

Fri. 24/07	Monthly Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land. "Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli, but pray rather for ourselves, that we might not divide them in our prayers but keep them both together in our hearts."
Sat. 25/07	Please pray for Cassie as she goes to Lendrick Muir with a young lad from Chatterboxes. Pray that God may really work in his life, and that he will have a great holiday.
Sun. 26/07	Give thanks for the volunteers for Summer Lighthouse. Pray that the children will engage in our exciting exploration of God's grace and provision through our shopping themed Summer: God's Grocery Store- Buy Nothing, Get Everything Free.
Mon. 27/07	"We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another." <i>Jonathon Swift</i> . Lord of love, pray lest we forget.
Tues. 28/07	A Prayer for Peace. Compassionate God and Father of all, we are horrified at the violence in so many parts of the world. It seems that none are safe. Hold back the hands that kill and maim; turn around the hearts that hate. Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace-peace that passes our understanding but changes lives through Jesus Christ.
Wed. 29/07	Pray for our church, for Peter, the leaders and Session, those involved with the children and young folk. Give them the courage and confidence they need to do your work. That the Holy Spirit will guide their thoughts and actions.
Thur. 30/07	The writers of the psalms are searingly honest, pulling no punches about their fear, anger, pain and disappointment. Sometimes we hesitate to be as honest with God as they are, but prayer and faith are intertwined. Prayer expresses our trust that God hears, indeed <u>wants</u> to hear, our deepest desires and our cries of pain. (Adapted from Encounter With God)
Fri. 31/07	We pray for those members of our congregation who are struggling with age, infirmity, illness, loneliness, stress or anxiety. Pray that they feel supported and loved.

## Newhaven Church Prayer Calendar July 2015

Wed. 01/07	"What is most important to us? What shapes our priorities? As Jesus gets stuck into the messiness of people's lives he calls us to join him, to shun the comfort of safe predictable church life and material ease and to accompany him in the adventure of ushering in his Kingdom" (Fran Beckett, <i>Encounter with God</i> ). As you pray today, consider what God might be saying to you about where you are, and if he's nudging you to get out of your comfort zone.
Thur. 02/07	We pray for those who may feel lonely when activities have stopped for the Summer. Help us to look out for their needs and to show God's love to them.
Fri. 03/07	Pray for all those caught up in acts of terrorism, especially those who were holidaying in Tunisia. Pray for those families who have lost loved ones.
Sat. 04/07	"Francis of Assisi tells us not to be surprised or upset by the sins or mistakes of others (nor by our own sins or mistakes) because he says "such anger and annoyance make it difficult to be charitable". If we expect or need things (including ourselves) to be perfect or even to our liking, we have created a certain plan for a very unhappy life." ( <i>Adapted from Richard Rohr</i> ). Pray for God to infuse you with such grace that you can have more patience and forgiveness for your own and others' mistakes.
Sun. 05/07	Give thanks for the volunteers for Leith Churches Holiday Club this year. Pray that the final touches for preparation will go smoothly, as we prepare for the children to explore that they are all a part of God's big plan!
Mon. 06/07	Give thanks for the safe birth of all the new baby girls in our congregation in the last few months. Pray for their families in this time of joy, exhaustion and adjustment. May they know God's peace and strength.

Tues. 07/07	We pray for bible distribution in Scotland today, for the work of the Scottish Bible Society & Gideons International, that bibles placed in hotels and testaments given to students will be read and understood
Wed. 08/07	Pray for wisdom for our council leaders, who are facing unprecedented financial constraints, that the decisions they make are just, fair and proportionate.
Thur. 09/07	Pray for families going on holiday, pray for God's protection upon them as they travel, pray that they will have a good time and return safely, refreshed and reenergised.
Fri. 10/07	At any moment you can turn your mind to God and your thoughts will change. Feelings are like spoiled children; they can take a little longer to come round, but if you keep your mind 'fixed' on God, your feelings will eventually line up with your thoughts. Looking back, you'll be glad God guided you instead of your impulses. It's as if there's a little network called HSN (Holy Spirit Network) where you can tune in at any time. When you ask God to guide your thoughts, pause and listen to what He says - He will guide you. (From The Word for Today)
Sat. 11/07	We pray for Peter and Leandra. That their trip to South Africa will have been peaceful, joyous and restful.
Sun. 12/07	It is not unusual for words sung in Church to dwell richly in our minds and keep coming back during our lives. Give thanks to God for the writers of these words and the gifts of our own Praise Band in giving us such a source of joy.
Mon. 13/07	The unrest around Kampi continues with the recent violent death of a local chief. Pray for peace and stability to return.
Tues. 14/07	Leith Churches' Holiday Club- 14- 16th July. Please pray for this witness in the community, for Cassie, Blyth, Lynn and Christine. Give thanks for the children from Victoria that has signed up. Pray for 3 days of fun and laughter and the children will be responsive to the message.
Wed. 15/07	Give thanks to God that whatever challenges you are facing right now, he is still watching out for you.

Thur. 16/07	The kingdom of God that Jesus described and came to inaugurate is uniquely unsettling yet deeply comforting, hugely challenging yet very attractive. There is room in that kingdom for those who recognise their need, who want to believe and yet struggle with doubts and questions. Let us ensure that there is always sufficient room and acceptance in our fellowship for those who grapple with uncertainties. (Adapted from Encounter With God)
Fri. 17/07	Pray for our children as they break from school for the Summer. Pray that they will have fun and stay away from things that may be harmful.
Sat. 18/07	"We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in your hands to make a difference." <i>Nelson Mandela</i> . As we mark his birthday pray that we recognise that the Kingdom of Heaven is here and now and we are called as disciples to bring it about.
Sun. 19/07	"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, never rely on what you think you know, remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way." Proverbs 3 5:6.
Mon. 20/07	Please pray for the many holiday camps, clubs and missions that are taking place throughout Scotland this Summer. Give thanks for the many leaders and the many children taking part. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be present at all of them and that God's word might fall upon good soil.
Tues. 21/07	Pray about the continuing conflict in Syria that peace might come to that worn torn land, and the fighting will cease and refugee's return home.
Wed. 22/07	Lord, protect us from self-interest and ego. Empty our hearts so that we can be filled with your love; a love that will flow onwards to all whom we encounter.
Thur. 23/07	"Back to school with God" Service is going to be held on Sunday 23rd August. Pray for the preparations being made this month for it. Pray that we might ask other families to join us that Sunday as we pray for the children at the beginning of a new session at school.

