



PRAYER DIARY

PLEASE PRAY FOR US



- April 1st Walter at Bridge Drop-in, Lanark 1pm
 “ 2nd Walter at Men’s Breakfast in Law Parish Church 8.30am
 “ 3rd Walter at Bridge Drop-in Airdrie at 1pm and Shotts Prison at 6.30pm
 “ 7th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10.30am and at the Bridge Drop-in,
 Glasgow at 1pm
 “ 9th Walter at Men’s Breakfast, Kilmarnock Prison 9am
 “ 10th Walter at Hartwood Hospital 9am
 “ 11th Walter & Ishbel at Salvation Army Paisley at 1.45pm & Shotts Prison
 at 6.30pm
 “ 14th Walter & Ishbel at Larkhall Baptist Church 1.45pm
 “ 18th Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison at 6.30pm
 “ 19th Walter at Carstairs State Hospital 7pm
 “ 21st Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10.30am and at the Bridge Drop-in,
 Glasgow at 1pm
 “ 23rd Walter & Ishbel at Barrhead Salvation Army 7pm
 “ 25th Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 26th Walter & Ishbel at Cornerstone Drop-in, Paisley 11.30am
 “ 28th Walter & Ishbel at Allander Evangelical Church, Milngavie at 2pm
 “ 30th Walter & Ishbel at Woodhill Evangelical Church, Bishopbriggs 7pm
 May 1st Walter & Ishbel at Hartwoodhill Hospital 9am
 “ 2nd Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 5th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10.30am and at the Bridge Drop-in,
 Glasgow at 1pm
 “ 9th Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 12th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10.30am and at the Bridge Drop-in,
 Glasgow at 1pm
 “ 14th Walter at Men’s Breakfast, Kilmarnock Prison 9am
 “ 15th Walter & Ishbel at Lower Johnshill, Auchlochan at 7.30pm
 “ 16th Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 17th Walter at Carstairs State Hospital 7pm
 “ 19th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10.30am and at the Bridge Drop-in,
 Glasgow at 1pm
 “ 21st Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Baptist Church Social 7pm
 “ 22nd Walter & Ishbel at Hartwoodhill Hospital 9am
 “ 23rd Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 24th Walter & Ishbel at East Stewart Day Care Centre, Coatdyke 1.30pm
 “ 26th Walter at The Haven, Kilmacolm 10.30am and at the Bridge Drop-in,
 Glasgow at 1pm
 “ 27th Walter & Ishbel at Businessmen’s Fellowship Dinner, Parkway Hotel,
 Kirkcaldy 7.15pm
 “ 30th Walter & Ishbel at Shotts Prison 6.30pm
 “ 31st Walter & Ishbel at Salvation Army, Erskine at 2pm

Our very grateful thanks to those of you who have held us up in prayer we have been aware of that prayer support and feel so humble that you took the time and effort to pray for us. We have been blessed so much and if you have blessed us in any way - financially, with groceries, with stamps or encouragement then we want to thank you most sincerely for your help which we really do appreciate.

God bless you all with His measure which is pressed down, shaken together and running over.



MINISTRIES Released to Life

I have come that you may have life, and
that you may have it more abundantly.
John 10:10

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NEWSLETTER

Hi everybody – yet again apologies for a late newsletter! This is getting to be a habit and one I don't like. However, here we are at last. First of all the good news, the very good news – we have a born again computer! I can say that because it might remain the same on the outside but inside the casing it's nearly all new. We have to say a huge thank you to Peter Brown for all the help he gave us – and also to others who offered help, it's a huge relief to me to know that there are people willing to help us with something that still remains a mystery to me. I am so delighted that I am still finding out things about this piece of machinery that is so vital to us. I suddenly discover something and I'm practically dancing with joy – I can tell that this is going to be like my Christian walk, I will always be learning, always discovering! I have to look on my computer not as a trial but as a thing of many blessings waiting to be discovered. If I think of it positively then it changes my attitude towards it. It has just been another lesson in 'practising what you preach'!

We've had a lot of problems over the past few months but through it all we have been aware of God's presence surrounding us. Healthwise I have had problems – the biggest being a bout of 'flu that saw me in and out of bed for nearly a month. I don't know if I have been getting attacked or if it is simply that I allowed my body to run out of steam. With the financial situation that we had, through no fault of our own, it was impossible to have a holiday and if ever we needed a break it was this winter. Having said that, we are through the winter and looking forward to the summer ahead. We have been blessed through this difficult time and had wonderful times with God so perhaps it has been a testing time. I don't know that for sure but one thing I do know for sure is that my Father God loves me – and if he loves me in this special way then he loves you in this special way too. He never promised an easy road but he did promise us the strength to see it through.

We have had some great meetings this year and the presence of God has just been so tangible, people have really been ministered too and that just thrills us because we so want to see people grow in the Lord. There has also been lots of seed sown and I have to say it has been well received so we just pray that it gets fed and watered and these dear folks come to accept Jesus into their lives.

Planning an itinerary has not been easy this year because my parents have to move house. Where they are on Skye is stunning. Their house sits above Loch Greshornish with the most wonderful views out over the Minch to the Outer Isles of Lewis, Harris and the Uists. The sunsets they experience are just

awesome but the downside now that they are getting older is that they are not on a bus route. It is causing them heartache to move from the place they love but needs must. I was up for a week at the beginning of the month doing some painting for them and Walter is going up in May to complete it so they can put the house on the market. It will be a trying for them and we would appreciate your prayers that they find the right house for them and that the move will go smoothly and that their health will not be affected. Walter and I feel that when move time comes it would be best for my parents to come to our house and we'll go up and do the move for them so we'd appreciate your prayers that the timing is right too. We are going ahead with an itinerary and trusting that God has it all under control.

UPDATE

I have been saying for years now that Churches need to reach out into their community and build bridges with the people. Let people see that Church isn't their pre-conceived idea of a cold unwelcoming building full of 'bible-bashers' with no sense of humour! Rather that it is a place that is welcoming in its surroundings and full of people that care for others. That it is a place where the full gospel is not only preached but lived by its congregation. Okay – I know not every church is in this category but if they want to survive then they have to change. We were at a church recently who are having great success in reaching out to the community by having 'Fish Supper Nights' Well, if it was good enough for Jesus and the disciples.....! The night we were there, the church was packed. There was no admission charge – people were free to put an offering in a plate to cover the cost of their food if they wished. We had an excellent fish supper and then a short time of praise and then we did over an hour of music ministry and testimony. No, the church was not full of Christians, the folks had gone out and invited people from the community in – that's what it is all about. Many people in that area now know that there is a church with caring people in it, a church where they are welcome. So many people have the idea that church is a money-grabbing place full of dour folk and hard seats. We need to show them that church is warm, is welcoming, is alive, is vibrant, is full of joy and full of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. If we haven't welcomed the persons of the Trinity in then the rest can't take place. The church isn't the building - but the people in the building, it is up to us. The church we were at is experiencing growth. We need to put effort into reaching out to the community without compromising the message of the Gospel.

We were really busy in February and March. We had a great night at Bellshill Baptist Church with a great number of the ladies saying how much they had received from the night personally and everybody we spoke to mentioning the presence of God in the meeting. That is something we have really noticed this year – the presence of God in the meetings has been wonderful. We were interviewed on Ayr Christian Radio and invited by the presenter, Alwyn Pearson to spend the previous night at his home in Irvine. We had a lovely time with this dear couple and it was like an oasis to us. There is something special about spending time with other Christians just relaxing in the presence of Jesus. We were in Irvine a few weeks later at the Baptist Church, which was packed out that night and we had a really blessed time. We have been enjoying our visits to the different centres at Auchlochan very much and it is really good getting to

know the residents better. We now have the hymnbooks used there which means we can incorporate some of their favourite hymns into the evening too. We are going to a day centre at Coatdyke on a three monthly basis too and we feel privileged to get this opening because it is a secular centre and yet we are allowed to bring the message of the Gospel. The folks attending are mostly dementia sufferers but you can actually see them being ministered too. They are great fun and the staff are very welcoming to us and very helpful. The Church of the Nazarene in Parkhead was another good afternoon and again people responded and received prayer.

Our visit to Baillieston Evangelical was a bit hectic. We made sure we were there nice and early to set up and we had just started setting up when Walter came and said he'd left his music book and programme at home. I had to jump in the car and head back up the motorway to home and get this book and rush back to Baillieston. However, I actually enjoyed the journey back because driving along the Clyde Valley with the morning sunshine bathing the scenery was just beautiful and I just had to start praising God. I had a wonderful time of prayer on the journey back to Baillieston and I even arrived back at the hall in time to get a cup of tea before we started! I needed that cup of tea. After the meeting Jim and Ruth invited us to lunch and then it was off to Shettleston Baptist for the afternoon. Walter had been at Shettleston before but it was a first visit for me and we really enjoyed meeting the folks there.

I was privileged to be allowed to the men's meeting at Airdrie Salvation Army and I have to confess the men looked after me very well. We had a really good time of ministry with them.

The Revival Radio broadcast went very well and we are just praying now for the full time licence to be granted. It is a David and Goliath situation but we know the outcome of that fight!

I have joined Walter at Hartwood Hospital a couple of times when Colin has been unable to take the service and I am enjoying that very much and find the patients very attentive and appreciative. It is good to be building a relationship with them and I hope to go in oftener with Colin and Walter so that relationship can be built on.

JOY OF LIVING

I drove Andrew out to the bus stop one morning and just had to sit in a lay-by and watch the new lambs in a field. The sun was shining with that soft glow of the morning and these quite new twin lambs were running, leaping, doing twist turns in the air, and springing about all over the place. They just had such joy in them - their little tails were like propellers! Being a country girl I'm under no illusion about what will happen to these lambs but mint sauce springs to mind. The lambs don't know what their future is but they were celebrating life.

As Christians we know what our future is but are we celebrating life? Are we full of joy at what the future holds for us? Maybe we need to start doing some leaping and jumping of our own. I remember one night on Ayr beach just being so full of praise to God for the beautiful sunset over Arran that I just started to run...and run....and run. It felt so good to have the sand under my feet, the

sight and sound of the waves breaking on to the shore and the beautiful sky to look at. Physically I don't think I could run and run on Ayr beach now but I can still experience the joy of life, still praise my Father God for the beauty of creation and have a little leap about! So, if you're at Ayr or Prestwick and you see somebody having a little dance on the beach.....you never know - it might just be me!

NEW CARD RANGE

Because I lost a lot of my cards when the computer went I have had to design a new range. I have been enjoying this very much and hope over the next few weeks to complete the range of Words of Life cards. God really spoke to me regarding the placing of texts because people have often said to me they liked a text inside a card but God was impressing on me that these texts were for the benefit of the recipient and when you receive a card and sit it up on display you don't see the inside of the card! You look at the outside constantly and that is where the texts will remain, where they can be seen and minister to the receiver. The inside is for the personal message the outside for the message from God.

God also gave me an idea for another range of cards, which will take a bit of working on, but I am excited at the prospect of doing them. So watch this space as they say.

YEARS GO BY

We celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary on the 23rd April. Where have those twenty years gone? We are so grateful to God for giving us this time together, allowing us to love, laugh and cry together, allowing us to face life's problems together. We both messed up our lives but He gave us a new life and gave us each other and we are just so grateful to God for our marriage. Please, married brothers and sisters, please pray for protection for your marriage, plead the blood over it. It is a precious union and the devil doesn't like it. He is out to destroy Christian marriage - don't be complacent. Don't allow the gift God gave you to be snatched from you.

LITTLE GEMS

WITH GOD'S ARMS BENEATH US, WE NEED NOT FEAR WHAT LIES BEFORE US.

TO TRUST IS TO TRIUMPH, FOR THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S.

A WORD OF LOVE CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE.

MANY PEOPLE MARRY FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE - NOT SO MANY MARRY FOR GOOD!

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