

Prayer Letter

Glasgow

News from Craig



Have you ever been sitting in church or listening to a sermon and the preacher says something and it's like the words hit you right between the eyes?! I had this feeling when I was sitting in the Equip West April event and Steve Osmond was teaching on 'Why Does God Allow Suffering?' As Steve was drawing his talk to a close he concluded by discussing the weight of suffering. He said, for those of us who are followers of Jesus, we have something different compared to everyone else, we have experienced "the love of Easter". What a reminder this was, I hope this encourages you as it did me. I hope reading this update is an encouragement too! Thank you for your support and prayers.

Open Bibles | SU Groups and Equip West

The SU Groups in Glasgow continue to be a space within our schools where followers of Jesus can join together within their school and be built up and at the same time the groups provide a space for those to discover what the Bible says about Jesus. I had the opportunity to share my favourite Bible verse from the New Testament (Romans 12:1-2) and my favourite Psalm (Psalm 8) with the pupils in Garrowhill SU Group. I was sharing part of my testimony and telling them as a follower of Jesus I have a story to share. I finished by challenging them to ask someone in their life who they know to be a follower of Jesus and ask them to share their story of how they came to know Jesus. Equip West events continue to be a highlight in my working calendar. As mentioned above it was fantastic to have Steve from SOLAS join us in April. In May we had SU Scotland's Prayer and Church Partnerships Co-ordinator, Elizabeth McDowall teach on 'Why Pray' which was the final event of Equip West for this academic year. We had 359 different young people attend an Equip West event in 2024/25. We pray they will be inspired to live for Jesus.

Prayer Central and Volunteer First Approach | Local Ministry Hubs

One of my highlights this academic year has been attending the Bannerman High Local Ministry Hub and the Jordanhill Local Ministry Hub. These meetings are a time for local volunteers to gather and we simply use the time together to pray for the SU Groups that are up and running and to pray for new opportunities for school groups to begin. These times of focused prayer are so encouraging and uplifting as people share their stories and prayer points. If you'd like to explore the possibility of forming a Local Ministry Hub in your area of the city, based around your local secondary school and feeder primary schools then I'd love to meet and chat more. As more and more of these volunteer groups start to meet then Glasgow will shine for Jesus across the schools and communities within the city.

Residentials Transform Lives | Secondary Weekend | March 2025

The weather for the Greater Glasgow Secondary Weekend wasn't great but we certainly didn't let that stop us while at Gowanbank. We had a full house once again with campers of all year groups represented from S1 right up to S6. We taught the young people using the theme of 'Encounters with Jesus' over the Easter story. We looked into the accounts of Pilot, the thief on the cross and Mary's discovery of the empty tomb. We partied the night away with what is becoming an annual event in itself with our epic 'silent disco', see photo! I had a particularly encouraging conversation with a senior camper about their journey of faith and we reflected on the impact that SU Scotland has had on her life. Its moments like these that really do make my job a joy and a privilege.



2026 Greater Glasgow Secondary Weekend: 13 – 15 March

Residentials Transform Lives | Primary Weekend | May 2025



Thirty campers, 13 dedicated team members, Gowanbank Activity Centre, glorious sunshine; what more could you ask for?! This year's Primary Weekend was a joy and a privilege to lead. A packed programme with archery, biking, tree climb and bushcraft made the weekend such fun for the P5 – P7 aged children. Our weekend theme was again based on 'Encounters with Jesus'.

One week later the team were notified that a camper had made a profession of faith at home and they said that the weekend the previous week had helped her in understanding what it means to become a follower of Jesus.

2026 Glasgow Primary Weekend: 1 – 3 May

Deepening Relationships | Glasgow Kilt Walk 2025



For the third year in a row the team of leaders who serve at the GB4 SU Holiday walked the Glasgow Kilt Walk. We had each set ourselves a mini target of raising £200 to help us make GB4 2025 the best holiday experience for the campers. We had 11 of our team taking part, walking the 23 miles starting from Glasgow Green and finishing at Balloch. This meant we had the team target set at just over £2,000 but we were totally amazed and blessed by the giving of our friends and family as when we had crossed the finish line our total amount raised was well over £4,500. This money will go towards the GB4 bookstall, ice-cream van hire and many more extra add-ons we can insert into our summer programme. A huge thank you to everyone who gave to the GB4 Just Giving page.

Deepening Relationships | SU Scotland Golf Day 2025

On Friday 6 June we had the third SU Scotland Golf Day. This year's event was the most popular so far with 52 golfers grouped into 13 teams. We were hosted by Kirkintilloch Golf Club. Jackie Ringan and I plan these days, much to our enjoyment and we were joined this year by fellow golfers Chief Operating Officer Mike Kurtyka and Regional Worker Cammy Swinton. Mark Beattie from the Fundraising Department and Chief Executive Officer Robin MacLellan joined us to network and speak on the work of the SU Scotland movement. Congratulations to Roddy Shaw and his fellow team-mates who were this year's winners.



Volunteer–First Approach | Maya Rana

How long have you volunteered with SU Scotland and what do you do as a volunteer?

I've been volunteering with SU Scotland for about two years, supporting at residential camps and holiday clubs.

Why do you give of your time to serve with SU Scotland?

I enjoy serving because it allows me to help create spaces where children can encounter and get to know God—and it's a lot of fun too.

What do you like most about volunteering?

I really enjoy connecting with people—kids and adults—from all kinds of backgrounds and learning from their different experiences.



Prayer Points

Port Ban Summer Mission | Port Ban Holiday Park | 7 – 11 July

Port Ban Mission is back! I was Team Leader of this event last year and I'm delighted to be given the opportunity to lead the mission again this year. Pray that children will discover the Good News of Jesus as we run the action packed programme.

GB4 SU Holiday | Gowanbank | 19 – 26 July

Please be praying in the lead up to and the week of GB4. We have 31 campers many of whom are at an SU Holiday for the first time. Pray for the Gowanbank staff, our Chief Cooks, Linda and Sarah-Jane as they prepare menus and most importantly that the campers would either grow in faith or discover Jesus for the first time.

More Investment for SU Scotland Glasgow

Please pray for God's provision of more supporters that could join in giving to the work of SU Scotland in Glasgow. A letter has been sent to existing Glasgow supporters asking them to increase their giving, please pray these letters will be warmly received.

We are trying to reduce our costs, would you consider receiving Newsletters by email?
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regional@suscotland.org.uk with your name and email address.

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