

Appropriate first aid training is essential for volunteers

caring for young people. Pray for those learning Emergency First Aid in Glasgow tonight. Pray for good concentration and for success in passing the course, enabling them to provide basic first aid at SU Scotland events.

#### **THURSDAY 5**

We sense an openness in this generation to the things of God. Praise him! Please cover our summer programme in prayer, asking for open minds and soft hearts.

We will be praying together online tomorrow evening at our Pray for Summer Events gathering on Zoom. Pray that many will join in.

## suscotland.org.uk/ events

#### **FRIDAY 6**

Graham McCallum is leading a new Motiv8 weekend for P5-P7s at Gowanbank this weekend. Pray for the team and young people as they come together for what will be their firstever SU Holiday; that the children will make new friends and discover God's great love for them.

## **SATURDAY 7**

Give thanks for SU Team Leaders and Assistant Team Leaders who will be giving their time in the coming weeks to share the good news of Jesus with children and young people at an SU Holiday or Mission.

Pray they will be filled with the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19).

#### **SUNDAY 8**

Over 50 children will be attending a residential West of Scotland Music School at Lendrick Muir this week. The Activities Team will be at Scoughall and Kingscross to prepare summer activities; pray for great teamwork and good progress.

#### **MONDAY 9**

The first of two Basecamps begins today at Kingscross, Arran. Give thanks for an event filled with young people eager to learn and grow in Christ. Pray for Jenny Thomson and Alan Scott who are leading, and for a transformative week that will equip these young disciples for a life of service and mission.

#### **TUESDAY 10**

Give thanks for John Pizzuto-Pomaco and Ewan Cairns and the tremendous contribution they have made to local ministry during their gap year with SU Scotland. Pray that they finish their placements well this month and feel excited for serving God in Hungary and Scotland in July/August.

#### **WEDNESDAY 11**

SU Hungary recently appointed a new Director. Pray for the guiding of the Holy Spirit for Eszter Győrffy

as she seeks to formulate a strategy and lead a small, part-time staff team.

This year's International Project is to raise funds for SU Hungary. Pray that Event Leaders will promote the project enthusiastically and that children and young people will give generously.

## **THURSDAY 12**

John Gillan and Erin Howieson are expecting over 50 P6-P7s at two overnights at Scoughall this weekend. Give thanks for the enthusiasm of these and other children who attend SU Groups. Many are keen to engage with the Bible, and we would love to see them respond to Jesus and flourish in faith.

## FRIDAY 13

Our Holidays Sponsorship Appeal launched in March. Give thanks to God for all who have prayed and given generously, raising muchneeded funds to ensure that SU Holidays remain accessible to everyone.

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#### **SATURDAY 14**

Some SU Missions had no confirmed dates at the time of writing. Pray for Team Leaders Susie Graham (Dalkeith), Melissa Gordon (south-east Edinburgh), Lauren Jones and Chris Beattie (jointly leading a mission in Hope Church, Kirkcaldy) as they move forward with their planning.

## **SUNDAY 15**

A second Basecamp begins today at Kingscross, led by Lesley Crawford and Owain Evans, part of our COmMISSION programme for trainee leaders. Give thanks for God at work in the lives of the delegates, some of whom have attended SU Scotland events since they were in P5. Pray that the Father will give them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, to know him better (Ephesians 1:17).

#### **MONDAY 16**

Give thanks for those who have led SU Groups this past year. Pray they will have a good rest over the summer and be ready and willing to restart in the autumn.

There are 200 volunteers on the Magnitude team, and many church youth workers will be bringing young people. Praise God for everyone's willingness to give their time to do God's kingdom work.

#### **TUESDAY 17**

Junction 12 have been running Illuminate—a cell group for senior pupils. Pray for these young people who have been digging deep into the Bible and applying it to their lives. They are at different stages of response: some are growing in their faith, others are still searching, and a few say they don't believe at all, yet still come along.



#### **WEDNESDAY 18**

The Alltnacriche team have been working weekly with a couple of individuals who are struggling at school. Give thanks for this opportunity. Pray that the positive experiences and relationships these young people have had will make a real difference and spark a curiosity to find out more about Jesus.

#### **THURSDAY 19**

Give thanks for those who are planning summer camps in Belarus, Ukraine, Russia and Asia, against all the odds. Pray for protection from physical attack and persecution. Pray that the good news of Jesus will be shared in the power of the Holy Spirit, bringing hope, love, joy and peace to the

children and young people who will hear it.

#### FRIDAY 20

LeadUP, our week-long COmMISSION training event for students and those who have completed Basecamp, begins today at Alltnacriche led by Colin Carmichael and Jackie Ringan. Give thanks for every young person attending. Pray for a hunger for the Bible and a growth in leadership skills. Pray they will be good role models to the young people in their groups at SU Holidays and Missions.

#### **SATURDAY 21**

Give thanks for the good relationships that Timmy Currie has with schools across Lochalsh and South Skye in his role as Youth and Schools Worker for the COOL Associate Trust. He is running three holiday clubs and a Youth Activity Week in July. Pray for deepening relationships with young people and churches.

## **SUNDAY 22**

SU Scotland's vision is to extend our reach from 5% of Scotland's young people to 10%. Pray towards this end! Praise God for a growth in digital ministry this past year, giving hundreds of young people an opportunity to join online Bible Study, Creative Writing, Gaming, and Music and Worship groups.

#### **MONDAY 23**

Since January, 67 different schools have visited Lendrick Muir, Alltnacriche or Gowanbank. Give thanks!

Pray for Beth Rickman as she leads two side-by-side

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Residentials this week at Gowanbank, and for the Lendrick Muir staff carrying out deep cleaning and maintenance ahead of the summer events.

#### **TUESDAY 24**

The first SU Holiday starts on Saturday, and we are hugely grateful to God for giving us so many quality volunteers. Pray that God will empower and equip them as Team Leaders, Assistant Team Leaders, Group Leaders, Chief Cooks, Assistant Cooks, Minibus Drivers, Travel Leaders and Trainee Leaders. Ask God to supply any volunteers still needed.

# suscotland.org.uk/ volunteer

#### **WEDNESDAY 25**

Alan Scott has been three months in post as Young Leader Development Lead. Pray for Alan as he continues to adjust to a new working environment, builds relationships with young people and develops strategy for youth development. Pray that the Lord will direct his steps.

#### **THURSDAY 26**

Gowanbank staff worked with vulnerable young people at risk of exclusion earlier this year, delivering tailored short-term work in small groups. Pray for God's protection over them during the long school

holiday and for good outcomes for each one.

#### FRIDAY 27

Give thanks for this year's SU Mission resource, A Tale of Two Kings. Pray that children will enjoy hearing of David and encounter Jesus, the greatest King of all.

# suscotland.org.uk/ taleoftwokings

SU Holidays teaching material will explore John's gospel. Pray that young people will be captivated by Jesus and have a hunger to know him. Pray for wisdom for group leaders as they seek to answer the many questions that young people will ask.

#### **SATURDAY 28**

Pray God's blessing on SU Holidays starting today. Libby Lobban and Jo McNeish are leading a Motiv8 event at Alltnacriche; Cara Wightman is leading a P5-S6 holiday at Lendrick Muir; Julie Moody is leading a P5-S1 holiday at Gowanbank; Alan Myles is leading a Football Holiday at Lendrick Muir and Shula Bayton a Canoe Adventure on the River Spev. Pray for protection over all these young people and their leaders.

#### **SUNDAY 29**

John Allan is a new Team Leader for three SU Holidays running concurrently at Glencoe from today until Saturday: Blue Trail Biking, Red Trail Biking and Watersports. Ross Murray and his team are on Arran, leading a P5–S3 holiday at Kingscross. Pray for encounters with Jesus as each young person explores the Bible.

## **MONDAY 30**

Five SU Missions begin today. Churches are working together in Leith and Bannockburn to deliver SU Missions led by Sandra Edwards and Gordon Roy respectively. Stuart Davidson is leading a mission at Ferguslie Park, Paisley; Gregor McKay at Larbert East Church: Mhairi McNaughton at Kilmaurs Maxwell Church. Pray for many enthusiastic children and good conversations with parents and carers.

# July

#### **TUESDAY 1**

Pray for the Lord's protection and blessing on Scripture Union camp ministry taking place in Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, restricted Asian countries and Rwanda.

The Holidays Department will be extremely busy in the coming weeks, not only from Mondays to Fridays but also during weekends. Pray for good teamwork, attention to detail, and a sense of joy as staff work to enable children and young people to get to an SU Holiday.

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### **WEDNESDAY 2**

Pray for Kirsten Thomson, our volunteer Gap Year Leader. This is a busy season for her as she supports this year's Gap Year students to finish well while preparing a new cohort to begin. Pray for good health and that all the detailsplacements, supervisors, and accommodationwill fall into place for those starting in August.

## **THURSDAY 3**

Activity Instructors from Lendrick Muir will be supporting SU Holidays at Scoughall and Kingscross in the coming weeks, and volunteer minibus drivers across the country will be driving hundreds of miles transporting young people to their event. Pray for safety, logistics, and that ferries to Arran will run smoothly!

#### FRIDAY 4

Elizabeth McDowall is leading the Gap Year trip to Hungary. Pray for John Pizzuto-Pomaco, Ewan Cairns and volunteer Lesley Tait who are now in Budapest ahead of travelling on Sunday to Érd, to help lead an English club for children aged 8-14. Pray they gel with the Hungarian team leader and volunteers. relate well to the young people, and are a genuine help to SU Hungary.

#### **SATURDAY 5**

Chris Beattie is leading two short holidays at Lendrick Muir from today until Tuesday and from Wednesday to Saturday for children he knows as Associate Worker of KART. Valerie Sim is also leading a short holiday at Lendrick Muir, welcoming budding bakers to their Baking Holiday. Pray that every child feels welcomed and loved and enjoys exploring the Bible.

#### **SUNDAY 6**

Pray for group leaders to relate well to the young people attending holidays this week at Alltnacriche (a Motiv8 event led by Val Scott and John Gillan); Bassenfell (Creative Arts, led by Gordon Roy); Scoughall (SURF, led by Brian and Vicky Allen); Lendrick Muir (led by Jo Rose and new Team Leader Hannah Steeds); Kingscross (led by Graham and Elaine Tait); and Gowanbank (HORSE, led by Owain Evans). Owain is also leading a multi-activity holiday alongside HORSE.

#### **MONDAY 7**

Craig Morris is running an SU Mission in Port Ban Holiday Park; Julia Pizzuto-Pomaco and Ruth Mackenzie are leading a joint churches mission in Peterhead; Susie Ford is beginning a mission at City Church, Dundee; Julie Bain a mission at

Patna, Dalmellington and Bellsbank. Invite God to be at work among each of them, for his glory!

#### **TUESDAY 8**

Karen Campbell is leading Connect in the City, a mission/residential hybrid, in the west end of Glasgow from today until Friday. The aim is to provide young people with an accessible holidaylike experience, removing barriers to attending such as financial constraints and the challenge of being away for home. Pray for a lifechanging week.

## **WEDNESDAY 9**

Seaside Special is being held in Helensburgh, led by Cameron and Emily Swinton. Praise God, this is its 49th year, and they are looking forward to celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2026! Pray for a hunger to know more of Jesus among the children and a sense of fellowship among volunteers.

#### **THURSDAY 10**

Give thanks for our campsites at Scoughall and Kingscross. Pray for our Facilities Assistants, who are living on-site all summer doing maintenance, cleaning and joining in activities. Samuel Day and Gary Pews are working at Scoughall, and Sam Orr and Sandy Menzies at Kingscross.

#### FRIDAY 11

This is the last day of English camp in Hungary. Pray for John, Ewan, Lesley and Elizabeth as they help children present to their parents what they have learned this week. Pray the children will remember not just new English vocabulary or the visitors from Scotland, but the Bible verses and stories of Jesus.

## **SATURDAY 12**

Two SU Holidays are running side by side at Lendrick Muir this week. Tim and Catherine Frew are in the main building with S1-S6s and Colin Carmichael is in Glendevon with P7-S3s. Pray for a week of fun, joy, deepening relationships and new discoveries as time is spent exploring the Bible.

## **SUNDAY 13**

Give thanks for Motiv8 Holidays, which are specifically tailored to the needs of priority young people. Libby Lobban and Jo McNeish of Junction 12 are leading a Motiv8 event at Alltnacriche this week. Pray for a sense of God's presence and power, and that young people will take steps towards committing to Christ.

#### **MONDAY 14**

Calum and Sue MacFarlane are leading an SU Mission at Central Baptist in Edinburgh, and Jenny Hamill

is leading one from today until Wednesday at South Glasgow Church. Pray that the teams work together well and shine for Jesus!

Russell and Fiona Shields have been leading an SU Holiday at Scoughall for many years, providing a funfilled, family environment in which P5-P7s can explore the Bible and respond to Jesus. Pray that every child will encounter the God who loves them.

## **TUESDAY 15**

Give thanks for the success of last year's NERDCon Holiday led by Cheri Young and pray that any S2-S6s who have returned to Gowanbank for this year's event will be having an equally great time. Pray for newcomers to feel that they belong here and can be part of God's big story.

#### **WEDNESDAY 16**

S1-S6s have been enjoying a holiday at Kingscross this week, led by Mike Glass. Give thanks for the energy of the team and the variety of activities on offer. Pray for the young people to have a deepening desire to know Jesus and that friendships will continue long afterwards.

#### **THURSDAY 17**

Praise God for the two volunteers who have been helping the Fundraising Team, assisting with trust

applications and looking for new sources of trust funding. Pray that God will bless them through this task willingly done for SU Scotland and that new funding sources will be identified.

#### FRIDAY 18

Magnitude runs from 19-23 July at Lendrick Muir. Pray for final preparations to go smoothly and that every young person attending will encounter the goodness of God, the love of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit, being encouraged and built up by being part of a loving, worshipping community.

Pray for those hosting an SU Scotland stand at the festival. Pray for positive conversations with young people who have never connected with SU Scotland before.

#### **SATURDAY 19**

Youth groups arriving at Magnitude will be setting up camping gear in the grounds at Lendrick Muir today. Jonny Gilbert and John Burns (a new Team Leader) will be leading an SU Holiday for S2-S6s which provides tents, indoor dining, and activity passes. Pray that those coming alone will make friends and that it will be a significant faith-building week for everyone.

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## **SUNDAY 20**

Pray for Gavin and Joanna Thomson and their team who are on Arran leading two weeks of SU Mission at Whiting Bay. Pray for good numbers of local children and lots of visitors too!

P5-P7s are settling into their first full day of activities at Alltnacriche, led by Elaine Watt and team. Susie Ford is leading two events for P5-S1s at Scoughall—a multi-activity holiday and a Creative Arts Primary event. Pray that the Lord will minister to individual needs.

#### **MONDAY 21**

Collin Adams and Jack McGinnigal are welcoming P7-S6s to Whithaugh Park in the Borders today and Lesli Lawrie and Jodie Boardman are beginning the North Berwick Mission. Pray for a fantastic week at both events, with clear signs of God at work in young lives.

## **TUESDAY 22**

Regional Workers Archie McBean, Colin Carmichael and Pamela Sloan are at the Refuel Festival in Fochabers this week. Pray for good conversations with supporters and fruitful connections with potential new supporters, especially around starting school SU Groups.

## **WEDNESDAY 23**

Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on this final full day of Magnitude and on the SU Holiday running for P6-S4s at Gowanbank this week, led by Craig Morris and Alan Scott. Pray that young people will go home wholeheartedly committed to magnifying the name of Jesus.

## **THURSDAY 24**

Praise God for the group of young people beginning their Gap Year next month.

Pray that God will stir anticipation in their hearts and equip them for all that lies ahead. Pray too for John and Ewan as they prepare to move on to what God has for them next.

#### FRIDAY 25

Lendrick Muir staff will be tidying up the site after Magnitude and resetting it ready for the next SU Holiday arriving on Saturday. Pray that everyone plays their part and is given strength to do the many tasks involved.

#### **SATURDAY 26**

Give thanks for John Gillan and Alison Higgins of Ferrywell and their years of experience in running Motiv8 events. This week they are providing three short breaks for different groups of young people at Gowanbank, Pray for dependence on God and deepening relationships.

#### **SUNDAY 27**

MEDIA and CODES are two new SU Holidays running alongside GAMES at Alltnacriche, led by Andrew Stothard and Lyndsey Cole. Pray that the S1-S5s attending will be able to relax, have fun, and interact well with one another and the Bible.

#### **MONDAY 28**

Five Missions are happening this week. Pray for the team

and children at Elie (led by Fiona Stewart); Colinton Mains (led by Gordon McBirnie); Penicuik (led by Derek and Claire Harley); Easterhouse (led by Julie Brown and Stuart Beggs); Lochcarron (led by Timmy Currie). Pray that the name of Jesus will be lifted high in all these communities.

#### **TUESDAY 29**

Two specialist holidays for S1-S6s are running at Kingscross. Cameron Swinton is leading a new Golf Holiday and Anthony and Rachel Luxton are leading an Island Eco Adventure. Pray for lots of fun as young people participate in activities they enjoy. Pray for meaningful discussions around faith in Christ.

#### **WEDNESDAY 30**

Eleanor Dickson, Karen Williamson, Kirsty Cumming and Neil Pexton are at Lendrick Muir leading a holiday for P5-S4s, and John and Sarah Wadsworth are at Scoughall leading a holiday for P6-S4s. Pray that young leaders stepping up to give Bible talks or to share their testimony will know God's strengthening power and that God will bless their witness.

#### **THURSDAY 31**

Give thanks for SU Scotland Event Leaders! Lindsay Glover and Andrew McKay are preparing to welcome P6-

S6s tomorrow at Kingscross. Pray that the young people will feel welcomed and loved from the moment they arrive and draw closer to Jesus in the coming week.

## **August**

#### FRIDAY 1

An SU Scotland Appeal launches this month. Prav that God will provide, through his faithful people, much-needed funds for Local Ministry Hubs.

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Pray for stamina and a joyful spirit for the team members running backto-back camps in the heat of Belarus, and for God's blessing upon the children attending-many of whom come from impoverished backgrounds.

#### **SATURDAY 2**

Roy Osborne and Jamie Pringle would appreciate prayer as first-time Team Leaders of two separate multi-activity holidays at Lendrick Muir. Pray that the P5-S1s and P7-S6s will engage in some great Bible exploration and have fun connecting with God and each other.

#### **SUNDAY 3**

Our third Ukrainian Family Holiday is running at Lendrick Muir, led by Jackie Ringan and Simeon Ewing. Pray

for the team as they work sensitively with children, teenagers, parents and grandparents. Pray for a sense of the Lord's presence among them.

Pray for good starts for SU Missions beginning tomorrow in Bellshill. led by Karen Stangoe, and Baillieston, led by Bruce Lockhart. Pray for enthusiastic teams and that lots of children will come!

#### **MONDAY 4**

Pray that Andrew Maudsley and the small group of young people on a Sailing Holiday around Dunstaffnage and the Inner Hebrides enjoy safety, great weather and dig deep into the Bible.

Pray that young people attending the Senior Voice Holiday at Gowanbank, led by Jenny Cheung, will feel closer to God through worship and God's Word.

#### **TUESDAY 5**

P5-S1s are on an SU Holiday at Scoughall, led by Donald and Dorothy Webb, and S1-S6s at Alltnacriche, led by George and Audrey Chalmers. Kirkliston and South Queensferry Parishes are running a joint SU Mission from today until Friday, led by Kirsteen Marcelin. David Mainds is preparing to lead a threeday mission at Ormiston and Pencaitland. Pray that children will encounter Jesus at all these events.

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#### **WEDNESDAY 6**

Give thanks that a new monthly Bible Alive prayer meeting began in April, and that four training courses were held over the past academic year, equipping 25 new volunteers. Pray for wisdom for Valerie Sim as she considers locations for future training events, with potential volunteers spread across the country.

## **THURSDAY 7**

SU Scotland's Big Celebration takes place at Lendrick Muir on 23 August. Pray for Gail McLay and others who are involved in the administration and organisation of the day, and that many supporters will book to attend.

# suscotland.org.uk/ bigcelebration

#### FRIDAY 8

Give thanks for Stephen and Matthew, Trainee Instructors at Lendrick Muir and Alltnacriche, who have almost finished their training programme. Pray for God's leading as they move on.

Pray that God will continue to call new staff into post. Pray for wisdom for those involved in recruiting and interviewing.

## suscotland.org.uk/jobs

## **SATURDAY 9**

The final SU Holidays of the summer begin today. Jenny Thomson is leading a holiday



for P5–S6s at Alltnacriche and John Gillan is leading a new Motiv8 holiday at Kingscross. Pray for a relaxed week that will benefit and bless young people ahead of their return to school.

### **SUNDAY 10**

Give thanks for SU Scotland's Back to School with God resources and pray for church leaders, children's workers, youth leaders and volunteers who will be leading services in their church today or next Sunday. Pray that young people will be strengthened by the prayers of their church family.

#### **MONDAY 11**

Pray for a good start for SU Missions happening this week at Stranraer (led by Owain Evans), Kinmylies (led by Anne Gunn), Largs (led by Carol Baird) and Kirriemuir (led by Susie Ford). Pray for deepening relationships with children and families and for ongoing, year-round work in these communities.

#### **TUESDAY 12**

Hilary MacKay is leading an SU Mission in Inverbervie, Aberdeenshire, and Andy and Carrie Haddow are leading a mission in Eyemouth. Give thanks for these long-running events and the hundreds of children's lives that have been touched over the years. Pray for the teenagers who act as young leaders, and for growing relationships with families.

#### **WEDNESDAY 13**

Give thanks for SU Scotland's work at Merkinch Primary and Inverness High Schools, two priority schools in Inverness. As Tim Raynes and the team continue to support the schools, pray that their contribution will positively impact staff and pupils. Pray for wisdom around future expansion of this ministry.

### **THURSDAY 14**

A new term is beginning for many pupils. Give thanks for your local high school and its associated primary schools, praying for Christian pupils and teachers to be bold in their witness to Jesus. If you haven't already registered prayer for schools, please do!

# prayforschools scotland.org.uk

#### FRIDAY 15

Pray for good relationships with schools for Associate Workers as they approach headteachers with a view to putting dates in the diary for mentoring individuals, leading SU Groups and delivering RME programmes. Pray that the Lord will supply much-needed volunteers for this work.

## **SATURDAY 16**

Ferrywell in Edinburgh were involved with three local primary schools in the summer term, providing enhanced transition for some P7s who would find moving up to secondary school challenging. Pray for these new S1s starting high school, that they feel included, safe and adjust well to their new learning environment.

## **SUNDAY 17**

New Trainee Instructors and Interns are on a week of training at Lendrick Muir alongside our second year Trainee Instructors. They will be gaining skills in a range of activities as well as thinking about topics like sharing faith appropriately, living away from home, and good leadership. Pray for a strong sense of being where God wants them to be.

#### **MONDAY 18**

Our Gap Year students begin with a week of training at Lendrick Muir. Pray that they relax, learn well, build relationships and grow spiritually through worship and studying God's Word.

Give thanks for SU Group volunteers. Pray for a strong sense of God's call and equipping. Pray for open doors as they approach headteachers for permission to start or restart groups.

#### **TUESDAY 19**

It is almost a year since SU Scotland's strategy for 2024–2027 was launched at the Big Celebration. Give thanks for all God has done this past year and pray for continued momentum in every area: schools, holidays, community, training, centres and campsites, resources and Magnitude.

## **WEDNESDAY 20**

Andrew Stothard, Digital Youth Work Lead, moved from the Development team to the Local Ministries Team in April. Pray for wisdom and creativity as he works with Bruce Lockhart, Missions Development Manager,

to consider esports and other ways of serving communities through digital ministry.

#### **THURSDAY 21**

Pupil Leader Training is running the last two Thursdays of August and the first two Thursdays of September. Give thanks for the senior pupils who have registered to take part. Pray that the training will inspire and equip them spiritually and practically for leading SU Groups in their schools.

### **FRIDAY 22**

Over a hundred young people are expected to travel to Lendrick Muir today for their COmMISSION Review Weekend, providing an opportunity to reflect on what they learned through serving on a team at an SU Holiday, Mission or Magnitude. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be at work among them as they reflect on what they learned.

#### **SATURDAY 23**

Supporters and volunteers are coming together today at the Big Celebration at Lendrick Muir to celebrate all God has been doing this summer and to look ahead to future ministry. Pray for a fantastic day of praise, worship, Bible teaching and fellowship, and that God will receive all the glory.

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#### **SUNDAY 24**

Give thanks for the staff working hard at our centres, ensuring they are clean and well-maintained, delivering outdoor activities week after week to children and young people and ensuring guests are warmly welcomed. Pray for rest ahead of the busy autumn season of school bookings.

#### **MONDAY 25**

Praise God for a fruitful summer of ministry to children and young people. Pray that those who responded to the significance of Jesus will find local support and ongoing discipleship through an SU Group in their school or a church youth group. Pray they will continue to grow and flourish.

#### **TUESDAY 26**

Thank God for his faithful provision in providing finances to continue our focus towards young people living life at the margins. In March we interviewed for a Local Youth Projects Development Coordinator with a view to developing new work in priority communities. Pray for Karen Campbell, who comes into post today: for passion for the task and for God's leading.

#### **WEDNESDAY 27**

Praise God for the new staff God has called to work with SU Scotland. Pray for fantastic fellowship, a deep sense of unity and purpose, and a greater understanding of SU Scotland's vision and strategy as they attend New Staff Retreat today and tomorrow at Gowanbank.

## **THURSDAY 28**

Earlier this year a new SU Group was started at Rattray Primary, Perth & Kinross, led by Derek, Kim and Suzanne. Pray for a bunch of enthusiastic children to come along as the group relaunches.

Pray for many more SU Groups to get off the ground this academic year, and for new volunteers to lead them.

#### FRIDAY 29

Cameron Swinton is Regional Worker for Dunbartonshire and also Associate Worker for Contraflow in the Helensburgh Area. Pray for a good restart for the Contraflow Connect Group. The group is open to all secondary school pupils and meets on the last Wednesday of the month in Cardross Parish Church Hall.

## **SATURDAY 30**

Pray for a high level of interest among senior pupils to come to Junction 12's weekly Illuminate Bible study group. Pray that God will continue to work in the lives of the young people who have moved on from

Junction 12, being now too old to continue attending.

#### **SUNDAY 31**

Give thanks for local ministry hubs that are meeting across the country, bringing folks together to pray for the schools in a high school cluster and working together for growth in ministry within a local community. Pray that these will result in more and more young people exploring the Bible and responding to Jesus.

## September

#### **MONDAY 1**

Our new Gap Year students have finished their training and will begin their various placements this month. Pray that God will give them courage and strengthen their hearts as they step out in faith. Pray that they settle well into their teams, and feel at home with their host families.

#### **TUESDAY 2**

Give thanks for progress made this past year with the SU Scotland website and online accreditation for volunteers.

Praise God for our good relationship with East Lothian Outdoor Education who are bringing school groups to Scoughall each week throughout September.

#### **WEDNESDAY 3**

Give thanks for the way Bible Alive enables whole year groups of pupils to engage with, understand, and respond to the significance of Jesus. Pray for good responses as volunteers contact schools to arrange future Bible Alive lessons. Pray that others will catch the vision and apply to train and deliver Bible Alive in their area.

#### **THURSDAY 4**

As the summer season has ended, Team Leaders will be reviewing their holidays with Alan Myles, Holidays Manager, and looking at what 2026 holidays will look like. Pray for discernment as to what God is saying and where he is leading.

#### **FRIDAY 5**

Pray for the 2CYTrust in rural South Lanarkshire. Give thanks for Mike Nisbet, chair, and for the new people God has called to serve as trustees and on the Management Committee. Interviews were held for a part-time Associate Worker in May; pray for the person of God's appointing.

### **SATURDAY 6**

The Wheel Trust supports youth workers to deliver 'Flourish' courses in primary and secondary schools across the west end of Glasgow. The aim is to help young people develop

healthy self-esteem and foster mental and emotional wellbeing. Pray that it makes a difference to many pupils.

### **SUNDAY 7**

This year's Remember a Charity Week runs from 8–14 September. It is a great reminder that leaving a gift in a will can make a huge difference to a future generation. We are grateful to the Lord for the many pledged gifts we receive and thank him for the blessings these contributions make to the work of SU Scotland.

#### **MONDAY 8**

Pray that Bruce Lockhart knows the Lord's enabling as he reviews over 30 SU Missions held in summer, listens to Team Leaders and discerns opportunities for year-round mission in local communities. Give thanks for the years of expertise he brings to his

role and for the energy and passion he has in supporting and inspiring others.

#### **TUESDAY 9**

Alan Scott, Jackie Ringan,
Zonya Bewick and Eilidh
Lockhart are leading Go
Conference at Lendrick
Muir next month. Pray for
a full event and for those
preparing for it: Cheri Young
will be speaking on Joshua,
and leaders will be preparing
workshops that will help
S4–S6s dig into the Bible
and apply it to their lives.

#### **WEDNESDAY 10**

Local Ministries staff team days are taking place at Lendrick Muir, providing an opportunity for training, prayer and fellowship at the start of the academic year. Pray for rich conversations and learning as they look to God to equip them for the year ahead.



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#### **THURSDAY 11**

Stephen Bell will chair tonight's SU Scotland Board meeting. Pray for members to sense the mind of Christ. Looking ahead to 2026, pray that God will provide a successor to Stephen.

The SU International Committee meets this month. Pray for Moira Merriweather who chairs, and for helpful discussions around a future 2026 International Project.

#### FRIDAY 12

Pray for Tim Raynes as he leads a one-day Motiv8 event at Lendrick Muir tomorrow, seeking to connect with young people referred from different youth projects and churches who cannot manage an overnight stay.

#### **SATURDAY 13**

Pray that God will strengthen and bless all who lead and attend the weekly Open Bible Club for children in Pereyaslav, Ukraine.

Give thanks for the SU Group at Balerno High School. Pray for the youth worker, teacher and pupils who lead it and pray that the group will be a beacon of light in the school.

#### **SUNDAY 14**

Pray for Local Ministries Regional Team Leaders: Gordon Roy (North), Carol Baird (West) and Jonathan Idle (East). Give thanks for their faithful and tireless leadership as they journey alongside Regional and Associate Workers.

#### **MONDAY 15**

Give thanks for recently trained Pupil Leaders. Pray they know God's equipping to live boldly for Jesus in their school. As they take steps into leadership, pray that God will encourage a good number of pupils to attend their SU Groups.

#### **TUESDAY 16**

Pray for our Schools Teams as they begin a new season of outdoor education at our centres. Pupils from Crieff are at Lendrick Muir, while St Gerardine (Lossiemouth) pupils are at Alltnacriche.



Bathgate Academy pupils will be at Gowanbank next week.

## **WEDNESDAY 17**

Elaine Tait was recently given an opportunity to write RME resources for secondary pupils at Abercorn School, an ASN secondary in Glasgow, which she then delivered in weekly lessons. Pray for ongoing links with this and other ASN schools.

#### **THURSDAY 18**

The Junction 12 Board meets this evening. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they continue to bring good governance to this Local Youth Project in the east end of Glasgow. Pray that God will clearly direct SU Scotland to other priority areas which would benefit from similar Local Youth Projects.

#### FRIDAY 19

Give thanks for the musical skills of Jenny Cheung as she leads the second Voice Project Weekend of the year at Lendrick Muir. Pray that the young people will have fun, and that God will be honoured as they explore his Word and lift their voices to him in song.

### **SATURDAY 20**

Give thanks for young people who are at the SU Moray, South Highlands and Islands 'Rooted' Weekend at Alltnacriche. Pray for encouragement for Regional Worker Archie McBean as he continues to deepen relationships with individuals and churches across this area. Pray too for Archie as he works alongside Bruce Lockhart to plan and deliver an SU Mission in Elgin from 13–17 October.

### **SUNDAY 21**

Pray for wisdom for Janice Aitken, Volunteers Manager. Around now she will be planning 2025–26 training events for volunteers, with a view to making them available for booking from October onwards.

#### **MONDAY 22**

Volunteers Rachel, Barrie and Jessie run SU Groups in the two primary schools in Wick—Noss Primary and Newton Park Primary. Pray for strength, energy and wisdom as they meet with children each week to help them explore the Bible.

#### **TUESDAY 23**

Give thanks for the Queensferry Local Ministry Hub, Edinburgh. From that gathering a new SU Group has begun in one of the primary schools and an opportunity for Bible Alive has opened up in another. Pray that other prayer hubs will see similar answers to prayer.

#### **WEDNESDAY 24**

Graeme and Karen Stangoe will be leading an October week SU Holiday at Alltnacriche. Finding team members who are free in October can sometimes be challenging! Pray that God will supply their team needs and that any remaining camper spaces will be filled.

Elaine Tait is leading a new weekend SU Mission in her home church in Darnley, Glasgow, from 26–28 September. Pray that many children will want to join in.

#### **THURSDAY 25**

Give thanks for a new season of Spotlight and Equip starting tomorrow night. Pray for all involved in leading and speaking. Pray too for those planning and delivering Magnitude Worship Nights over the winter. Pray that more young people will desire to come and meet with God at these events.

## FRIDAY 26

This weekend P5–P7 children from Highland are at Alltnacriche for a regional weekend holiday. Pray for each child to settle well, enjoy the activities, make friends and engage well in the sessions exploring the Bible. Also give thanks for each volunteer that Team Leader Colin Carmichael is serving with.

#### **SATURDAY 27**

The Strathkelvin Prayer Group meets monthly on a Saturday morning to pray for SU Scotland's work in the area: for SU Groups and their leaders; headteachers; pupils, staff and parents. Give thanks for Fiona Wright, who emails out prayer requests. Pray that they will see God at work.

#### **SUNDAY 28**

Pray for wisdom for Bruce Lockhart as he considers how SU Missions can best support the local ministry hubs which Regional Workers are developing.

Pray for Bruce Lockhart and Alan Myles as they seek to identify potential new SU Mission and SU Holiday Team Leaders.

#### **MONDAY 29**

A large youth event called The Send took place in March at Braehead Arena, Glasgow, and young people were challenged to follow the Great Commission. Some responded saying they would pray for a school or attend or start an SU Group. Pray that they will follow through with this pledge.

#### **TUESDAY 30**

Give thanks for the Bible Shorts series which goes out on social media, communicating biblical truth to young people in an accessible way. Pray that many young people will linger, read, and click to watch the whole episode on YouTube, accessing a bit of the Bible and stopping to consider Jesus.

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## Glossary

2CY Trust
 Associate Worker Trust, Clydesdale, South Lanarkshire

Basecamp COmMISSION training event for S5–S6s
 BCYT Associate Worker Trust, Berwickshire

• Bible Alive Interactive primary school lessons covering the storyline of the Bible

• Big Celebration SU Scotland annual celebration in August at Lendrick Muir

• BUSY Associate Worker Trust, Broxburn & Uphall

• COmMISSION Mission and discipleship programme for S5 to student age

• Contraflow Associate Worker Trust, Helensburgh

• Connect Groups Small discipleship groups meeting for Bible Study across Scotland

COOL Associate Worker Trust, Lochalsh and South Skye
 CVE Christian Values in Education (cve-scotland.org.uk)
 Easter Code Presentation of the Easter story to primary school children

• Encounter Annual prayer event for P7–S6s

• Equip Discipleship events for secondary aged pupils

es-team
 Edinburgh Schools Team (Regional Workers based in Edinburgh)
 Ferrywell
 Urban youth ministry project in Edinburgh—Pilton, Muirhouse and Drylaw

• **Go Conference** Discipleship training conference for pupils in S4–S6

• GROW Associate Worker Trust, Glenrothes
• Growing Young Cairnlea Associate Worker Trust, Airdrie

• Junction 12 (J12) Urban youth ministry project in Glasgow's east end

K2 Associate Worker Trust, East Neuk of Fife
 KART Associate Worker Trust, Kirkcaldy
 KYTHE Associate Worker Trust, Kinross-shire
 LCYT Associate Worker Trust, Larbert

• LeadUP COmMISSION training event for S6 and students

Magnitude
 Youth festival at Lendrick Muir

Motiv8
 Reachout Trust
 SU Holidays for children from priority backgrounds
 Reachout Trust
 Associate Worker Trust, Rutherglen and Cambuslang

RME Religious and Moral Education
 RO Religious Observance

• School Residential Midweek school activity break at Alltnacriche, Gowanbank or Lendrick Muir

Spotlight Monthly discipleship group for S1–S3s in Edinburgh
 Westside Youth Project Associate Worker Trust covering west Inverness

Wheel Trust
 Associate Worker Trust, west end of Glasgow

