

July 2021

PRAYER DIARY



Mike and Helen Parker
With SIM Middle East (formerly MECO)

It was lovely to hear from Mike and Helen in May. They expressed deep thanks for our continued friendship and prayerful support. At the time of writing they were preparing for an online gathering with friends and colleagues in the Middle East. After it they reported that 'Team Refresh' was a fabulous time! It was moving to see many new people, some well settled, others newly arrived and a number waiting to get there in the coming months.

They were expecting to visit their daughter Jo and family in Islay and their son Stephen and his family in London. We trust that these visits were possible and that they will be able to see their family again in Edinburgh during the summer.

Like most big cities Edinburgh has many international residents and students. Especially during Ramadan Mike and Helen were able to connect with Muslim friends and neighbours, praying throughout the month and offering small gifts for Eid celebrations. Many Muslims 'long to encounter God, to find forgiveness and welcome in his presence. We pray they'll meet Jesus.'

Helen has been involved in a Christian basics course for international enquirers where some very thoughtful questions emerged. She is also writing a sequel to her published teenage novel and is 'reshaping' her adult novel. Walking with friends has been a good way to relax though Mike has missed watching local soccer and mourns the decline of Bristol Rovers!

Serving the Priory congregation in South Queensferry is a joy and Mike and Helen continue to pray for us as we await Ben's arrival.

Praise for: the Team Refresh conference
the Church in South Queensferry
visits to family

Pray for: Christians in the Middle East under pressure
Muslims to meet Jesus
Helen's international friendships and her writing
Mike's local and international ministry

We thank God for Mike and Helen's partnership in the Gospel.

Daily prayers for July

- 01 Thurs Ben, Hannah, Esther and David Wilkinson as they come to the end of their time in Bolton and prepare to come to Chadderton and Balderstones and for us to be ready to welcome and support them
- 02 Fri The government in all their decisions about restrictions and other matters of national and international concern.
- 03 Sat Daniel and Mei Whetham as they develop under God their new ministry in the UK
- 04 Sun Give thanks for all those coming to preach. Pray for their continued faithfulness to God's word
- 05 Mon King's Kitchen and Food Store. That those who come will know Jesus. For continued provision of food.
- 06 Tues Our wardens and deputy wardens. .Margaret, Dave, Steve and Richard
- 07 Weds Cake and Chat. To keep in touch and support each other.
- 08 Thurs Crossley Coffee Morning. For God to sustain and keep them.
- 09 Fri Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship' That they will stand firm in their leadership of faithfulness to our theological beliefs.
- 10 Sat Abelino and Patti in Chile. For their work in their local church and Abelino's work in the diocese
- 11 Sun Sunday Schools. For new leaders and for wisdom in knowing when to open again.
- 12 Mon PCC For good relationships within the new team and for God's guidance in decisions that need to be made.
- 13 Tues Uniformed organisations as they begin to open up again.
- 14 Weds NHS and care workers as they continue to care for Covid patients and work on the backlog of other needs.
- 15 Thurs Parish Prayer Hour. For all of us to make prayer a priority.
- 16 Fri Tony and Denise Ford in Barrow, Chris and Joy Evans in Gateshead, Dave and Irene Hanson in Preston.
- 17 Sat Derek and Audrey Newton .Give thanks for a successful heart operation on Esmee their granddaughter, Pray for continued recovery and for wisdom for the medics with Audrey's health concerns Pray for Derek and his teaching preparation.
- 18 Sun Pastoral care. For all of us to look out for and care for each other.
- 19 Mon Noah's Ark. For new helpers and for wisdom in knowing when to start again.
- 20 Tues Christ Church School. For Debra and all staff and governors in all that is involved with end of term and for the year 6 students as they finish primary school.
- 21 Weds Parish admin team. Cathy and Carol
- 22 Thurs Home groups. For all groups to be able to meet together soon.
- 23 Fri Those from this parish now working elsewhere. Daniel and Joy Ernst, David Wood, John and Gillian Statter, Rob and Alison Brewis, Phil and Ali Beswick.
- 24 Sat Mike and Helen Parker. [see details on the front page]
- 25 Sun SORTED and our young adults. For ways to help them in their walk with Jesus.
- 26 Mon Finance team. Margaret, Steve B, Phil, Eric, Dave.
- 27 Tues Katy Benjamin, Vicky Parsons, Lydia Taylor.
- 28 Weds Give thanks for the progress of the vaccination process in the UK and pray for a fairer distribution worldwide.
- 29 Thurs For those facing unemployment and/or uncertainty in their job situation.
- 30 Fri Footprints. That all members are safe and protected.
- 31 Sat The school for the deaf in Nekempte. For the administrator and staff and students to know Jesus in the centre of all they do. For provision of new buildings.

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REASONS TO GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS