

# November 2020

## PRAYER DIARY

### Derek & Audrey Newton

Coronavirus, as for all of us, is bringing real challenges for Derek & Audrey. Please pray for them as they and their wider family cope day by day, especially under the specific Scotland restrictions. They ask particularly for prayer in the following two areas.



#### 1. Family

**Esmee** (2) has missed 12+ medical appointments this year because of Covid, and her surgeon has postponed planned open-heart surgery until next year. She has been 'inexplicably stable' and has started to try to crawl & pull herself up into a standing position – real progress. Derek & Audrey say that *“we do believe that the Lord Himself has simply taken over her medical care.”*

Derek & Audrey are now in a bubble with **Mike, Juliette, Aisla & Esmee**, but haven't seen **Steve & Edith** in Paisley for some time because of Covid restrictions

#### Please pray for all the family:

- Continued progress and health protection for Esmee
- Mike & Juliette and Derek & Audrey as they continue to care for Esmee & Ailsa (6)
- Protection from Covid and encouragement & peace for all the family
- Wisdom for D&A in their house search, again frustrated by Covid
- Continuing comfort & peace for them following the death of Auntie Ruth (93) from Covid in May

## **2. Teaching responsibilities**

Uncertainty caused by restrictions affects all teaching plans. Derek is teaching online this term at the Edinburgh Theological Seminary (ETS), with the possibility of face-to-face teaching at Faith Mission Bible College in the new year.

It's not known if the Preachers' Gathering (PG) for October/November, postponed from earlier this year, will go ahead. Derek continues to work on his book on Revelations.

### **Please pray for**

- Renewed strength for Derek to teach, and for the students to profit from online teaching
- Time, focus & clarity to finalise the book
- Wisdom for all at ETS and the PG who have to make crucial decisions in such uncertain times

### **Derek & Audrey write in a prayer letter earlier this year**

**“Yes, we are all in the same boat in this (Covid) crisis. Yes, the Lord God is sovereign and fully in control. Surely this is a huge wake up call for the Church and a glorious chance to offer the gospel of new life and eternal safety for all who will turn to the slain, risen and reigning Christ. What a great opportunity for God’s Word.”**

**Please continue to pray for them**

## Daily prayers for October:

- 01 Sun The Memorial Service: that we will use the opportunity to offer comfort to those who mourn and tell the good news of Jesus Christ
- 02 Mon NHS and care home staff as they continue to care for our nation
- 03 Tues Christ Church School: pupils and staff; for God's protection for all
- 04 Wed For those who have gone out from the parish: Joy, Daniel Ernst & family, David Wood, John & Gillian Statter, Rob, Alison Brewis & family & Katie Benjamin
- 05 Thurs Crossley coffee morning: that the members can keep going and keep safe
- 06 Fri Derek & Audrey Newton: For them & their wider family as they cope day to day with the COVID restrictions and for Derek to be able to continue to teach and the teaching to be well received.
- 07 Sat For all involved in the open church meeting and that people will be able to find peace, healing and forgiveness
- 08 Sun The continuing life of our churches within the parish: that they will give glory to God.
- 09 Mon Noah's Ark Toddlers: that the leaders will be able find creative ways to stay in touch with members and continue to look forward with hope
- 10 Tues Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship: to continue to support Evangelical parishes in the Diocese and stand up for our theological beliefs
- 11 Wed For the leaders and children involved with our guiding groups; that there will be a way for them to stay in touch and possibly open up in the near future
- 12 Thurs The parish administration team (Cathy & Carol) & the parish finance team (Margaret, Steve, Phil, Cathy, Eric & Dave)
- 13 Fri Footprints Group: that all members are safe during this time.
- 14 Sat Mike & Helen Parker: for bold and clear Christian witness
- 15 Sun Pastoral care within the parish, that we continue to be in touch and support each other, especially the sick, elderly and vulnerable
- 16 Mon For the King's Kitchen and Food Store Café: for the workers and attendees and guidance as to the way ahead
- 17 Tues The School for the deaf in Nekempt
- 18 Wed Cake & chat: that members are not feeling isolated and keeping safe
- 19 Thurs For Tony & Denise in Barrow in Furness, Chris & Joy Evans in Gateshead and Dave & Irene Hanson in Preston
- 20 Fri The wardens & deputy wardens: for Discernment & wisdom during interregnum
- 21 Sat Abelino & Pati: for the church in Chile, that the Lord will use them as a means of blessing to His people
- 22 Sun For all our preachers, giving thanks for them and praying that God will continue to empower them to speak His word.
- 23 Mon The PCC: for wisdom and for discernment of God's will for the way ahead for the parish.
- 24 Tues For God to provide a shepherd for his sheep (here & St Mary's Balderstone)
- 25 Wed For protection for all key workers in our community
- 26 Thurs Home Groups: that they are able to keep meeting and that the teaching is rooted in God's word
- 27 Fri The local community during the COVID-19 shut down
- 28 Sat Daniel, Mei, Keziah & Kaelyn as they continue to adjust to their new life in the UK
- 29 Sun Sunday School and SORTED: for all young people within the Parish and their walk with Christ
- 30 Mon All at Oak Hill Theological College including Vicky and Lydia

# **YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER DIARY**

**REASONS TO GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE**

**ANSWERS TO PRAYER**

**NEW PRAYER REQUESTS**

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