

Bethany Christian Trust
Prayer Diary 2025



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Pray with us.



The prayers collated as part of this diary reflect the seven major strategies within Bethany Christian Trust's new strategic plan, **Dwelling Place 2030**.

You can read more about these strategic focuses in the full document here:
www.bethanychristiantrust.com/publications

Foreword

Dear friends and supporters,

As we round out Mission 2024, our previous strategic plan, we have known God's provision for every step, and attest to the favour and grace of God to enable us in responding to his leading. We have grown not just in service range, volume and geographical reach but, we believe, also in our Christian roots, heart, unity, staffing, leadership, partnerships, standards, income generation and internal support functions. As we now pivot forward, we seek to mature and grow, prioritise the 'first works' as Jesus describes them, aim to keep in step with God's peace and purposes, and seek God for an abundance to resource every good work with his provision. All this, to offer a full range of services, approaches and interventions to support people, from established locations through multiple fruitful partnerships.

In Bethany, we are embracing a new metaphor, encapsulating our strategies to fulfil our vision. It is simply this – a home – a place of loving warmth and welcome, a place of safety and security, built on firm foundations. A place for people, where fullness of life and opportunity abound; with positive future options, where there is no lack, and where the presence of God brings hope, restoration, and rest – with living hope broadcast into the community. In the heart of our mission lies this Dwelling Place, a sanctuary where vulnerable are sheltered and people grappling with homelessness find peace.

From the Book of the Prophet Haggai: "‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the Lord Almighty."

Here we will seek to prevent homelessness, to intervene when lives are in crisis, and to offer housing with support. The Bethany Christian Trust Prayer Diary 2025 leads us through these various emphases within our Dwelling Place 2030 strategic plan. We greatly value your prayers and your partnership with us in the mission God has given us.

With my deep appreciation and warm regards,



Alasdair Bennett
Chief Executive



Isaiah 33:5-6

Though the Lord is very great and lives in heaven, he will make Jerusalem his home of justice and righteousness. In that day he will be your sure foundation, providing a rich store of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge. The fear of the Lord will be your treasure.



Father God, our lives and work are rooted in you, our sure foundation. All that we do and all that we are is based on your call to love others, just as you have loved us.

We pray for protection, wisdom and energy for those in our team, staff and volunteers, who invest so deeply in the lives of those we serve.

Help us to remain faithful to your call in ending homelessness one person at a time. Dependable God, we commit ourselves to depend on you for all things.

Amen.

Ruth Walker, Chair of Trustees

Strategy One *Build on Firm Foundations*

We will seek to deepen the roots of our Christian ethos and values, ensuring our mission is bolstered by a steadfast dependence on God and a strong support network for our team.

January

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Father God,

Thank you for the precious people who access our services – help us always to love and value them, just as you love us.

Thank you for the people in Bethany, people you have called to serve as one body, in your name. People from different backgrounds, with different voices, different life experiences and different gifts that they use in service, whether volunteers, staff or supporters.

Please continue to provide workers and bless us as we seek to love, support and care for all our people.

Amen.

Ruth Longmuir, Director of Internal Services



Strategy Two *It's about People*

Our focus will be on nurturing a people-first culture, fostering a supportive environment for staff and volunteers, and developing leadership to sustain the future.


1 Corinthians 12:18

But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

February

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Isaiah 64:8

Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Strategy Three
Offer Fullness of Life

We aim to provide comprehensive support through a broad range of services tailored to meet the diverse needs and aspirations of people we serve, from homelessness prevention and crisis intervention, through to housing and support.

Dear Lord Jesus, let everyone who seeks to serve you be the clay that you desire them to be, turning us into obedient vessels.


Guide us through this new season to be the salt of the earth. In times of trouble and darkness, help us to offer your hope to those in our community. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Rosalind Alexander, Contributor to *The Bugle* — a publication from Creative Expressions

March

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				The Big Bethany Sleep Out		
					Charity Fashion Show	

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1 John 4:9-11

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Father,

**Your mercy is new every morning,
your love is higher than the
heavens, and your grace is all
sufficient for our needs.**

We praise you for the atoning sacrifice that Jesus made in perfect love for humanity, to reconcile us to you.

We pray for the whole Bethany team of staff and volunteers to remain in your love, to grow in the knowledge of you, and to show your love in action across Scotland, all for your glory.

Amen.

Alasdair Bennett, Chief Executive

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April

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Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.



Lord we thank you for the guidance and direction you provide through your word.

We pray that you continue to lead and direct Bethany Christian Trust on the right path to deliver services that positively impact the lives of vulnerable people across Scotland.

Our desire is that you illuminate your plans within the hearts of our staff and volunteers to demonstrate the love and mercy of our Heavenly Father and bring glory to your name. Amen.

John Rafferty,
Director of Housing and Support

Strategy Four

Warm Welcome & Positive Pathways

We will ensure accessible and trauma-informed services that offer a clear path to independence, underpinned by ongoing support and aimed at achieving positive life outcomes.

May

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Psalm 91:1-2

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

**Heavenly Father, we praise you.
We are privileged to partner with
You in ending homelessness in
Scotland one person at a time.**

We pray for Your divine guidance as we strive to create an environment ensuring the safety and wellbeing for all. Grant us strength to uphold the highest standards and systems. May Your Spirit inspire creativity and innovation over our work.

Lord, we pray for your protection and blessings over all Bethany staff and volunteers. May Your wisdom empower our leaders to lead with integrity and compassion. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Adom Otoo, Trustee

Strategy Five *Provide Safe Structure*

Our commitment is to uphold the highest standards and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all, supported by robust systems, innovative practices, and strong governance.

June

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Annual Dinner

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Father God, thank you for the many ways in which you have provided for Bethany over the years. We are humbled by your generosity revealed through the giving of individuals, churches and organisations. Thank you too for our faithful customers and donors to our Bethany shops.

God, we trust you for your continued provision, in the knowledge that everything belongs to you. Would you keep our hearts expectant and grateful.

Amen.

Hannah Nelson,
Director of Income Generation



Strategy Six
Generate Provision & Supplies

We aim to grow our diversified funding sources, exploring new enterprise opportunities and enhance our retail presence to build sustainable financial growth.

Haggai 2:8

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts.

July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His Glory in Christ Jesus.



Father, help us to trust in Your boundless provision as we seek to fulfil Your will and build a Dwelling Place for those we serve.

Help us to trust in a God who can send rain in a drought, who goes before us to make a way in the wilderness. A God whose supply is limitless, whose reach is effortless, whose storehouse has no end.

There is nothing that You cannot handle, help us walk in Your way and in Your will, knowing You will supply.

Robert Thomson,
Director of Financial Services

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August

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Jeremiah 29:7

...seek the peace and prosperity of the city...

Strategy Seven
Share Hope in the Community

By amplifying our collaborative efforts with churches, local governments, and other partners, we will extend our impact, sharing the transformative stories of the lives we touch and equipping communities with hope.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the positive relationships that Bethany Christian Trust has with the Scottish government, local authorities, charities and churches.

As partnership working continues, may you guide the decisions that are made and continue to sustain the necessary resources so that lives may continue to be transformed in communities across Scotland. May Bethany's staff and volunteers be equipped and strengthened as they work as ambassadors for hope and peace. Amen.

Paul Stevenson, Director of Homelessness Prevention

September

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	29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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Dear Father, we thank you for your boundless love that makes us one family in you. Help us create a space where people can feel the warmth of belonging and safety.

Guide all of our staff and volunteers as we seek to provide support that nurtures trust and hope in you. May our conversations be filled with compassion and encouragement, leading to independence and lasting joy. Let our work reflect Your heart, where everyone can find a hope and a future.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Luke Wilson, Head of Retail



Psalm 34:18

The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Strategy Four

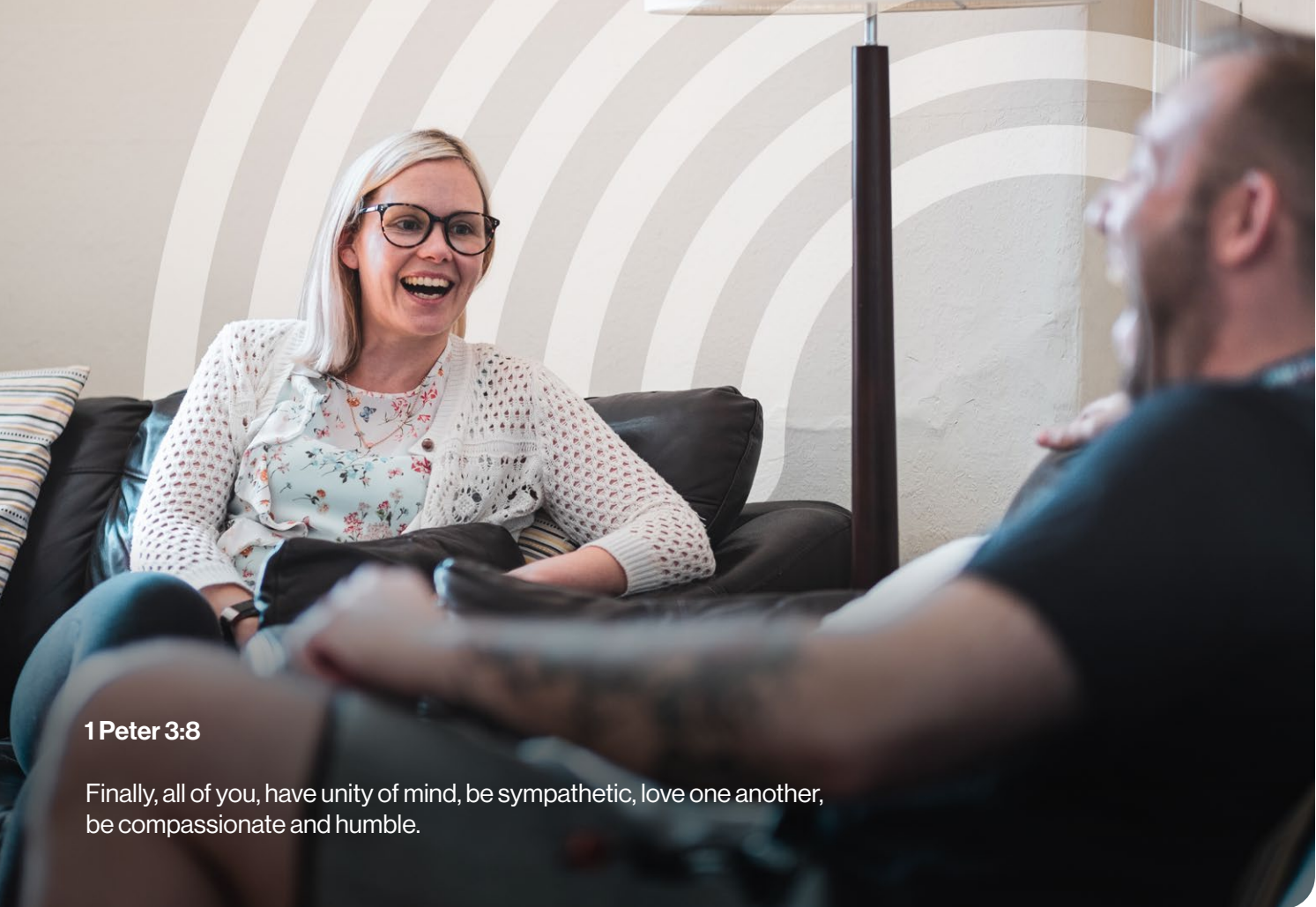
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October

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1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

Strategy Seven *Share Hope in the Community*

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Heavenly Father, it is good to remind ourselves and give thanks that you are a unique, personal and triune God - who lives in a perfect harmonious divine society of love, to which we are welcomed through the astonishing and finished work of Christ in salvation.

Lord help us to reflect that unity as we partner with local churches. Enable us to serve together in such a powerful way that wider collaborative partnerships with local government and other agencies sit up and take note with happy astonishment.

Derek Lamont, Trustee

November

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						St Andrew's Day

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Psalm 96:1-4

Sing a new song to the Lord!
Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!
Sing to the Lord; praise his name.
Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.
Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.
Great is the Lord!

Thank you, Father, for moving in such amazing ways in and through those who work with and for Bethany. Thank you that in our midst the power of your saving grace is seen and life in all its fullness becomes a reality.

We pray that these precious testimonies to your tenacious love would reach far and wide, to bring awe, thanksgiving and hope in the hearts of the hearers. May they raise faith in our churches, communities, and government that You give something so much better than that which the world can offer. Amen.

Sonia MacCallum, Trustee

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December

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	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
		Hogmanay	New Year's Day				
		Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day			

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In this place...

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...I will grant peace.

Haggai 2:9

"The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."

Please join us throughout the year in bringing our work, our staff, our volunteers and the people we support before the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving.

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