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☐ **Sunday 1 January**

People of all ages have been spending three days together at *New Year Break* at Lendrick Muir, reflecting on 2011 and looking forward to 2012 and the opportunities and challenges it brings. Join with them in this reflection, giving thanks that God is with us in Jesus, every step of the way.

We prayed in October for the Impact World Tour outreach to Clackmannanshire schools. Give thanks for a good response and pray that SU groups, Ian Paget (COLT Associate Worker) and local chaplains will be able to nurture the faith and interest of those who responded.

☐ **Monday 2 January**

Give thanks for Alan Myles, recently appointed to the joint post of Schools Programme Coordinator at Alltnacriche and Regional Worker for Moray and South Highlands and Islands. Pray for Alan, his wife Victoria, and their 14-month-old son Micah as they relocate.

Alan is covering parts of the country previously overseen by Colin Carmichael and Andrew Thompson. Pray for a good working relationship between Alan, Colin and Andrew in this time of transition, and for the Action Groups in these areas as they plan the year ahead.

☐ **Tuesday 3 January**

The SU team in Novosibirsk, Russia, is running a children's Winter Camp from today until 6th January, which is Christmas Eve in Russia. Pray that the young people will gain a fresh understanding of the Christmas story.

☐ **Wednesday 4 January**

Give thanks for Paul Bayton in his role as Office Manager, Alltnacriche, and for the way he has managed the construction of the new staff housing in addition to his other duties. Pray for wife Shula, daughter Morven and son Finlay, and for God's protection over them as a family.

The leaders at the Evie and Rendall Church *After School Club* in Orkney are praising God for an answer to prayer. Last year children stopped attending, opting for swimming instead. A change

of day has resulted in an excellent response, with up to 20 children attending! Pray for God's message of love and grace to reach these children.

☐ **Thursday 5 January**

Give thanks for the appointment of Hilary Sorrie to the post of Admin Assistant in the Aberdeen Office and pray for her as she adjusts to her new role and supports Andrew Thompson in his work.

The BUSY Project (Broxburn and Uphall Associate Worker Scheme) management team meets every two months and is currently seeking funding to continue the Project. Please pray that applications are made to appropriate Trusts, and ask God for positive results.

☐ **Friday 6 January**

Staff and volunteers in Armenia, Belarus and Ukraine would ask us to give thanks to God for his faithfulness, protection and provision, as well as the growth of their work for his Kingdom.

Praise God for the dedication and commitment of Andrei Cherniak (Russia), Grigori Stupak (Ukraine) and Michael Rowe (UK) who have worked tirelessly in the Lord's service to establish and build up SU's work in the Former Soviet Republics. Pray for these men today.

☐ **Saturday 7 January**

Give thanks that Esther Bailey, Borders Regional Worker, has been able to return to work after a time of illness. As she starts a new term, pray that she might know the Lord leading, guiding and strengthening her.

Network is a new *Contraflow* youth event held on the first Saturday of each month in Helensburgh. 33 young people attended the first meeting. Give thanks, and pray that this work grows and bears fruit.

☐ **Sunday 8 January**

Let's pray for teaching staff, support staff and pupils as they return to school this week. Give thanks to God for the wonderful (and free) education service we have in Scotland, and for the amazing opportunities Christians have to work in schools and talk about faith.

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Give thanks that Jo Black has returned from maternity leave and is now working with *es-team* in Edinburgh on a part-time basis. As she develops relationships with volunteers and seeks to encourage and support them in their roles, pray for a sense of God's leading and for help in managing her time.

☐ Monday 9 January

Give thanks for the *Go Conferences* which took place during the October school holidays. 90 young people attended and many returned home ready to take up opportunities to share the gospel with their peers. Pray that they would continue to take bold steps as they serve their Lord at school and church.

Please pray for Jacqui McMahon (Local Area Worker) and the new Chirnsyde Primary SU group, meeting after school today in a deprived area of north Glasgow. Some children are unwilling to listen to any of the Bible teaching, and at least one other helper is required.

☐ Tuesday 10 January

Gordon McKie runs the *Games Club* today in Larbert High School. This club consists of pupils referred from Guidance who need social or emotional support. Pray for pastoral gifts for Gordon as he relates to these children, and that he would be a positive influence on their lives.

Pray for those who are participating in the *Mission Leadership Course* at various points throughout this year. Pray that the training they

receive will inspire and equip them for Christian outreach work to children and young people.

☐ Wednesday 11 January

Tonight *es-team* hosts a Thanksgiving Evening for SU group leaders to reflect on how God has used them in the past year and to be envisioned for the year to come. Join us in giving thanks for the faithfulness of Edinburgh volunteers.

Dima Bazarov of Scripture People, Tajikistan, is visiting the UK this month. Pray he will be blessed by his visit and that good strong links of unity and purpose, fellowship and friendship will be established.

☐ Thursday 12 January

The Associate Worker Group meets this morning, chaired by Lesley MacKintosh. Pray for this group as it oversees the relationship between SU Scotland and the 16 Trusts which partner with us (and the 18 Associate Workers whom they employ).

Esther Bailey is speaking to the church Guild in Newcastleton today. Praise God for their interest in the work of Scripture Union, and pray for more opportunities to present SU's work to people who will partner us in prayer, finance and as volunteers.

The SU Board meets this evening. Its members carry the responsibility for ensuring that SU Scotland remains true to its aims and is a faithful steward of the resources God provides.

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Friday 13 January

Wendy Strachan, Children's Ministry Coordinator for SU International, is in Scotland for the next two weeks, visiting various groups to stimulate thinking about ministry to children. Please pray for stamina for Wendy, and for many people to be challenged to think freshly.

Tonight is the start of the annual conference for SU Team Leaders and Assistant Team Leaders. Pray for Dick Dowsett as he brings the Bible teaching and for an inspiring, motivating and challenging weekend.

Saturday 14 January

An answer to prayer! The SUper Club at Belmont House Junior School in Newton Mearns has recently restarted. Remember Adrienne Cartwright and Johana Steel as they lead the group each week.

Give thanks for the two volunteers, Yvonne Hay and Margaret Rose, who recently started a new SU group at Kilgraston School in Bridge of Earn. Pray for those attending and for much blessing on Margaret and Yvonne as they have responded to this need.

Sunday 15 January

During January and February, SU staff are involved in advertising SU Holidays. Please pray that young people will be excited by what they hear and be keen to book up for events.

Pray for staff and pupils at Auchmuty High School, Glenrothes, as Bruce Lockhart, Gwyneth Duff (GROW Associate Worker), drama team Viz-a-Viz and others lead a Personal Search Week. They are grateful for this opportunity to work with S1 pupils for a whole week. Please pray that pupils will benefit.

Monday 16th January

Phil Wray, Jackie Ringan, Kenny McKie, Gordon Roy and John Nonhebel meet today as the Regional Management Team. Pray for wisdom as they seek to implement our strategy across all regions in Scotland, especially to grow our work in schools.

The West Renfrewshire Youth Trust management team meets tonight. Give thanks for all the opportunities that Dougie Adam (Associate Worker) has in the local schools.

Assemblies promoting SU holidays are taking place at St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School in Edinburgh this week. Please join with us in praying for a positive response from this school.

Tuesday 17 January

Tom Bowker is taking a *Gap Year* with SU this year. From October through to Easter he is based in Inverness with Highlands Regional Worker, Colin Carmichael. Pray for Tom as he works with SU groups and joins in with the opportunities Colin has in schools.

Give thanks for May Barr, who is administrator in our Challenge House office in Glasgow. She works for SU every morning, while in the afternoon she works for Evangelical Alliance. She looks after Kenny McKie, Ken Coulter, Adrienne Cartwright, Martin Boyd and David Clipston. Pray for grace!

Wednesday 18 January

Regional Workers in the East Team meet today with Wendy Strachan, SU International's Children's Ministry Coordinator. Pray that they are able to share with and learn from Wendy and take fresh thinking back to their different areas of ministry.

The management group of the Larbert Churches Youth Trust meets tonight. Pray for the chair, Rev Melville Crosthwaite, and for the other members as they make decisions affecting the ministry of LCYT.

Thursday 19 January

The West Regional Staff Team meets with Wendy Strachan today in Glasgow. She is leading two workshops entitled, 'Encouraging Children on their Journey of Faith' and, 'Opening the Bible with Children in Life-changing Ways'. Pray that both Wendy and the team will be inspired.

Give thanks for the senior pupils who regularly attend *Quest Club* at Grove Academy, Broughty Ferry. Pray for younger pupils to start attending.

Friday 20 January

The Deep Impact youth workers' conference takes place this weekend in Aviemore. This conference is now in its 12th year, and is organised by the Scottish Christian Youthwork Forum (of which SU

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is a member) under the banner of the Evangelical Alliance. Pray for Gavin Calver who is the keynote Bible speaker.

For the first time ever, Deep Impact has a stream for those engaged in children's ministry. Pray for Wendy Strachan and Rebecca Nye, who are leading sessions, and for the impact of this event on work with children throughout Scotland.

Pray for young leaders from the *Junction 12* (Glasgow) and *DIME* (Edinburgh) urban youth projects who are accompanying Libby Lobban and John Gillan to the Deep Impact conference.

☐ Saturday 21 January

75 young people and 25 adults are attending the Strathkelvin Weekend Away at Lendrick Muir with Kenny and Alison McKie. Pray for deeper relationships with God and with each other, and for the young people to respond to the love of God in Jesus.

Pray for P6-S3 young people to have an inspiring day at *Totally Random* in Garelochhead, a monthly event organised by the Dumbarton Area Action Group.

Tonight is the extremely popular SU Annual Ceilidh in Dumfries High School, organised by the Dumfries Action Group. Ask the Lord to bless it with good fun, fellowship and friendship.

☐ Sunday 22 January

Andy Bathgate is preaching this morning at the 'Arran Churches Together' service for the Week of Christian Unity. Pray for God's word to be communicated clearly and faithfully.

***"As for God, his way is perfect:
The LORD's word is flawless."***

2 SAMUEL 22:31

East Lothian Action Group received an unexpected gift towards their work as a result of a recent event. Join them in giving thanks!

Praise God for Oksana Khimich and all her God-given skills and abilities which she uses to train and encourage staff and volunteers all over Russia, Ukraine and Armenia. Pray for protection, as she often travels very long distances.

☐ Monday 23 January

Remember Gwyneth Duff as she leads assemblies at Glenwood High School in Glenrothes this week, along with other members of the chaplaincy team.

The Caithness Action Group meets tonight in Wick. Give thanks for their prayerful and practical support for the work of SU in the area.

Ken Coulter is delivering training tomorrow at a Local Authority Religious Observance Training Day in Stirling. Give thanks for this opportunity, and pray for all who will attend.

☐ Tuesday 24 January

Give thanks for Kirsty Cleland, Scott Hamilton and Jane Stratton and pray for them as they lead SU groups at Kelvinside Academy in Glasgow each Tuesday lunchtime.

The *es-team* Working Group meets tonight. Pray for them as they seek to develop the ministry of SU in Edinburgh. The post of Independent Schools Worker is currently vacant. Please pray for resources to be provided to be able to make a new appointment.

☐ Wednesday 25 January

A group of SU Staff meets today to explore how we can increase the level of financial support for Regional Workers. Many of our regions have no reserves and are only half-funded locally, the remainder coming from the General Fund. We long to see each region fully supported by local people.

Tonight a small group gathers in Penicuik to pray for the work of SU throughout Midlothian and beyond. Please pray that God would add to the number of people committed to praying for this work.

The Lanarkshire Action Group meets tonight. Pray for the group as they discuss how to raise the profile of SU in Lanarkshire, and in particular for practical guidance in planning a coffee morning in May.

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☐ Thursday 26 January

Andrew Thompson is in Johnshaven Primary today to lead their assembly and advertise SU Holidays. This is the first time Andrew has visited the school since a change of Head Teacher. Give thanks for the opportunity and pray for a good visit.

Pray for the Management Team – Andy, Christine, Phil and Robin – as they meet to work through the detail of the budget for the coming year, that God would guide them in assessing priorities for how funds are deployed.

☐ Friday 27 January

75 pupils from different Independent Schools across west and central Scotland are travelling to Lendrick Muir tonight for their Weekend Away. Pray that their time together would be fun-filled, action-packed and life-changing.

Senior pupils in S4-S6 from Glasgow's east end, who meet as the *Wannabes* Bible study group, are also at Lendrick Muir from tonight. Pray for Libby Lobban and David Clipston as they lead, and give thanks for the close relationships that have built up within this group. Pray for a significant weekend in the lives of these young people.

☐ Saturday 28 January

Give thanks for the schools in Larbert in which Gordon McKie works (*LCYT Associate Worker*). Every school is very open and several Head Teachers have asked for new SU groups to be set up. Praise God for these opportunities. Pray for new volunteers.

Hermitage Academy in Helensburgh has given Andy Lang (*Contraflow Associate Worker*) the use of a small classroom as a Prayer Room/Quiet Room. Both pupils and teachers alike can come apart and have a time of peace and contemplation in a Christian environment. Give thanks that pupils are using this prayer space!

☐ Sunday 29 January

Today children and their parents from all over central Scotland are gathering together at *Pray Any Way*. Ask God that this event might be used to excite children about prayer and that families

would return home more confident in praying with and for each other.

Two new SU groups have been relaunched at Hutchesons' Grammar School in Glasgow. *The Point* seeks to reach out to younger pupils and *The Edge* is a discipleship training group for Christian pupils. Give thanks for these new groups and for the teachers involved in leading them.

☐ Monday 30 January

Pray for Moira Shaw, who runs a group with Greig Ferguson in Clober Primary in Milngavie every Monday. Moira is leading the Bearsden and Milngavie Weekend Away at Lendrick Muir in April and is gathering team and preparing material for the 106 young people who will attend. She also works as a Social Worker.

Regional and Associate Workers drive many miles during these winter months to take school assemblies and advertise Holidays, often with very early starts. Winter weather can also be a challenge for those working at our Centres. Pray for safety, energy and good health.

☐ Tuesday 31 January

SU staff in Kiev, Ukraine, run training weekends for camp and holiday club leaders in various regions of Ukraine throughout February and March. Please pray for the team in this busy schedule, and for committed and enthusiastic volunteers to come for training.

Pray for guidance and wisdom for the International Committee as they seek ways to more effectively promote support for SU International, and as they work on the 2012 overseas project for Holidays fundraising.

☐ Wednesday 1 February

The Regional Management Team meets today (Phil, Jackie, Gordon, Kenny and John). They value your prayers as they make final arrangements for the Regional Department training which takes place next week.

Give thanks for Irene Hamilton and Rebecca McColm as they lead the Royal High Primary SU

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group each Wednesday in Edinburgh and also their co-leader, Agnes Guthrie, as she works hard around the city this term delivering the *Bible Alive* programme.

📅 **Thursday 2 February**

The *Junction 12* Board meets tonight. Pray for Christine McPhail as chair, and the other trustees who serve in this way. Pray for much encouragement and help in decision-making.

Jackie Ringan is leading an assembly at Strathesk Primary in Penicuik tomorrow morning. Give thanks for the series of assemblies she has been sharing here and pray that volunteers might be identified who could begin an SU group once again in the school.

📅 **Friday 3 February**

Andy Bathgate would appreciate prayer as he speaks at the annual *COOL* Trust Annual Celebration tonight in Dornie. Give thanks for all that God has done through the Trust across Lochalsh and South Skye over the last year, particularly in discipleship. Pray for an encouraging evening, particularly for *COOL* Associate Worker, Dave Mockett.

Powerpoint meets in Edinburgh tonight for S1-S6's. Please pray for the hundreds of young people from all over the country who attend and for the *Powerpoint* team as they lead.

Dumbarton Area Action Group are holding a ceilidh tonight in Helensburgh. Andy Lang is hosting, and Kenny McKie and others are sharing what God is doing through SU in the area. Pray for a good night and increased involvement of potential volunteers.

📅 **Saturday 4 February**

Pupils from East Renfrewshire are at Lendrick Muir this weekend for their *Megamix* weekend away. Give thanks for these children who attend regular primary school events held in the Newton Mearns area, and pray for the weekend, which is a highlight to them!

Logistics of Easter events are being prepared at this time. This can be a very complex operation which

can change as events approach. Team, campers, and equipment have all to get to the right place at the right time. Pray for those involved in the planning of this, especially Graeme Stangoe.

Please pray for Easter Team Leaders as they prepare for their event. May they know the Lord's leading and enabling as they seek to serve him in this way.

📅 **Sunday 5 February**

Participants in 'Equip', a discipleship and training programme at Queen's Park Baptist in Glasgow, are holding a retreat at Lendrick Muir. Pray this is a significant time for those attending.

Praise God for the 26 children attending a new SU group at Riverside Primary School in Stirling, and pray for the mums and staff who are helping with this. They meet every Thursday lunchtime.



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Monday 6 February

Every Monday after school, a group of lively children meet at the Coalsnaughton Primary SU group. They love to discuss and engage with their leader, Christine Rollo. Pray for them.

Pray for doors to continue to open into Independent Schools, especially in the schools SU has very little contact with, or information about. Adrienne Cartwright is Independent Schools Worker for the west of Scotland; pray she would be encouraged in her work.

Tuesday 7 February

A group of staff and chaplains meets to pray today before the school day begins at Hillpark Secondary in Glasgow. Pray for more staff to share the vision of this monthly prayer group and become involved in this dynamic element of school life.

Give thanks for our dedicated IT team – Gareth Archibald, Andrew Hamilton and Steve McCrum (who recently started with us). Pray for God's blessing on their work as they maintain and develop our IT systems and for God's protection from security threats.

Wednesday 8 February

The whole Regional Staff Team meets over the next two days for training and fellowship. Pray for those delivering training, especially on our new events database, which plays a vital role in our ministry.

Pray for Lenzie Moss Primary in Lenzie today. There is no SU group, but a group of mums meet to pray for the school, and Kenny McKie is leading assembly there today. The Head Teacher is very supportive of the work of SU. Kenny longs to have a group in the school before long, and for children from the school to book an SU Holiday.

Thursday 9 February

Give thanks for the members of SU Scotland's Support Services Board Committee, who meet in Glasgow today. Pray that they would be given wisdom and discernment as they review the draft budget for the coming year.

Pray for the staff at Knightswood Secondary in Glasgow as they lead the SU group, along with local church workers. Give thanks for these volunteers and for others across the country who are leading SU groups in schools.

Friday 10 February

Give thanks for Pitteuchar West Primary in Glenrothes, who are always so appreciative of input from the GROW Trust. As Gwyneth Duff leads an assembly this afternoon, pray that what the pupils learn about Jesus will stay with them.

The first *Basecamp* of 2012 takes place at Pitlochry this weekend, with around 20 trainees aged 16-18. Pray for them to be equipped spiritually and practically for servant leadership at SU events. Pray especially for the talks on the life of David.

St Mungo's Church from Edinburgh are bringing their Youth Group to Lendrick Muir this weekend. Pray for a blessed weekend for all attending.

Saturday 11 February

Pulteneytown Youth Group from Wick are at Alltnacriche this weekend. Praise God for the fortitude of the leaders as this group visit annually, whatever the weather!

Please pray that young people who have booked for Easter events will come along with hearts prepared by the Holy Spirit and be able to take full advantage of the potential for growth in discipleship that a residential event can afford.

Sunday 12 February

The SU International Committee hopes to welcome and host someone from Open Bible, Ukraine in the spring. Praise God for this opportunity of mutual support, encouragement and learning and pray for good contacts and meetings.

Pray that many churches will be encouraged by the *Serve Your Local School* project to grasp the opportunity to be involved in schools in a whole range of ways – praying, supporting classroom staff, leading SU groups, and performing practical tasks around the school.

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Pray for Ewen Glen in Killermont Church, Bearsden. He helps run the Boclair Academy SU group, has started a new SU group in his church, and has taken over the running of a fortnightly Bible Study for older teenagers in his home. Ewen and his wife Heather would value your prayer for regular inspiration!

Give thanks for a new Action group in Ayrshire, which started meeting in November. Pray for their involvement in strategic thinking and planning as they work with Trish Archibald and Julie Bain.

Tuesday 14 February

Give thanks for the enthusiasm and commitment of those who took part in the *Bible Alive* training course last year. Pray for the *Bible Alive* lessons happening in schools this term to impact pupils.

Thank God for David Fraser, Jacqueline Primrose and Cheryl Robinson who lead the SU group in Alva Academy, and pray for them as they meet today.

Wednesday 15 February

Study Camps are an important part of the Easter Holidays programme. Pray for senior pupils to know the Lord's help and peace as they prepare for important exams and to know the encouragement of supportive camp leaders.

Pray for the Programme Team at Alltnacriche and Lendrick Muir as they welcome school children and staff to our Centres over the next few months and bear witness to them.

Thursday 16 February

Pray for Fintry Primary School, Dundee, whose P7's are visiting Lendrick Muir this week. Pray for the SU group that runs in the school and thank God for Christian staff and the positive relationship that the school has with the local church.

Youth workers who comprise the East Lothian Youth Workers Network are meeting tomorrow to pray about their work in East Lothian and to plan ahead for the next school year. Please pray for open ears to hear God's guidance and open hearts to obey.

Friday 17 February

On Friday afternoons the aptly named *Chatterboxes* group meets at Trinity Primary School in Edinburgh with Christine Hodge and Lynn MacNeill. Pray for wisdom as they relate to children from diverse backgrounds and give thanks for the joy they have in serving in this way.

Esther Bailey and Mark Bruce are leading a joint *BCYT/Borders Weekend* at Lendrick Muir for pupils in S1-S6. Pray for reasonable weather, safety, good fun, deepening friendships, and for everyone to hear God speak and to respond to him.

P6-P7 children from all over Lanarkshire will be at Lendrick Muir this weekend. Pray for fun, peace and contentment, with a sense of God's presence in everything that happens.

Saturday 18 February

Equipped to Transform (formerly *Beauty for Ashes*), SU's urban training conference, takes place today in Glasgow. Pray for those attending who work with young people in deprived communities, that they may gain a better understanding of how the gospel is good news to the poor.

Many of the young leaders involved in the *BUSY* Project in Broxburn have now left school and have started further education. Pray that they will make Christian contacts and continue to grow in faith as they move on to pastures new.

Sunday 19 February

Pray for encouragement for Regional and Associate Workers. There are frustrations when doors appear to be shut into certain schools, and requests for meetings are turned down. Pray that these setbacks would lead to increased prayer.

Give thanks for the many opportunities the *CRRT Trust* has to work with the local schools in Rutherglen and Cambuslang. Ask that Associate Workers Ross Murray and Estelle McKean continue to build on these relationships and serve God and the schools (as well as the churches) to the best of their ability.

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Monday 20 February

Pray for the SU *School of Catering* which is launched this week, with two one-day training events designed to help volunteers plan and run the catering for SU events.

Give thanks for the two SU groups at Cockenzie Primary School, led by Yvonne Smith and Joyce Buchanan. Pray for wisdom as they share God's love, and give thanks for this opportunity for the children to access a safe place to ask questions.

Praise God for the development of a chaplaincy team in Hillpark Secondary School, Glasgow, over the last 18 months and for the positive support of senior management in the school. Ken Coulter is involved with the chaplains in leading a week of assemblies. Pray for their witness.

Tuesday 21 February

The Centres and Holidays Committee meets today at Lendrick Muir. Please pray for clarity and vision as they deal with many complex issues.

The Regional Board Committee meets tonight, chaired by Rev Jim Dewar. Do pray for Jim in his second meeting as chair, and for the committee as they take time to reassess their role in governance and support for the Regional Team.

Colin Carmichael is leading an assembly today at Duncan Forbes Primary, Inverness. Give thanks for the opportunity to explore the Bible with the pupils during this time.

Wednesday 22 February

Dumbarton Area Action Group are holding an evening for parents and young people who are considering, or have already booked, an SU Weekend or SU Holiday. Kenny McKie asks that there will be positive interest from parents and grandparents and a big uptake of places.

Give thanks for the Stewartry Associate Worker Group (SCYI) and their worker, Stella Gillette – they recently received an award for being the 2011 Dumfries and Galloway Youth Programme of the Year!

Thursday 23 February

Alloa Academy SU group meets tomorrow. Pray for senior pupil, Eilidh Mather, who has led the group for several years and now has a busy study schedule to work around, and Ian Paget (COLT Associate Worker), who supports the club weekly, as well as volunteering in PE classes. Pray for many pupils to attend.

Friday 24 February

Pray for SU Mission and Holidays Team Leaders in their preparations and planning for Easter and summer events. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and lead them in their choice of theme, recruitment of team and discussions with local churches.

The Fife, Perth and Kinross Secondary Weekend takes place at Lendrick Muir from tonight, led by Bruce Lockhart and with input from Fife Associate Trust Workers and many volunteers. Pray for the Lord to speak into the lives of the young people and team.

Saturday 25 February

The urban training conference, *Equipped to Transform*, is in Dundee today. Pray for Andy Matheson of Oasis, who is bringing God's Word, and other seminar leaders and participants. Pray for an inspirational day and for much encouragement for John Nonhebel, Urban Ministries Leader.

Megamix happens this evening in Hamilton. This is an event for P5-P7's from across Lanarkshire. Many children from churches who come along bring their non-church friends. Pray that *Megamix* would be a place where children discover the love of Jesus, and the reality of him with them in all they do.

Sunday 26 February

Give thanks for the SU group at Knox Academy in Haddington run by Carolyn Wilson, and for the small but enthusiastic group of pupils who have been attending. Pray for the pupils as they meet together, that they would find encouragement in God's Word.

Pray for the planning group which is organising *Strictly Come Praying* in a few weeks' time, especially for a clear head for Elizabeth McDowall as she deals with bookings and admin.

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Praise God for the blessing of the global family of SU in over 130 countries. Give thanks for those who faithfully work in difficult and dangerous situations and remember to support them in prayer.

Monday 27 February

Pray for Whitecrook Primary and Keith Primary as they attend residential breaks at Lendrick Muir this week, and for the Lendrick Muir staff who will welcome them to the Centre.

Praise God for the re-slatted roof at Alltnacriche – which means no leaks in wet weather! Give thanks too for the new staff housing and the blessing it is to the resident staff. Pray God's blessing upon all who work there.

Tuesday 28 February

Pray for everyone taking Christian assemblies across Scotland today, especially Esther Bailey taking an assembly at Parkside Primary in Jedburgh. Pray that the children will see something of God through her and will learn more about his great love for them.

Pray for Andy Bathgate in his work as Chief Executive of SU Scotland. Give thanks for his leadership, faithfulness to God's Word, and his role as an ambassador for SU Scotland.

Christine Murison recently relocated from Lendrick Muir to our Milton Street office in Glasgow. Praise God for her long service to SU and pray for her in this period of readjustment.

Wednesday 29 February

Three senior pupils meet with Gordon McKie in Larbert High School each Wednesday afternoon to read the Bible. Give thanks that there are young people who are passionate about the Word of God. Pray that God reveals himself to them as they read.

We are grateful to God for all the volunteers who sit on the Board, Board Committees and all the other committees that support the various aspects of SU Scotland's ministry. Give thanks for them, and pray that they may have a sense of the Lord's pleasure in their service.

Thursday 1 March

Dougie Adam, WRYT Associate Worker, is involved in supporting pupils leading the SOUL SU group at Gryffe High School in Bridge of Weir today. Give thanks for the witness of these senior pupils and pray for younger leaders to emerge.

Give thanks for John Mowat, SU Scotland's Support Development Manager. Pray for God's blessing on his work as he seeks out funding for all aspects of our ministry from Trusts, churches and individuals.

Friday 2 March

Ken Coulter is leading an assembly in Anderston Primary School in Glasgow today. The support and encouragement of the school's senior management team has enabled the development of Religious Observance and an SU group at the school recently, which is a great encouragement.

UCCF is hosting a training event this weekend at Lendrick Muir for leaders of university Christian Unions across Scotland. Pray that those trained will be fully equipped to serve Christ in the year ahead. Praise God that some of these students will have come to faith and been disciplined through the ministry of SU!

The *Junction 12* team are holding a Strategy Day tomorrow. Pray that they would hear the Lord guiding and directing them.



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☐ Saturday 3 March

Pray for an afternoon of fun and safety at *The Big One* event in Edinburgh and pray that the primary-aged children who attend will learn more of God as they explore the Bible together.

Exalt is an East Lothian worship event which runs for secondary pupils in East Lothian. Pray for the young people as they meet tonight. Give thanks for the young people who play in the worship band, and pray that this would be an opportunity for them to grow in their faith.

Senior pupils who have volunteered to help at *Strictly Come Praying* are gathering tonight in Linlithgow, staying overnight prior to serving at the Grangemouth event tomorrow. Pray for them as they spend time in fellowship and prayer.

☐ Sunday 4 March

'Speak, O Lord, for I am listening' is the theme of today's *Strictly Come Praying* event. Pray for the hundreds of young people who will gather today at Grangemouth, that they will hear God speak through Tara Devlin (Tearfund) as she brings God's Word, and as they pray.

Give thanks and pray for the BIRC (Britain and Ireland Regional Council) International Committee meeting being held today at Luton Airport. Ask the Lord to give discernment and wisdom to those making decisions to progress the work with FSR movements.

☐ Monday 5 March

Pray for Keig Primary from Aberdeenshire as they take part in an *Explore Edinburgh* break at Lendrick Muir this week. Pray for smooth travel arrangements and positive experiences at the city's visitor attractions.

Fishcross Primary in Clackmannanshire has a small group of girls who enjoy being part of the games, crafts and teaching brought by Christine Rollo at their SU group. Pray for Christine in the various SU groups she leads and in her role as Local Area Worker.

☐ Tuesday 6 March

Gillian McFarlane is a Local Area Worker in the Castlemilk area of Glasgow. Pray for her as she

contacts local schools and builds relationships with people in the community, that the light of Christ might shine in this urban area of the city.

The West Lothian Action Group want to encourage people in West Lothian to pledge to pray for their local school, with the vision of seeing all schools in West Lothian being prayed for. May they have the joy of seeing this happen! Pray this may happen across the country.

☐ Wednesday 7 March

Praise God for the return of St Agatha's Primary School in Kirkintilloch to Lendrick Muir and for the opportunity to welcome Cairns Primary from South Lanarkshire, a new school to the Centre. Pray for positive experiences and good relationships with both schools.

Give thanks for the fruition of a new youth group in Kirkcudbright in response to the 'Impact World Tour' outreach in November 2011. Pray it would be key in discipling local young people.

☐ Thursday 8 March

Pray for Andrew Thompson's assembly and Holiday advertising visit to Pitmedden Primary School. This will be the first time Andrew has visited since a change of Head Teacher, so please pray that the previous good relationship with the school would continue.

The Board meets this evening to agree the budget for the coming year. Please pray for Alasdair Morrison as chair and Linda Scott as treasurer. Give thanks for the trustees who give of their time and talents to ensure SU Scotland is effective in its ministry.

☐ Friday 9 March

Kenny McKie and children from the Lennoxton Primary SU group are taking part in a school assembly this morning. Kenny and Katie Thomson lead the SU group every Thursday after school. Join them in praising God that the new Head Teacher and the rest of the staff are so welcoming. Pray that young people in the school will respond to God's Word.

P5-S6 pupils from Edinburgh and the Lothians are at Lendrick Muir this weekend. Pray for Jackie Ringan, Gavin Thomson and others as they lead.

PRAYER UPDATE

Pray that the weekend will build on the teaching that takes place in SU groups throughout the year.

☐ **Saturday 10 March**

There is a *Totally Random* event this afternoon in Dumbarton Academy for P6-S3's in the area, with Christine Galloway, Sharon Rowatt, Kenny McKie and others. Nukemball, unihoc, crafts, social games and a Bible challenge will all feature highly. Join in praying that this event will make a Christian difference.

Thank God for the E100 Project which has encouraged many people to read the Bible and to grasp something of its overarching story. Pray for the impact of this and for the development of E100 for youth in the coming months.

☐ **Sunday 11 March**

The second *Strictly Come Praying* youth prayer event takes place today, for the first time at the Macdonald Aviemore Resort. Pray for young people to come with expectant hearts.

Pray for Amy Kirkwood, a Children's Ministry Student at the International Christian College in Glasgow. Amy is on placement with Jen Robertson in Lanarkshire for 3 hours every week. Pray that Amy would learn and grow through this placement, and would be encouraged by the opportunities to share God's love in the region.

☐ **Monday 12 March**

A *Christian Focus Week* takes place in Berwickshire High this week. Pray for Mark Bruce (*BCYT* Associate Worker) as he leads the team in exploring the theme of 'justice' with pupils. Pray for thought-provoking lessons and for pupils to respond positively to the message.

☐ **Tuesday 13 March**

Pray for Ken Coulter today, who is involved in delivering a Local Authority Training Day in Ayrshire on Religious Observance in schools.

The *Friends and Heroes Club* is held in Lochwinnoch today, led by Dougie Adam (*WRYT* Associate Worker) and others. Pray for the children who attend, that the Bible stories they hear would lead to faith in Christ.

☐ **Wednesday 14 March**

Pray for Team Leaders and volunteers who are preparing to lead Easter Holidays in a few weeks' time. Pray for a close walk with the Lord, and a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. Tonight is the *Pray for Easter Events Evening*. Pray for folks to come with eagerness, and for a time of engaged prayer.

Pray for remaining places at Easter and summer Holidays to be filled. We want children to have fun, grow in faith and encounter Jesus!

☐ **Thursday 15 March**

Lendrick Muir welcomes children from St Flannan's Primary in East Dunbartonshire and Aberdour Primary in Fife this week to take part in residential experiences. Pray for a fun week and a positive Christian witness by Centre staff.

Give thanks for the SU group at Boclair Academy in Bearsden, led by John and Carina Craib and Ewen Glen. This group has a real buzz about it, says Kenny McKie, and it is encouraging young people to go against the flow.

☐ **Friday 16 March**

The Free Church of Scotland are hosting a Youth Retreat at Lendrick Muir this weekend. Pray for a safe, enjoyable, faith-building weekend for all those attending.

Powerpoint takes place tonight in Central Hall, Edinburgh. Kevin McGlade is speaking on 'Creativity'. Give thanks for the way this youth event draws many young Christians together, reinforcing Bible teaching given in church and affording them fellowship.

Pray for the Secondary SU groups in Lanarkshire at Cathkin High, Stonelaw High, Rutherglen High, Calderside Academy, Calderglen Academy, Duncanrig High, Caldervale High, Carluke High, Lanark Grammar, Hamilton Grammar, Uddingston Grammar and Strathaven Academy. Pray that these groups would be places where young people hear God's story in the Bible and have a chance to respond to Jesus.

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☐ **Saturday 17 March**

Today some of the young people (and staff!) from *Junction 12* are having a sponsored walk around Millport. Pray that through this event they will feel part of the process of raising money to subsidise their own SU Holidays.

A major objective for SU Scotland is to prioritise disadvantaged children and young people who can easily be ignored or forgotten. Please pray that God will keep this to the forefront of our prayers and ministry.

☐ **Sunday 18 March**

Give thanks for the new SU groups that have started in Lanarkshire primary schools in this academic year – at Golfhill Primary in Airdrie, and Beckford Primary in Hamilton.

South Lanarkshire school catchment areas are almost certainly being redrawn in Cambuslang and Rutherglen. Pray for the logistics of this and the implications for Ross Murray and Estelle McKean (*CRRT Associate Workers*).

☐ **Monday 19 March**

Three schools are enjoying residential experiences at Lendrick Muir this week. Pray for Centre staff as they juggle the needs of these individual schools and for opportunities to share God's love with both pupils and staff.

Pray for the many *Easter Code* events that are taking place across Lanarkshire this term in the approach to Easter. Pray for the P7's who will visit their local church to discover what happened to Jesus during Holy Week. Pray for them to grasp with wonder that he is alive today!

☐ **Tuesday 20 March**

Resolis Primary School from Ross-shire is making a return visit to Alltnacriche today. Pray for good weather and for a really positive residential experience for these children.

Pray for *The Club with No Name* at Newcastleton Primary School in the Borders. Thank God for enthusiastic young leaders and for the children who attend. Pray that each one will discover that God knows them and loves them.

Staff and volunteers in Moscow, St Petersburg and Siberia in Russia would appreciate and value the encouragement of our prayer support.

☐ **Wednesday 21 March**

Pray for schools in Orkney, where few schools are registered with *Pray for Schools Scotland*.

Christian teachers need your prayers as they serve God in their school community; pray they would be first-class teachers and bear a positive witness in dealings with management, fellow staff and pupils. Give thanks for those who pray for their school and lead SU groups.

☐ **Thursday 22 March**

Please pray for Andrew Thompson's assembly and Holiday advertising visit at Tippet Primary School in Aberdeenshire. Give thanks for the opportunity, as this is Andrew's first visit to the school.

Pray for Andrew Thompson too as he prayerfully considers the best time to visit the schools and communities of Shetland. Give thanks for God's people there and pray for encouragement.

☐ **Friday 23 March**

Gordon McKie, Gordon Roy and the SU group at Larbert High are having a Weekend Away in Garelochhead. Pray that they would enjoy themselves and that God would reveal himself to the young people through the Bible teaching.

Pray for tonight's SU Supporters' Evening organised by the Ayrshire Action Group where Elizabeth McDowall will be sharing about schools prayer.

☐ **Saturday 24 March**

The Associate Worker Scheme Day Conference takes place today in Larbert Old Church. Peter Neilson is the main speaker, dealing with the subject, 'Fresh expressions of church'. The afternoon will be given over to seminars relevant to all those involved in Associate Worker Trusts. This is a great time of sharing and learning together for trustees and management teams from across Scotland. Pray for an inspiring and motivating day.

PRAYER UPDATE

☐ Sunday 25 March

Ask the Lord to raise up new dedicated and committed people to continue his work in Russia and Ukraine, building upon the work of Andrei Cherniak (Russia), Grigori Stupak (Ukraine) and Michael Rowe (UK) as they retire in the next few years.

Emlyn Williams (Director of SU in Britain and Ireland) brought the challenge at the *Big Celebration* that when a country is in the news because of famine and disaster, we should pray for SU in that country and the implications of the situation for them. Which countries are in the news at the moment? Pray now for the SU movements in these countries.

☐ Monday 26 March

Pupils from Croy Primary in Inverness are at Alltnacriche this week. Pray for Alan Myles as he leads the evening sessions, *Feet off the Floor*. Pray for children to listen well.

Pupils and staff from Kippen Primary in Stirlingshire are at Lendrick Muir this week. Pray that they will enjoy their experience and that they will be excited to take part in learning through our *Classroom Outdoors* programme.

Andy Bathgate is in Aberdeen this evening speaking to a DNA gap year team about children in the church. Pray that these young people will be helped to get a sense of God's heart for children.

☐ Tuesday 27 March

Give thanks for possible new opportunities in West Lothian secondary schools and pray that possibilities might become realities.

Give thanks for the many openings we have in Scotland to tell young people about our SU Holiday programme in schools, churches, and youth groups. Pray that all available spaces are filled, as we want to see the opportunities maximised.

☐ Wednesday 28 March

The Management Team meets at Lendrick Muir today and tomorrow. Please pray this would be a fruitful time in which there is unity of heart and mind. The new SU Strategy puts renewed emphasis on

working with the church. Pray that our links with churches will grow and that partnerships will develop which will make for even more effective Missions and Holidays.

☐ Thursday 29 March

Today is the Easter Service at Musselburgh Grammar. Pray for Rev Andy Keulemans as he gives the message and helps S1 and S6 pupils to understand and reflect upon Easter.

In many parts of the Former Soviet Republics there are school holidays over the last 10 days of March. Please pray for children's holiday clubs in Ukraine, Russia and Tajikistan and for the Adventure Camp for teenagers in the Altai mountains in Siberia, which is running this week.

☐ Friday 30 March

Pray for the SU group at Buckstone Primary, Edinburgh, as they take part in Easter assemblies today for the whole school. Pray that the message of Easter would come across clearly to both staff and pupils.

As we are on the eve of SU Easter events, pray for the Bible to be opened and engaged with, and for the Holy Spirit to give understanding and increase faith.

☐ Saturday 31 March

Holidays start today at Lendrick Muir (two, led by Bruce Lockhart and Gavin Berry), Glenshee, led by David Clipston, and Ski Austria led by Stephen Jones. Please pray for safety in travel and for a sense of excitement at what God is going to do this coming week.

Give thanks for the work that has taken place this past term, both in schools and through out-of-school events. Andy Lang and *Contraflow* (Associate Worker Trust, Helensburgh) volunteers want to praise God for their new groups *Network*, *HD* and *Gravity*. Pray this work grows in the Lord's strength.

See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.

REVELATION 3:8

GLOSSARY

2CY Trust	Associate Worker Trust, Clydesdale, South Lanarkshire
Basecamp	ComMISSION training event for S4-S6's
BCYT	Associate Worker Trust, Berwickshire
Bible Alive	Interactive primary school programme
Big Celebration	Annual celebration at Lendrick Muir
BIRC	Britain and Ireland Regional Council
Bubblegum 'n' Fluff	Presentation of the Christmas story to primary school children
BUSY	Associate Worker Trust, Broxburn & Uphall
Children in the Church	Training event for those working with children in church
Christian Focus Week	Programme run in secondary schools
Classroom Outdoors	Centre-based activity breaks for schools
ComMISSION	Mission and discipleship programme for S4-students
COOL	Associate Worker Trust, Lochalsh and South Skye
COLT	Associate Worker Trust, Clackmannanshire
Contraflow	Associate Worker Trust, Helensburgh
CRRT	Associate Worker Trust, Rutherglen and Cambuslang
DARE	Associate Worker Trust, Dunfermline
DIME	Urban youth ministry project in Muirhouse and Pilton Estates, Edinburgh
Dunbar Trust	Associate Worker Trust, Dunbar
E100	Project encouraging reading of 100 selected Bible passages
Easter Code	Presentation of the Easter story to primary school children
Equipped to Transform	Conference for those working with disadvantaged children and young people
Es-team	Edinburgh Schools Team (Regional Workers based in Edinburgh)
Exalt	East Lothian worship event for secondary aged pupils
Explore Edinburgh	Lendrick Muir school residential featuring visit to Edinburgh
Feet off the floor	Evening teaching as part of Classroom Outdoors programme
FSR	Former Soviet Republics
Go Conferences	Discipleship training conferences for pupils in S4-S6
Go LIVE	Part of the Go Conferences – for pupils in S4
Go MAD (Make a Difference)	Part of the Go Conferences – for pupils in S5-S6
Go Project	Glasgow Outreach Project (Regional Workers based in Glasgow)
GROW	Associate Worker Trust, Glenrothes
Ignite	SU Scotland's youth website
Junction 12 (J12)	Urban youth ministry project in Glasgow's east end
K2	Associate Worker Trust, East Neuk of Fife
KART	Associate Worker Trust, Kirkcaldy
Last Saturday	Monthly event in Glasgow for S1-S6's
LeadUp	ComMISSION training event for S6 and students
LCYT	Associate Worker Trust, Larbert
Megamix	Events for primary aged children in East Renfrewshire and Lanarkshire
New Year Break	New Year residential for all ages at Lendrick Muir
Powerpoint	Monthly worship and teaching event in Edinburgh for S1-S6's
Pray Any Way	Prayer event for children and families
SCYI	Associate Worker Trust, Stewartry, Dumfries & Galloway
Strictly Come Praying	Annual prayer event for P7-S6's
Strictly Deeper	Annual prayer event for P7-S6's
The Big One	Event for primary aged children in Edinburgh
Totally Random	Monthly event for P6-S3's in Dumbarton
Wannabes	Bible study group in east Glasgow for S4-S6's
WHEEL Trust	Associate Worker Trust, west end of Glasgow
WRYT	Associate Worker Trust, West Renfrewshire

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