

CROSSREACH

Care you can put your faith in

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Prayer Diary



The Church of Scotland

Social Care Council

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Well Hall Residential Home, Hamilton

A residential care home for 36 older people situated in the suburbs of Hamilton.

- For the Lord's protection over residents; that they would feel safe and comfortable as they are cared for by the staff.
- For the families of the residents; may they have peace of mind that their loved ones' health and well-being are under the care of staff.
- Thanks for a dedicated staff team who work tirelessly to care for and support the residents to regain the highest quality of life that they are able to experience.
- For ongoing, positive relationships with doctors, healthcare workers and local authority staff; may they have wisdom in their roles.
- That visitors, volunteers and entertainers of the home would experience a welcoming, loving atmosphere as they bring laughter and joy to the hearts of the residents they visit.
- For residents' outings with staff; that they would be kept safe as they enjoy travel in the mini bus.
- Thanks for the Friends Group who support the residents in many ways, including volunteering, fundraising and visiting on a regular basis; may they be encouraged and sustained.

Children's Care and Education Services

Residential care and education services for children and young people with additional support needs who are looked after away from home.

- For all the children and young people supported by this service; may they feel safe, loved and have a deep sense of hope for their future.
- For staff as they work hard to provide the care, support and love needed by the children and young people in their care.
- That openings will come for new and appropriate accommodation in communities that will provide support and encouragement to both the young people and the staff supporting them.
- For all the families of the young people cared for; may each relationship develop and progress positively.
- For deepening relationships with local authorities throughout Scotland; may the service have increasing opportunities to support more children and young people.
- May the staff feel equipped, supported, energised and fully prepared to carry out their jobs.
- May every decision maker involved in each child and young person's care be given the wisdom needed to make child centred decisions.

Bellfield, Banchory

Bellfield is a residential home for 34 older people and is set in the picturesque town of Banchory in Royal Deeside.

- Thanks to God for His continued guidance for the management and staff; enabling staff to provide a warm, comforting and peaceful environment.
- Bellfield is thankful for the time given by the many volunteers of the service and pray for their ongoing involvement in the future.
- For God's blessings on the wonderful surroundings of Bellfield and for the everyday miracles of the garden, currently ablaze with the red, gold and rust colours of Autumn.
- Thanks for the training courses and trainers, equipping staff with the skills to carry out their daily jobs with confidence.
- God's blessings for managers and seniors of the service as they lead when challenges arise. Help them to make the right decisions to keep Bellfield running as happily as ever.
- Thanks for the enthusiasm of the residents who take part in the activities at Bellfield.
- Looking forward to the winter months and all they will bring; may God bless all those who live and work here at Bellfield.

Confidential Conversations, Edinburgh, Lothians and Glasgow

A workplace counselling service that provides counselling and education for psychological wellbeing for employers who are looking to invest in the emotional health and wellbeing of their employees.

- For the delivery of our mental health and wellbeing workshops; may the content of these convey kindness and compassion as they recognise the value of each participant.
- That God will bless the endeavours of Confidential Conversations; opening doors of opportunity and providing continued funding for the service.
- For the lives of those who use the service, that they will find the right support to make positive changes in their lives.
- For the wellbeing of our volunteer counsellors who generously contribute, with care and compassion.
- Thanks for the continued interest and support that the service receives, confirming the great need and benefit of the work.
- For client organisations and their employees; may God's presence flow through their workplaces.
- Thanksgiving for the opportunity to bring the gifts of counselling into the culture of the workplace.

Bluebell Perinatal Counselling Services, Glasgow

Bluebell Perinatal Counselling Services provides counselling & psychotherapy to parents and families in Glasgow.

- For all Bluebell volunteers who continuously and generously share their talents and have such a positive impact on so many families; may God sustain them and keep them ever fresh in their giving.
- For the Bluebell staff team, as they support the clients' needs and manage the Services offered; may the team find sensitive support in each other and know themselves to be valued and respected.
- That our clients experience healing and encounter understanding, empathy and compassion in the actions and attitudes of Bluebell's staff and volunteers.
- Thanks for all those who support the service through their generous fundraising; may they know the positive impact their support has on families experiencing perinatal distress.
- For the counsellors undergoing training as they juggle the demands of study, practice and work. Give thanks for their dedication; may they find success and a capacity to nurture themselves with times of rest.
- For every member of the team; may God's love replenish their patience and compassion, and may they may know fulfilment in their work.
- For policy makers and employers in Glasgow and Scotland as they look to respond to the needs of families struggling with Perinatal Mental Health challenges. fulfilment in their work.

Rainbow House, Glasgow

Residential rehabilitation in a safe, supportive and homely environment for adults recovering from substance use.

- That residents would experience complete freedom from addiction through the help and support received at Rainbow House.
- For residents to have an understanding of the peace and healing that God can give for their emotional pain.
- That residents would experience God's love as a result of their stay in Rainbow House.
- For God's protection and peace within Rainbow House and that this would be evident to residents and staff.
- May God grant strength, peace, joy and resilience for all members of staff and may this be evident to those that they work with.
- Remember residents' families that are struggling with the impact of a family member's addiction; may they receive the support and care they need.
- For continued strength and good relationships in the staff team.

CrossReach and Social Care Sunday & 150th Anniversary

This year CrossReach and Social Care Sunday marks 150th years of social care by the Church of Scotland.

- For congregations across Scotland as they remember the social care work that goes on in their community on CrossReach and Social Care Sunday.
- Thanks for the Moderator Rt. Rev. Colin Sinclair and for his support for the wider work of CrossReach.
- Thanks for 150 years of social care provision by the Church of Scotland; may the Lord continue to guide and provide for the continuation of this work.
- That awareness of CrossReach's work will be heightened in the communities we serve as a result of the Moderator's visits during his year in office.
- Thanks for all the staff and supporters who have made and are making arrangements to celebrate the work of CrossReach.
- Thanks for all those who have supported us in various ways (praying, giving, volunteering, taking part in an event and working for us); may the 150th exhibition inspire even more people to join in.
- For CrossReach staff and volunteers across Scotland; may they be encouraged in their valuable work supporting children, families and adults of all ages throughout Scotland.

Oversteps, Dornoch

A comfortable and happy home providing residential care to older people in Dornoch.

- For our residents, staff and wider community in Dornoch. Grant them God's peace.
- Grant us stillness to pray; to acknowledge your presence with us as we travel this journey through life.
- For peace and blessing on the relatives of the residents and thanksgiving for their continued support.
- Thanks for God's love and care for all members of the team; may each person experience His strength and enablement in all areas of their lives.
- Thanks for everyday blessings; for the joy of families and friends and the knowledge that His love surrounds us each day.
- Thanks for the Friends' Group and for their continual love, commitment and support.
- Blessings for each of the volunteers that give of their time and energy to support the residents and the staff.

Cunningham House, Edinburgh

Safe and supportive hostel accommodation for homeless men and women in Edinburgh.

- May the staff team bring warmth and acceptance to all who use the service, finding joy in working together in the grace and love of Jesus; may the Holy Spirit continue to ignite their passion for the work.
- That the 'Supper Club' social nights will continue to feed both body and mind; may this time spent together encourage development of new and existing friendships.
- For new residents to the service; may they feel included and supported as they settle into their new routine.
- Thanks for new staff members and for those who have taken up promoted posts. Thanks for the fresh insight, enthusiasm, and inspiration that they bring to the work.
- Thanks for God's provision in the renewal of the hostels contract with the City of Edinburgh Council. Remember the staff in this season of change.
- Give thanks for the team of dedicated relief staff that helps hold things together in times of absence and holidays.
- For the senior management team members as they work together to oversee the work and development of Cunningham House.

Whinnieknowe, Nairn

Whinnieknowe is a care home for older people. It was the first care home in Nairn and will be celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2019.

- Give thanks for the harmony within the home and the pleasant atmosphere appreciated by visitors and professionals; may this continue and the glory be given to God.
- Thanks for the home's Friends Group members and volunteers who provide entertainment, services and fundraising; may they be blessed for the generous giving of their time and resources.
- For the mental and physical wellbeing of all team members; may God help them to have quality time for themselves and the people they love.
- Thanks for the 70th anniversary of Whinnieknowe and for 150 years of CrossReach; may this be an opportunity for awareness raising and to strengthen the home's community outreach.
- Inspiration for all aspects of the service; may love, grace and compassion be a source of joy to each and every client.
- Remember the families and friends of residents; may the staff be a source of encouragement, support, strength and comfort for them.
- Thanks for the Whinnieknowe staff team; may God grant health and happiness to them and to their families.

The Mallard, The Garratt, GO2 & Daisy Chain Early Years Project, Glasgow

Glasgow Children's Services support children and families across Glasgow through long term care, short breaks and community opportunities and groups.

- Thanks for the dedicated staff teams caring for children and families across Glasgow; may they experience renewed energy and encouragement daily.
- For the children joining our new woodland experiences with schools; may they feel nurtured and renewed as they express themselves through nature.
- Thanks for the Daisy Chain Early Years Project's new outdoor space and for the generosity of the City Building Engineering Systems in making this possible.
- For continued growth and development of the services in response to the needs and requests from families; may God give the leadership teams wisdom and discernment.
- For increased opportunities, for stability and for sustainability across all the children's services.
- For the current fundraising to replace the hydrotherapy spa pool at The Mallard; thanks for the funds raised so far and may God provide the ongoing energy for this project.
- Blessing and strength for children and parents that are facing ill health; may they know healing and restoration.

Dochas Project, Isle of Lewis

Supporting adults recovering from substance use through home visits, financial and housing advice.

- For all receiving support from Dochas; may they find resolve and hope in the challenges they encounter and through their interactions with staff, see the goodness of God.
- May the Lord be close to the broken-hearted; may He provide strength and peace for those that mourn the death of a loved one.
- Remember family members and those affected by a loved one's substance use; may each person receive the support they need.
- For insight and wisdom for the staff as they strive to help and support those in recovery.
- For financial provisions to enable the project's growth and to secure a long-term presence in the Isle of Lewis.
- For clients experiencing health complications and loneliness; may they receive the support they need through the work of Dochas.
- Thanks to God for the clients whose recovery journeys are going well; may they continue to progress in healthy and fulfilled lives.

Cale House, Inverness

Move-on accommodation and support for up to 21 adults in double and single flats.

- Wisdom, guidance and health for the staff team in the running of Cale House; may they have the grace, love, compassion and empathy needed to best support those who use the service.
- For the people who live at Cale House; may they feel safe and able to address the challenges they currently face.
- For the city of Inverness and for positive social connections and community for people who are struggling with substance use.
- Remember those who have moved on from Cale House, now living in their own accommodation; may they experience safety, protection and continued recovery.
- Thanks for the positive relationships with outside agencies, including Police, Social Work, Criminal Justice and doctors, all working together for the good of the community.
- Thanks for the wide selection of support meetings, available locally; may individuals attending feel welcome and connected.
- May the staff be shining examples of love and compassion in everything they do, as they serve in Christ's name.

Williamwood House, Glasgow

A specialist care home in the South Side of Glasgow for older people living with Dementia.

- For the residents' relatives; may they know times of blessing when they visit their loved ones and for the Lord's safeguarding when they go on outings together.
- That Williamwood residents receive the gift of happiness and health and companionship during their time at the home.
- Remember everyone whose families are far away during this time of moving on from the busy Christmas period, please.
- Remember new colleagues and residents as they settle into the home; may they find support through the process of adjustment.
- Wisdom and strength for national policy and decision makers as they manage the country's changing landscape.
- May the Lord give all Williamwood residents and staff peace, contentment, and happiness.
- For all who are experiencing challenges in life and whose spirits are weakened; may they know the Lord's peace and comfort.

Walter & Joan Gray Care Home, Scalloway, Shetland

The Walter and Joan Gray care home provides residential, respite and day centre facilities to older people in the community.

- That new staff members will settle quickly into their roles as part of the team.
- That there will be a sense of calm and constancy within the home for both staff and residents.
- Thanks for those who give their time each week to support residents to participate in the Thursday afternoon service.
- For those staff and residents who have ongoing health issues.
- For families experiencing a decline in their loved one's health and for those who have recently suffered bereavement.
- For the ongoing work of the Day Care Service and its need for a minibus.
- Thanks for God's daily provision that allows and enables us to give our best for those in our care.

Tom Allan Centre, Glasgow

The Tom Allan Centre is a comprehensive counselling service located in Glasgow.

- Thanks to God for each member of staff and their range of talents; may they be blessed as a team.
- For the counsellors who generously and consistently give of their time as they use their skills to support the clients; may God sustain them.
- That clients of the service and those who add their needs to the service's prayer list; may they experience the healing power of God.
- Thanks for the volunteer supervisors who dedicate their time and expertise to support the development and skills of the counsellors.
- For the day to day running of this busy service; may every member of the team receive a renewal of patience and compassion and experience fulfilment in their work.
- For the counsellors balancing the demands of training, studying, practice and work; may they be successful in their dedication and efforts and have the capacity to nurture themselves with times of rest.
- For God's strength and sustaining grace during seasons of change and development.

St Margaret's House, Polmont

A specialist care home for older people living with dementia.

- For blessings on the individuals and communities that continue to be precious to the residents; especially the ones they can no longer visit but hold dear.
- For the families of residents that have experienced the loss of a loved one; may they experience God's comfort and peace.
- Thanks for the friends of the service who give generously of their time and resources, providing practical support and friendship to residents and staff.
- That residents of St Margaret's will find strength, encouragement, support and good health.
- "Give thanks for all the staff who are so good to us – they are angels." (a prayer request submitted by a resident)
- Thanks for all those who lead worship on a Sunday and who uphold the service in prayer.
- Thanks for all the people who have supported the service this year and who have demonstrated God's love in action to residents, volunteers and staff.



The history of CrossReach stretches back 150 years to the formation of the Church of Scotland Committee on Christian Life and Work in 1869. Throughout this time, CrossReach and its predecessor bodies have worked in communities all over Scotland and beyond, providing social care for those most in need. The services provided have been as numerous as they are varied and have adapted to respond to the needs of the time, in keeping with our ethos:

In Christ's name we seek to support people to achieve the highest quality of life which they are capable of achieving at any given time.

On Sunday 19th May, we launched an exhibition which travels through those 150 years, showcasing the achievements and developments in the social care delivered. Opened by the Rt Rev Colin Sinclair and visited by his grace, the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, we invite you to host and/or visit it as it tours Scotland over the next months.

Keep up to date with where you can visit the Exhibition and how you could showcase it here:
www.crossreach.org.uk/150th-anniversary

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About us

At CrossReach we offer loving care to people of all ages who are in need of a helping hand, supporting them to live life to the full whatever their circumstances.

Our Mission Statement

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