

Prayer News

November 2020

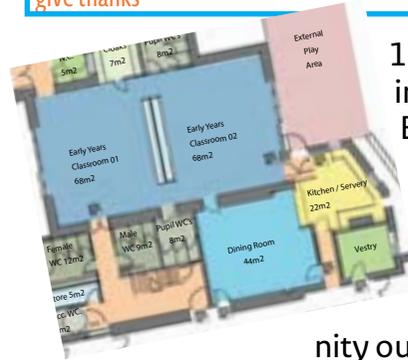
Hebrews 12.:12-13. *Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be out of joint but rather be healed.*

There is a lot that we can do to improve our running the race of faith that is the Christian life. In this time of coronavirus, many people are feeling very down, depressed, and frightened that they may catch the virus. It is a difficult time for us all but, we can pray for those who are ill, or dying, relations who are very concerned about their loved ones, and for ourselves—that we are His children, no matter our age! Trust God to save His people—let us lift our hands to Him.



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Prayer News has appeared late this month because of technical problems, so there are no prayer starting dates in this issue. Hopefully you will be able at any time during the month to pray for the various needs set out and to give thanks

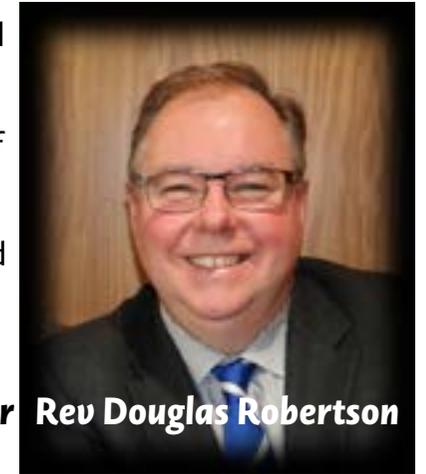


CROWN

1. Pray for Struan McRoberts and Young Crown recommencing activities for pre-school and high school children. Remember the Boys Brigade, to recommence soon. Pray for before-school and after-school care programs for primary school children have been running since schools went back—these are independent of church, but a key part of the community outreach.

2. Renovations have started on the upper hall. Highland Council will start work on the lower hall, to convert it into a nursery after Christmas. Pray for a smooth operation in all this renovation and development work.
3. A Prayer Garden has been installed on Kingsmills Road. Pray that it will be a blessing to many passers-by.

Crown Minister Rev Douglas Robertson



BARN

1. Pray for the new partnership with Kings as Becky Wilson has begun her role as Project Co-Ordinator. This is a new, challenging and exciting role and we should ask for God's goodness and guidance for Becky.

2. Give thanks for the Minister and his team who orchestrate worship through Zoom and for this technology, praying that it will allow the congregation to hold meetings safely and continue to do God's work in different ways.
3. Pray for the community and let the church be a blessing to them. As they plan to re-open their doors shortly pray for this to allow some groups and organisations back. As they follow the necessary guidelines, ask for safety and consideration to be foremost in their minds to allow these groups to enjoy physically meeting.
4. Pray for the Barn's treasurer David Scott, who for many years has guided the congregation through their finances with great diligence and enthusiasm. At this time



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when finances are harder for many people and income in the church has reduced due to the building being closed, please pray for wisdom and fresh ideas to help for going forward and for David to know peace.

5. Pray for the elderly in the community who are unable to meet regularly as was once possible. The social contact is a great miss to many so ask for God's love to surround them. Give thanks for the many in the community who help ensure others are safe and well, for the Community Councils who have worked hard to ensure safety and kindness go hand in hand.
6. Ask for God's guidance for the Kirk Session working with a new structure and ask that they follow the plans God has in store for them.
7. Please pray for all the children, some who are struggling more than others. Give thanks for their teachers and leaders whether they be at school, sports activities, Church or any other setting. May they see when someone is finding life hard and seek out help.



Send items for December Prayer News by November 21 please to paulinehunt@yahoo.co.uk

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1. Remember the congregation, office-bearers and minister centred around Drumnadrochit. Like everyone else they face the confusion and hardships of coronavirus. Pray that they might be in good heart, looking to the Lord to see them through the trials they face.
2. Pray that they remain faithful and continue to present the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people in their parish.



EXTRA PRAYER at any time

We live in a culture that grows increasingly hostile to Christian views and standards. It scoffs at our stance for what is right and against what is wrong in society. This, of course, is nothing new. The first letter of Peter, for example, was written into a similar community—a Roman world-view where Christians were thought to be traitors because they no longer worshipped the gods of Rome. Christians gave up partying to excess and drunkenness and brawling. What had happened to them?

As Christ's people we are called to be separate in behaviour to the world and we are to follow where Jesus has led in his going to the cross. It is all too easy to want to react and lash out when we are treated wrongly. Now

none of us can say that we are entirely without fault and blame. Jesus could, but he bore the injustices without fault, too.

Now this is very hard to do and we should be praying for each other that we may be sustained in our faith and maintain a faithful Christian standing in our communities. People don't want to look into us as a mirror and find themselves reflected back. We should be above all that.

Compared to some we have it easy. They get bombed and shot at when they go to prayer and worship. Others simply cannot go because the church is banned or they have been imprisoned for their faith. Pray for them, too, that their faith will not fail.