

# PRAYER LETTER

## Lanarkshire

### News from Karen



Dear Friends, I began 2025 by meditating on Proverbs 3:5–6 and committing the year to God, being reminded of the need to trust in him, to depend on him and to look to him for guidance. Can I invite you to join me in praying for the ministry in Lanarkshire this year, as supporters, prayer warriors and volunteers.

Thanks for you ongoing support, Karen

### Secondary Weekend



In November a group of 44 young people met together at Lendrick Muir for the Secondary Weekend. It was quite a challenging run up to the event, with a long list of things that could go wrong during the event – the spiritual battle was real! Aware of our dependence on God for his will to be done, we enlisted a group of people to pray for the event around

the clock. From the moment the young people got on the bus, until they arrived back in Hamilton on the Sunday, God's people prayed. Every one of us at Lendrick Muir knew it because God's peace was tangible! We experienced many answered prayers not the least within the first hour when God provide a surprising fix when the bus broke down. God continued to pour out his blessing, with young people coming to follow Jesus; Christians committing to take God more seriously; and a young person turning to Jesus for peace in a dark situation they had been facing. The spiritual battle was real, but our God is victorious and we give him all the glory!

As I've been reflecting back on this experience, I'm so encouraged by the beautiful image of God's people coming together in collective prayer, and I'm so grateful to each and every prayer warrior who was a part of our team.

## Christmas Unwrapped

Towards the end of last year, I partnered with a number of churches to run Christmas Unwrapped workshops with P6 pupils across Lanarkshire. It was so encouraging to see each of the churches equipped to serve their local school in this way and to see the individual touches each church added to the programme to suit the needs of their school.



Alongside games and sharing stories of their favourite things to do at Christmas time, the pupils had the opportunity to explore some common Scottish Christmas traditions, discover how they are rooted in the Christian faith and were originally used to point to Jesus the saviour of the world.

One child who had been withdrawn and appeared quite troubled for much of the workshop was intrigued by the idea of Christians bringing hope even in despair. You could visibly see a change in her mood as she heard of God's love for her. I look forward to running the Easter version of these workshops, Easter Code, later this term. Again my hope is to partner with churches as they serve their local schools.

If you are interested in exploring ways that your church could engage with your local primary school through either Easter Code workshops or Bible Alive lessons then get in touch at [karen.stangoe@suscotland.org.uk](mailto:karen.stangoe@suscotland.org.uk)

## Bible Alive



Throughout November I worked with a class in Allanton Primary teaching the Old Testament using Bible Alive. As always, the children engaged well and enjoyed the many Bible stories and opportunities to dress up and take part in some drama.

After the first two lessons the class teacher told me how delighted she was that the class were having this opportunity as they are known as a particularly challenging class, and yet were engaging well with us. The teacher went on to say that the children had been enjoying Bible Alive so much that they had been quoting Bible stories to her at other points in the week and connecting the things they were doing in class with the Bible stories they had been learning. Indeed, they were enjoying it so much they have invited us back in February so that they can learn about the New Testament stories.

## Lanarkshire SU Groups

Please pray for the volunteers who lead each of these groups and the children and young people who attend. Pray too that these groups would be a blessing to their schools.

### Monday

Bothwell Primary  
Carluke High  
Chapelhall Primary  
Chryston Primary  
Coltness High  
Greenfaults High  
Hamilton College Jnr  
Hamilton College Snr  
Muirhouse Primary  
Quarter Primary  
Rutherglen High  
Tannochside Primary

### Tuesday

Airdrie Academy  
Alexander Peden  
Biggar High  
Biggar Primary  
Clarkston Primary  
Glenmanor Primary  
Hallside Primary  
Muiridge Primary  
Stonelaw High  
Wiston Primary

### Wednesday

Buchanan High  
Burnside Primary  
Calderglen High  
Chryston High  
Cumbernauld Academy  
Glencairn Primary  
Law Primary  
Lesmahagow High  
Murray Primary  
Park View Primary

### Thursday

Aitkenhead Primary  
Calderhead High  
Clydevalley High  
Newton Farm Primary  
Spittal Primary  
Uddingston Grammar

### Friday

Golfhill Primary  
High Blanytre Baptist  
Lamington Primary  
Long Calderwood

Is your local school missing from the list? Would you or someone you know be interested in starting an SU Group in a school near you? For more information on how to set up an SU Group, please get in touch at [karen.stangoe@suscotland.org.uk](mailto:karen.stangoe@suscotland.org.uk)

## Local Ministry Hubs

If you are inspired by the long list above of schools with active SU Groups, and would like to commit to praying for local young people and their schools, then why not consider joining your Local Ministry Prayer Hub?

The Local Ministry Prayer Hub meetings happen once a term, encouraging local Christians from different churches to meet together in prayer. We move around different local churches, and generally pray together for one hour. Each hub covers a geographical area, focusing on praying for a secondary school and its associated primary schools.

## Primary Weekend - Around The Clock Prayer



Could you give up one hour of your time to join our prayer team in providing around the clock prayer support for the Primary Weekend on 14-16 February?

To sign up for a one hour prayer slot and to receive information to guide you as you pray please contact me.

If you would like to receive a list of monthly prayer points about the work of SU Scotland in Lanarkshire, including the three Associate Worker Trusts in the region, or if you would like to join the Lanarkshire monthly prayer meeting on Zoom, please email [karen.stangoe@suscotland.org.uk](mailto:karen.stangoe@suscotland.org.uk)

## Prayer Points

### Give thanks for:

- The incredible support of God's people coming together to pray around the clock during the Secondary Weekend. Praise God for His abundant blessing that He poured out as His people prayed.
- Opportunities to share the good news of Jesus in schools through Bible Alive and Christmas Unwrapped.
- The new SU Groups beginning this month and for the volunteers who plan and organise them.

### Pray for:

- The Primary Weekend. Pray each child who attends will have great fun and know they are loved by God.
- The Lanarkshire teenagers who will be Trainee Leaders at the Primary Weekend. Give thanks for their desire to share Jesus and pray that through God they would flourish in faith.
- Opportunities to partner with new churches to deliver Easter Code to local primary schools.

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