

# OCTOBER 2011 PRAYER NEWSLETTER



October is harvest time and our prayers focus on praise and thanks for God's provision. We thank God especially, this month, for sending Rev Bill Hunter to be our new minister. In rural Fife we see a real harvest with bountiful fruit, vegetables and flowers. The fruits remind us of the fruits of the spirit and we are prompted to think a new whether we are a healthy fruit: ripe and useful. The flowers at this time of year give up their myriad seeds and remind us of the scale of God's task for us. There are so many people to hear the good news and to be loved and welcomed into the kingdom of God. Too often we are content with scaling down God's purpose to a very narrow vision often not beyond the gate. Let us pray for a bigger vision at this harvest time. *Helen & Mae-prayer secretaries.*

Sat1	
Sun2 Remember Shoebboxes	Kettle 10 am Rev Cliff Strong Cults 10 am Collesie 11.30 am Rev Duncan McGregor Sponsored Walk Assemble 1.30 Ladybank Hall
Mon3	
Tue4	Maltings Afternoon Tea 2pm All welcome
Wed5	
Thu6	Kettle Coffee 9.30 am
Fri7	
Sat8	.
Sun9 Shoebboxes	<b>HARVEST THANKSGIVING</b> 10am Kettle Elspeth Smith..Donations- monetary to Christian Aid or dry goods- Salvation Army- Glenrothes Branch
Mon10	<i>Howe of Fife Ladies</i> – Carry on Cruising Mrs Cruikshanks
Tue11	Maltings Afternoon Tea 2pm All welcome
Wed12	
Thu13	Kettle Coffee 9.30am
Fri14	
Sat15	
Sun16 Shoebboxes	<b>WHOLE PARISH WORSHIP</b> 10am Kettle Angus Shaw
Mon17	EDEN GROUP –Pitlessie 7.30-9pm
Tue18	Maltings Afternoon Tea 2pm All welcome
Wed19	
Thu20	Kettle Coffee 9.30am Congregational Board Ladybank 7.15pm
Fri21	
Sat22	
Sun23 Shoebboxes	<b>WHOLE PARISH WORSHIP</b> 10am Kettle Angus Shaw
Mon24	<i>Howe of Fife Ladies</i> -RedCross MrsTraill
Tue25	Maltings Afternoon Tea 2pm All welcome
Wed26	
Thu27	Kettle Coffee 9.30am
Fri28	PRAYER MEETING 10 am Kettle Hall
Sat29	
Sun30 Deadline Shoebboxes	<b>WHOLE PARISH WORSHIP – COMMUNION. NB 11am followed by Soup &amp; Roll in Kettle Hall</b> 11am Kettle- Rev Peter Neilson
Sun31st	EDEN GROUP 7.30PM Pitlessie

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5 vs 22-23**

**Love** - "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him" (1 John 4:16). Through Jesus Christ, our greatest goal is to do all things in love. "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

**Joy** - "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

**Peace** - "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

**Forbearance**-- We are "strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness" (Colossians 1:11). "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2).

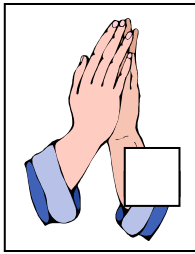
**Kindness** -- We should live "in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left" (2 Corinthians 6:6-7).

**Goodness** - "Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power" (2 Thessalonians 1:11). "For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth" (Ephesians 5:9).

**Faithfulness** - "O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth" (Isaiah 25:1). "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith" (Ephesians 3:16-17).

**Gentleness** - "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Galatians 6:1). "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2).

**Self-control** - "But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love" (2 Peter 1:5-7).



**Focus Prayer- Claiming God’s Promises -**

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples”

**Father , help us to follow you, keeping strong in faith and bearing much fruit. Amen**

Prayers for prayer groups, prayer partners or personal prayer times:

Better is one day in your presence, Lord, than a week in our favourite place, with our closest friends.

Better is one day understanding your will for your church, Lord, than a month following our own direction.

Better is one day *doing* your work – as your church – Lord, than a year labouring alone.

Better is one day fulfilling your call, showing mercy to the poor, Lord, than a decade living for ourselves.

Better is one day seeing potential released, and poor communities given hope, Lord, than a lifetime lived without the fire of your mercy drawing us to act.

And so we ask, this day, as we enter your presence, for more than a day, Lord, far more.

We ask for a *lifetime* in your presence, Lord, bringing healing where there is need, knowledge of you where there is none.

We ask for a broken spirit, Lord, that in the ashes of our own will, you will grow a spirit that longs for justice.

We ask that from these ashes will grow a desire to end poverty, Lord, as we work with churches around the world.

Better is one day in your presence, Lord, so let us today remain at your feet. *Amen*

**Small Beginnings**

*"Things great have small beginnings. Every downpour is just a raindrop; every fire is just a spark; every harvest is just a seed; every journey is just a step because without that step there will be no journey; without that raindrop there can be no shower; without that seed there can be no harvest."*

William Wilberforce

In the beginning there was nothing, and out of nothing you fashioned a universe so vast, so unimaginable that we can only sigh with amazement when we stare upwards on a star-lit night. And within this universe you positioned the earth and populated it, provided for it and designed for it to be a place of beauty.

Creator God: **Thank you**

In the beginning there was just potential; the seed within the packet, soil’s nutrients, sunshine’s warmth, rain clouds gathering. And within the tiny seed all that is our daily bread encoded, primed and ready should it be planted and allowed to grow.

Creator God: **Thank you**

Myung Lee reminds us of an old Korean proverb. *"If you plant a bean, then you will harvest only beans, not grapes or strawberries." God gave us new life through Jesus Christ and planted special seeds of forgiveness and love in our hearts. What fruit will we bear in our daily lives?"*

– What does he say to you this harvest time?



New Study. **PARABLES** Note revised dates. Do come and join us with this new series. 7.30-9.pm Ardarrach Pitlessie Oct 17<sup>th</sup> & 31st



Vicky Robertson in “The Children of Eden” Saturday Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Matinee 2.30pm. Tickets £8 Car sharing. Contact Helen Paterson ( 07801 556446)



Would you like to come and see Vicky sing? – see theatre trip above

God of harvest, gardener supreme you place us at the centre feed us, equip us and having provided for us look to a different harvest a fruitfulness in service to you and others. God of harvest, feed us prune us harvest us that our lives might bring glory to you. **Amen**