

# Prayer Diary - November 2011

*'Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'* **Matthew 9.38**

**TUESDAY 1** Pray for our families and friends, for our parents/children/grand-children and even our wider family. Pray especially for those in our families who are struggling at this time, perhaps a child in a new situation or struggling with a difficult situation. Pray for the comfort of the Father and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**WEDNESDAY 2** Pray for the Wednesday evening Islay Christian Fellowship meetings that those attending will be blessed and encouraged in their discipleship of Jesus. Pray that more folk will be encouraged to attend the meetings. Pray for those regulars who cannot attend, wherever they are and whatever they are doing. *"Thank you that through faith in Jesus Christ we can know your presence into eternity. Help us to make the most of our lives here. Help us to grow in faith and love. Help us to fulfil the purpose you have for us. Most of all we pray that in all our plans the name of Jesus may be glorified."*

**THURSDAY 3** Pray for the weekly Thursday "drop-in" at the Baptist Church in Bowmore. Give thanks for all those who faithfully serve the Lord in this way and pray for blessing on those who call in.

**FRIDAY 4** Pray for the after-school Friday Club at Port Ellen primary school. Thank God for the opportunity to share the Gospel with our young folk in this way. Give thanks for the leaders and helpers at the club and for the willingness and co-operation of the school staff to let this club be held at the school. Pray for a great blessing upon the children at the club.

**SATURDAY 5** Pray for the young folk in our communities, for teachers and for all those who work with the young folk in our schools and wider communities. Pray for Rob, Jim and Jess and all those helping with the Primary School Chaplaincies.

**SUNDAY 6** Pray for all those preaching on Islay and Jura today. Pray for Kilarrow Fun Club (Round Church Sunday Club) for the leaders, helpers and for the children. Pray for a great blessing upon this ministry. Pray for the Gaelic Service this evening at St John's Church. Pray for Alistair Scouller who is leading.

**MONDAY 7** Pray for Rob and Jess as they go into Islay High School.

**TUESDAY 8** Pray for all those in our congregations who are sick or injured at this time – particularly for those that are known to us - pray for mercy and for healing and for God's peace in their lives and those of their family and friends.

**WEDNESDAY 9** Give thanks for the blessing of the Holy Spirit and pray for the unity of the churches on Islay and Jura. *"Lord, thank you so much for the church and the love of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for how they refresh our hearts and souls."*

**THURSDAY 10** Pray for peace and justice in our world. Pray today for those around the world living in poverty and war and for those suffering because of floods and earthquakes.

**FRIDAY 11** Pray for all those involved in Pastoral care on Islay and Jura, for compassion, strength and perseverance.

**SATURDAY 12** Pray for those around us who are suffering and struggling, where there are difficulties in the home, where there are difficulties at work, where there are difficulties with debt, where there are difficulties in relationships. *"Lord, help us as a community to look after those who are going through hard times. May we be a community that looks after the needy, the sick and the oppressed. May we, like Jesus, see suffering as an alien intrusion into God's world. Help us, like him, to fight against suffering whenever we come across it – preaching good news to the poor, proclaiming freedom to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and releasing the oppressed – following in the footsteps of Jesus."*

**SUNDAY 13** Pray for all those preaching on Islay and Jura today. Pray for the remembrance services on Islay and Jura today.

**MONDAY 14** Pray for the recently bereaved that they will know the love of the Father and the comfort of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

**TUESDAY 15** Pray for the monthly Islay Fraternal held today, for those involved in ministry on our island.

**WEDNESDAY 16** Pray for the Wednesday Baptist Church walks, that those who take part will be blessed. Give thanks for all those folk who help to arrange these events.

**THURSDAY 17** Pray for all those who are chained by addictions. Pray for alcoholics and their families.

**FRIDAY 18** Give thanks to God for His great goodness. *"Lord, how can we ever praise you enough for the greatness of your love towards us? Thank you that Jesus laid down his life for us. Thank you that we are children of God. Thank you that the love of God is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us (Romans 5:5). Thank you, Lord, that through an experience of your love for us we find the very purpose of our lives."*

**SATURDAY 19** Pray for those who are hurting in our congregations. Pray for reconciliation, that they may be brought back into fellowship.

**SUNDAY 20** Give thanks for those who welcome folk into our Sunday Services today, for those who make the teas and coffees, for those involved in music and for those who count the offerings. Pray for those preaching today on Islay and Jura. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to move among His people. *"Lord, today may we experience your unfailing love and respond with love for you and all those we meet and speak to. As we put our trust in you and your word, may we walk about in freedom."*

**MONDAY 21** Pray for our communities on Islay and Jura that more folk will come to know Christ as their Saviour and their Lord. *“Lord, thank you that we are not on our own as we pass on the good news about Jesus. You go with us by your Spirit. Thank you for the immense privilege of telling others the good news about Jesus. Help us to do it faithfully and be willing to be poured out like a drink offering, to fight the good fight, and to finish the race and keep the faith.”*

**TUESDAY 22** Pray for all those in training for ministry in our church. Pray for Dave Sutherland in his studies at St Andrew’s University and his church placement in Perth and for Scott Reynolds who is starting his studies at the Highland Theological College. Pray for strength and perseverance and for much blessing as they seek to serve God in this way.

**WEDNESDAY 23** Pray for the idea of special events for young folk in our communities on “school in service days”. Pray for the possibility of a children’s holiday club in 2012. Pray for those who are planning and organising these events and for folk to come forward to help.

**THURSDAY 24** Pray for the ministers, elders and deacons and all those in leadership positions in our churches on Islay and Jura. *“Lord, thank you for the example of those who serve you day in, day out, month in, month out, year in and year out, throughout their lives – right into old age. Help us to be inspired by them and to follow their example. May our generation be a generation that guards the gospel and passes it on to the next generation, who will in turn become heralds and teachers with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in them.”*

**FRIDAY 25** Pray for the Friday lunchtime prayer meeting in the Baptist Church, Bowmore, that God will bless this ministry, and that more folk will call in from time to time and join us when they can.

**SATURDAY 26** Pray for the Round Church Coffee morning today, for fellowship and connection in our community. Pray that the Christmas theme may bring even more folk in than usual. Give thanks for all those who serve God in this way and for blessing and fellowship for those who call in.

**SUNDAY 27** Pray for the services in Gortanvogie, for those who take part, for the residents and the staff. Pray for all those preaching on Islay and Jura today. *“Lord, help us to stand firm as individuals and as a community in our local church and in the church in our nation. May there be sounds of thanksgiving. May our numbers increase and not decrease. May our community be firmly established. May the leaders of the church come close to you and devote themselves to you. May we be those who stand firm to the end and are saved.”*

**MONDAY 28** Give thanks that John Blanchard will be visiting Islay in June 2012 and ministering here. Pray for John and all those making preparations for his visit.

**TUESDAY 29** Give thanks to God for the Bible, for His Holy Word. *“Lord, help us to love your words, to meditate on them and to obey them. Thank you that they give us wisdom, insight and understanding. Help us to receive these gifts from your word ourselves and pass them on to others.”*

**WEDNESDAY 30** Pray for the St John’s Church Kirk Session meeting this evening, and for wisdom for all those present as they seek to lead the church forward in this generation.

**We acknowledge that this prayer diary does not cover everything worthy of our prayers but we do thank you for using it and for all your contributions. Please give any prayer requests, contributions or suggestions for improvement for the December prayer diary to Gwen or e-mail to [gwen@miragemedia.co.uk](mailto:gwen@miragemedia.co.uk) Feedback is always welcome.**