

Week of Prayer 2024 – Wednesday

Focus 1: Mission at home and abroad

Mission Organisations

- Faith Mission (Townends)
- Open Doors
- Tearfund
- Asia Link (Bill Ferguson)
- and others
- MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship)
- UMN (United Mission to Nepal)
- BMS (Baptist Missionary Society)
- OMF (Lorna Ferguson in Japan)

Our own individual mission fields

family	church	workplace	running club
golf club	book club	garden fence	choir
school gate	coffee shop	rowing club	curling club
ParkRun	dog walk	supermarket	library
lane end	delivery person	etc	etc

Our evangelism as a church

Sunday worship	Bible studies	Flourish/Momentum
Christianity Explored	Holiday Club	Easter Code
Academy chaplaincy	SU groups	

pray for the desire, the vision, the urgency, the ideas, the courage for us to share the gospel as individuals and as a church

how might we grow

- in our evangelism
- in our mission efforts
- in our own personal understanding of the gospel
- our own part in sharing the gospel with those around us

Focus 2: Our Nation

The King, his governments and our political leaders:

- First Minister Humza Yousaf and the SNP-Green government
- Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and the Conservative government
- the approaching general election

The oppositions and their leadership:

- Scottish Conservative leader Douglas Ross (at Holyrood)
- Labour Party leader Sir Keir Starmer (at Westminster)

Churches:

- Our family of churches in the Baptist Union of Scotland
- Other denominations and believers across Scotland and the UK

Christian Organisations and Christian spokesmen

- CARE, Evangelical Alliance, Tearfund, Christian Institute, etc

Challenges we face:

Cost of living secular attitudes polarisation
hostility to the gospel changing culture alienation and
isolation hopelessness NHS crisis
mental health crisis, especially among young people

Moral and social issues

- euthanasia bill
- abortion
- climate and energy
- families breaking up
- unbiblical views of sexuality and gender
- integrity in our political and constitutional leaders
- disunity among churches regarding all these things
- the Church's public witness