

Rwanda. Pray for the ongoing work of that church, and pray that lives and livelihoods will not be destroyed by the coronavirus crisis.

SUN 27 Pray for Sam as he preaches today on “Joy” as we continue this series on the Fruit of the Spirit.

MON 28 From today until 1st October, Helen and the OMF Japan team are having their postponed field conference via Zoom. Helen is also planning several activities for the children. Pray for blessing and good connections.

TUE 29 Pray that our church community will still enjoy good fellowship – whether they are meeting in person, or via zoom , or simply through conversations and phone calls. Pray that we will all do our best to provide good support and pastoral care for each other.

WED 30 Continue to pray for all the ongoing medical research for a vaccine and treatment for coronavirus. Pray that this research will be ethical, safe and effective.

BLOOMFIELD PRAYER DIARY September 2020

Ps 4 v 1 “Be merciful to me, and hear my prayer”.

MON 31 August Pray for our week of prayer which will be online except on Wednesday evening. The theme of the week will be “Lessons learnt from lockdown: What is important?”. This evening Drew will lead a time of reflection and meditation, focusing on who God is, what He has done for us and how He has been with us in recent weeks.

TUES 1 Pray especially for pupils and teachers returning to school and college. Pray that they will settle quickly into a routine and that everything will go smoothly and safely. Pray especially for Michael and James as they lead us in our prayer time this evening with a focus on children and young people.

WED 2 As we meet in person tonight to pray about our relationships in our community, the walking group will encourage us to meet at the church and take part in a district

prayer walk for small groups, focusing on prayers for our community.

THURS 3 At our prayer time this evening, pray for the Mission Action Team as they lead a global journey to pray for our mission partners across the world.

FRI 4. As we pray about our relationship to the future this evening, Frank will lead our time of prayer – focusing on whether we have learned lessons about ourselves, our faith and our church that will help us to “know Jesus and share His love” better.

SAT 5 Pray for all the Charis families as they deal with lack of support and day provision for the children and young people being closed. Pray for those families who are feeling terribly isolated and pray also for the families whose children need more medical and other support at this time.

SUN 6 Pray for Frank as he preaches at our service this morning and also for all who attend – whether in person, or online.

MON 7 Pray for the PCI staff who have been furloughed as they begin to return to work, and continue to pray that the work of PCI will flourish.

TUES 8. Pray for attempts to return to meetings of Kirk Session, Committee and Presbytery along with the various Assembly Councils.

WED 9 Pray for all the church team – particularly for Frank, Michael and Elizabeth, for Brian in worship, David and Gordon looking after the buildings, John and Andrew in Session, Tom and Kenny in Committee. Pray especially for Sam and his family as he begins his Ph.D studies.

THURS 10 Pray for Helen Lyttle in Sapporo as she works out what is reasonable travel-wise during the Autumn months. She would love to go to the Tokyo area to visit families there but that might not be possible.

FRI 11 Pray for Senait with all her vital contacts with refugees, many of whom have come to faith in Jesus.

SAT 12 Pray for people whose ongoing medical needs have been put on hold for the past 6 months, that treatment can begin soon for them and they can see God's hand on their lives, bringing His peace and comfort.

SUN 13 Pray for Frank as he speaks this morning at what will also be a service of baptism. Pray particularly for all involved.

MON 14 Pray for our Moderator Rev Dr David Bruce whose year has not begun in the normal way. He has been providing online services every Sunday which he plans to do until the end of October at least, so pray for him as he prepares and pray also that those who watch/listen will be blessed.

TUES 15 Pray for the Arches Care Home – for all the staff and the residents, and pray that God will keep them safe and well. Pray also for the work of the Walkway Community Centre.

WED 16 Pray for families with newborn babies and pray especially that they will not feel too isolated at this time due to covid restrictions.

THURS 17 Pray for God's wisdom to know when our church organisations might be able to plan to resume.

FRI 18 Pray for Helen as she follows up several Japanese contacts who have popped up from the past and are keen to meet.

SAT 19 Pray for ongoing worship through live streaming reaching many church families and also far beyond. Pray also for the technical team and all they do, and also that the Holy Spirit would be at work among us.

SUN 20 Pray especially for Drew as he starts off a new series on "the Fruit of the Spirit" which will dovetail with Kidzone – speaking on "Love".

MON 21 Pray for the start of the new academic year at Union Theological College. This will be the last year in partnership with Queen's, so pray that it might end well. Union is exploring some new ways of working, so pray for these – especially for the proposed partnership with St Mary's University, Twickenham, London.

TUES 22 Remember in prayer people who are still furloughed -whether completely or part time and who may be anxious about potential job losses and all the uncertainty around their employment. Pray especially for those who have already lost jobs due to this crisis. Pray also for businesses who may be struggling or having to make hard decisions. Pray for

wisdom and fairness in all their dealings.

WED 23 Continue to pray for God's wisdom for all our government leaders and politicians, medical and scientific advisers, and other civil servants as they provide advice and make decisions.

THURS 24 Pray for issues surrounding people's mental health which may have been made worse by the ongoing coronavirus situation. Pray that everyone will get the appropriate medical care and attention they need, and that all mental health services will be properly supported and funded.

FRI 25 Pray especially for any of our young people going back to , or starting college or university for the first time. Pray for their health and safety, and also that their university or college experience will be a good one and that they will grow in their faith.

SAT 26 Pray for Pastor Yu and his ongoing ministry as he is to be ordained at the Lighthouse Church, Sapporo, tomorrow. Continue to pray for our partner church – Gilgal Evangelical Church in Kigali,