

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a brass keychain. The hand is wearing a white, textured knit sweater. The keychain features a large, ornate brass ring with a small circular hole at the top. Attached to the bottom of the ring is a brass padlock, which is secured with a set of keys. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

BETHANY CHRISTIAN TRUST

PRAY WITH US
2022



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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE
ALASDAIR BENNETT**

Dear Friends,

Our God is always faithful! In every circumstance; in every challenge; in every breakthrough; in every joy. In all things, God is faithful and able to sustain. Even in the midst of deep lament, Jeremiah the man of God declared:

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Our testimony yet again in this last year is to the incredible faithfulness of our God in sustaining us, equipping us and providing for us as we seek to reach out in Jesus’ name to serve men, women and young people facing the most challenging of circumstances across Scotland. All that Bethany Christian Trust has achieved and continues to pioneer in new services and developments is wholly dependent on the moving and purposes of God in and through us.

For 2022 our prayer diary again functions as a wall calendar with each month including a photograph representing just some aspects of life at Bethany. Please join us in praying for the people we support; that we might reach people with unconditional love and living hope.

Please pray for our volunteers and staff team and for Bethany Christian Trust to fulfil all that God calls us to in 2022 with humble and thankful hearts.

Thank you sincerely for joining us in our shared dependence on God in prayer. What a privilege to be able to pray and what a tremendous strength to know that you are praying with and for us.

I hope you enjoy using this year’s Bethany Prayer Diary.

With heartfelt thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alasdair Bennett".



January

**DUMFRIES HOUSING SUPPORT
PAMELA CROSBIE**

We pray for the drop-in service, that we will be able to serve our local community and show your love in action. We pray for the volunteers who enable the drop-in to run each week, that their care and compassion really shines out to those they serve.

We pray for those who use this service, may we continue to provide a safe meeting place where all are welcome. Many have described the drop-in and supported accommodation in Dumfries as a lifeline; we pray for a blessing on all that use the service.

We also give thanks for the many donations that enable the service to continue to help those in need.

I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own. 1 Chronicles 17:9

Our Supported Housing Service in Dumfries has been in operation since 2002 and as well as providing accommodation helps people to address issues that undermine the ability to live independently within the community.



February

PERTH CARE VAN SWARTHICK SALINS

Lord, we thank you for the Perth Care Van that has come about after prayerful support and vision. We pray for the issues that face people who are homeless in Perth and all across Scotland, and for the role of the Care Van as we help those individuals who have fallen through the existing networks of support. Please bless our partnerships with various churches as they support this new service in Perth, and be with us on each outing as we seek to help people with housing issues, benefit claims and other needs.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:19

The Care Van provides food and hot drinks, compassion and support for people who are homeless and vulnerable. As well as Perth, there are also Care Vans based in Edinburgh and Glasgow, with volunteers from local churches working with the teams.



March

**ANNE HOPE HOUSE
SHEILA GREGSON**

Lord, we give thanks for the love that is so tangible within this community at Anne Hope House; between the residents, amongst the team and between the team of volunteers and staff and the women.

We pray that this love would remain at the heart of all we do and that all of our hearts would continue to be transformed and drawn to Jesus.

We pray also for the new residents as they move into this community and for our former residents as they transition to living in their own accommodation.

My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest. Isaiah 32:18

Anne Hope House is a therapeutic residential community for females coming out of a situation of homelessness. Residents are supported through a group-work programme, one to one support, recreational activities and employability opportunities.



April

**FUNDRAISING
RACHAEL GILFILLAN**

Father God, we thank you for your continued abundant provision through individuals, corporate supporters, organisations, churches, trusts and grant giving groups. In times of plenty and of economic uncertainty, would you surprise us with your generosity to sustain each of our services and staff.

We ask that people's hearts across the country would be softened towards the needs of individuals who experience homelessness and the risk of homelessness in their towns and cities. Thank you for your never ending love for each individual we support, and we rest in the assurance that you never fail in your care for each one of us.

**Seek the Kingdom of God above
all else, and live righteously,
and he will give you everything
you need. Matthew 6:33**

Commit: The generosity from our supporters has meant that even in challenging seasons, Bethany has kept their services open. We could not do this without your prayerful help and faithful donations. If you would like to make a regular donation to Bethany, and invest in long-term projects that help end homelessness in Scotland, please get in touch:
donate@bethanychristiantrust.com



May

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION & BETHANY HOMES, ABERDEEN STEVIE STACY

Father, thank you for your provision in the completion of the renovations of the Bridge Centre in Torry. Thank you that through local church partners this community centre will be able to provide much needed resources to the community, such as addiction recovery and support for women and families.

Thank you that you provide the Holy Spirit to guide us in our decision making, please give us wisdom in strengthening relationships and collaboration with community members, churches, and charities in Torry, and throughout the North East. Thank you for your continued provision, and thank you that we can trust you with the future.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

Bethany Homes provides supported tenancies to individuals and families at risk or with a history of homelessness. As well as Aberdeen there are also Bethany Homes across Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dumfries.



June

VOLUNTEERS EDITH MACDOUGALL

Lord, we thank you for each volunteer at Bethany. Every individual who gives of their time is so precious and has an impact in their own way. There are countless stories of deep compassion, new connections and life-changing growth, both for the volunteers themselves, and for the individuals they come alongside.

We pray that you will continue to bless us by providing volunteers where there are gaps, and by making each experience a positive and fruitful one for everyone involved.

**Freely you have received;
freely give. Matthew 10:8**

Commit: Are you interested in volunteering but want to know how it all works first? Volunteering at Bethany is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, give back to the community and boost your confidence. It's a really simple process and we'll try our best to find a role that's a good fit for you. Send us your completed application pack or get in touch with our Volunteer Coordinator by sending an email to volunteers@bethanychristiantrust.com



July

**UPSTREAM
MARTIN FRASER**

Father God, we pray for UpStream as it provides counselling, therapeutic interventions and family support in Glasgow and the West. The pandemic has taken its toll on many young people and families. As they come to terms with the past 2 years - we pray for comfort for those grieving, clarity for those whose lives have changed and support for those processing the impact of lockdown. In addition to the effects of COVID-19, we pray for UpStream's therapeutic and family support staff as they provide space and support for young people and families as they navigate their individual challenges.

**The Lord is close to the
brokenhearted and saves those
who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18**

UpStream is a therapeutic befriending and counselling service delivered within secondary schools to promote positive mental health and wellbeing to pupils.



August

FIFE HOUSING SUPPORT JOHN STEVENS

We pray with thanks for the lives we've been able to impact and see changed in the past. We pray for hope and aspiration for the people we support in despair. We pray for peace in the lives of those in chaos and crisis. We want to pray for relationships with local churches, especially after the pandemic, that we would work together to bring light into our local community. And we pray for the service, as we face new challenges, that we would continue to show God's love and see lives transformed in our communities.

**You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you. Isaiah 26:3**

Fife Housing Support helps people to develop their own ability to live independently in the community. Support workers offer advice on budgeting, addiction relapse prevention, independent living skills, emotional issues, benefits, household management and developing social skills.



September

**INSPIRING LEITH
COLIN CAMPBELL**

We pray for the Homelessness Prevention and Inspiring Leith teams as they support people to build strong communities so that they are better able to cope with life's ups and downs. We're privileged to have a role where we uncover the richness of creation in places which are often overlooked by society. Build on the God-given talents of local people we support: craft groups, book groups, music events, even Zumba classes! Lord, please go before us and guide our words and actions as we seek to help people transform their communities.

**I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Psalm 121:1-2

Inspiring Leith has been running since 2012 harnessing the strengths, skills and resources of local people in Leith. The service provides support to set up activities which strengthen the community and bring about positive change in people's lives.



October

**BRIDGE TO FREEDOM
JOE MCCORMACK**

Jesus, thank you so much for Bridge to Freedom. It's amazing that we get to welcome in sons and daughters who are willing to break free from addictions and introduce them to the scriptures.

Thank you for the bravery, courage, openness and honesty that is demonstrated each session. It is such an honour to witness what you are doing.

We pray for more and more people who are willing and ready to start or continue the journey to recovery and encounter freedom from addictions in each of our locations.

Now you are free from the power of sin and have become servants of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. Romans 6:22

Bridge to Freedom is a recovery programme which operates across Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Inverness. With the support of local church volunteers, the Recovery & Resettlement Workers help people to overcome their addictions so they can reintegrate into their communities.



November

WELCOME CENTRE
JAMES MILLIGAN

Father God, we pray thanks and give praise to you for the provision of the Welcome Centre. We thank you for bringing this season's team together and uniting them in the same mind-set of love, to care for everyone who enters through our doors.

We pray that at all times we look towards you, Lord, when things get tough or tiring and when decisions need to be made. We pray for our guests, that they would encounter you in the Welcome Centre. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." We ask this for our guests.

**There is more than enough room
in my Father's home. When
everything is ready, I will come and
get you, so that you will always be
with me where I am. John 14:2-3**

The Rapid Re-accommodation Welcome Centre provides people who would otherwise be sleeping rough with 24 hour support including shelter, hot food, professional services and tailored support with a clear focus on rapid re-accommodation.



December

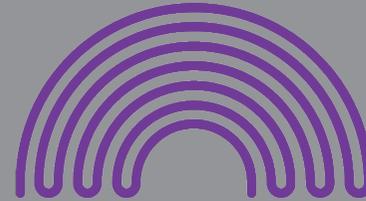
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We pray for those who are suffering, that they have faith in knowing they are not alone, and their suffering shall pass.

As we are entering cold seasons, Lord remember those who are alone out in the cold and help them to hear about the work of Bethany and to find the support they need. Thank you Lord for helping Bethany shops in being a place of community and enabling us to continue raising vital funds for people in need. We continue to pray for our "Buy a Bed" appeal to reach more people so we can continue the good work.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7

Commit: Donate to our shops and make a real difference in the lives of people who are homeless and vulnerable. Clearing out is fun. We are always in need of donations for our shops – portable items that can be handed into any of our shops and we can arrange furniture uplifts.



Ending homelessness in Scotland
One person at a time

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