Thank you for supporting CrossReach by praying for us. This edition of the Prayer Diary contains prayers for the whole year from our services across Scotland.

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Thank you from all of CrossReach.
Eskmills
Supported accommodation for adults with learning disabilities in Edinburgh and East Lothian.

- May God be with all who live at Eskmills and may they enjoy a great quality of life and enjoy all the wonderful activities they attend on a weekly basis.

- Eskmills are thankful for the support and donations they have received from people which enhance the lives of the people who use the service.

- May the Lord Jesus give everyone at Eskmills the grace to hear His voice and the strength to continue working for His kingdom in these challenging times.

- Thanks for the technology that has meant continuing fellowship for staff; may the laughter, happiness and joy continue in challenging circumstances.

- For God’s strength and sustaining grace during seasons of change and development.

- Thanks for the hard-working team at Eskmills, especially in this time of change; may they have continued health and well-being as they support the people who use the service.
The Mallard and GO2, Glasgow
Providing short breaks and community based day support to children and young people with additional support needs.

- Thanks for the dedication of the whole staff team who are a source of consistency, love and support to the young people who use the services. May they be refreshed, renewed and inspired in their work.

- Thanks that The Mallard and GO2 continue to be able to provide care and support to children and young people and their families during these difficult times.

- For God’s blessing on new staff joining the team; may they be called to love and support our young people in Jesus’ name.

- Remembering the management team who have helped navigate and operate the services during COVID-19. May they be renewed with energy, strength and optimism for the future.

- For those who work in the services or use the services, who have personal struggles; may God give them strength and empower them to break through doubt, fear and anxiety.

- For each child and young person; may they know that they are loved, respected and valued as individuals.

- Thanks for the facilities in The Mallard and GO2 and how these are used for the benefit our children and young people.
Thanks for the joy of welcoming back those who use the service after months of being at home.

Thanks for all CrossReach colleagues who continue to give support to everyone who use the services.

For the friends and relatives of the service users; may they be blessed as they look after their loved ones.

Thanks for the management team whose leadership facilitated the continued visiting of service users and their families through lockdown.

For the service users and staff; may God bless them and grant grace throughout all CrossReach services.

For the management team and the challenges they faced through the COVID-19 pandemic in keeping service users safe.
The Garratt, Glasgow
The Garratt is a specialist residential service supporting young people with additional support needs.

- Thanks for the staff team who are a source of consistency, love and support for the young people.

- For each young person who attends the service; may they feel loved, respected and valued as individuals.

- For all who are a part of the Garratt family; may God give them strength and guidance for the year ahead.

- For the management team that have steered the service during COVID-19; may they be renewed with energy, strength and optimism.

- For God’s strength, wisdom and guidance over the whole Garratt team as they navigate service changes.

- For opportunities to nurture relationships with the young people, their families and their wider support teams; that they may receive the highest quality care.

Week beginning Sunday 20th February
South Beach House, Ardrossan
A residential care home situated on the Ardrossan shore front.

- Thanks for a night’s rest and for the team on night shift who are going home to rest. May God grant the staff team the strength they need for the day ahead.

- Thanks for those who return safely from hospital and for staff; may they be kept well. Grant staff the patience and understanding they need to help residents and may all see the beauty that surrounds them.

- Remembering those who are lonely or isolated and staff who are off sick; grant them a speedy recovery. For the staff team who are working today.

- For staff; may they have the patience needed to care for residents who need additional understanding. May each day end on a positive note.

- Thanks for the beautiful world God has created; may there be an end to conflict.
Threshold Edinburgh
Housing support and day care services to adults with learning disabilities.

- Thanks for the health and resilience of staff as they continue to give the best of care, aspiring to excellence in all aspects of their work.

- Thanks for the leadership team; that they may see the value of their work and have new and inspirational ideas in all aspects of their leadership.

- Thanks for the service users in housing support, the older people’s Day Service and the Transition Service and for the wonderful care they receive. For their protection and well-being; that they would be enabled to reach their potential and live happy fulfilled lives.

- For the Health and Social Care sector; may there be the resources to reward staff adequately for the work they do.

- Thanks for all partner agencies and organisations worked with and for the local communities make those who use the service feel valued and included.

- For strength and respite for the families of the service users.

- For the right premises that would allow the expansion of the service and the hope of supporting future customers.
Whiteinch Move On Service, Glasgow
Supporting adults to maintain recovery, develop life skills and access their own homes. Housing support and walking alongside people in recovery from substance use.

- Remembering those who are homeless and getting support to access accommodation they can turn into a home.

- For the leadership and staff team; may they show love to one another and to those they support. That staff feel equipped to carry out their job.

- For the community of Whiteinch and Scotstoun; may the service continue to forge links and work collaboratively with local partner agencies.

- That Whiteinch Move On be a positive, supportive experience for those that use the service. May all feel involved in the running and development of the service.

- For stability of the service when it goes out to tender; may the Christian ethos of CrossReach be visible through this process to both staff and those the service supports.

Week beginning Sunday 13th March
Budhmor House, Isle of Skye
A residential care home for 27 older people in Portree.

- Thanks for those who prepare the meals at Budhmor with love and imagination; may they be blessed for their dedication and faithfulness.

- Remembering the families of those who have lost a loved one, especially grandchildren and great-grandchildren; may God comfort them as they treasure times shared together.

- For the Lord’s will to be carried out in each area of CrossReach through prayer, praise and the reading and doing of the Word and for the encouragement this brings.

- Remembering those who maintain the safety of the buildings; may the Lord bless them as they work.

- Remembering those who are lonely, elderly or infirm; may God provide companionship and comfort for them.
Adams House, Johnstone
A specialist residential care home for 30 older people with a diagnosis of dementia.

- For the longer days and lighter nights of Spring; may they brighten hearts and minds with joy.

- For comfort for those who are suffering; may staff have patience and compassion for those in their care.

- For blessing over Adams House; may everyone be uplifted by the signs of new life evident at this time of year.

- For a reminder of God’s all-encompassing love.

- May God’s presence be in Adams House through the support and empathy given to the residents. May staff continue to make a difference to those they care for through understanding and love.
Morlich House, Edinburgh
Morlich House is a care home for older ladies in the Morningside area of Edinburgh.

- For strength to face new challenges as the team adapt to a consistently changing world.

- For caring people to recognise the value and joy of working in care and join our staff team.

- Thanks for the dedication and skills of the staff team that always want the best for the residents.

- For the ladies who live in Morlich; that they feel surrounded by God’s love and be comforted in dark times.

- For families and friends who have struggled over difficult months; may they may find inner peace.

- Thanks for shared laughter between residents and staff and the fun times that brighten each day.

- For those dark moments of personal struggle; may God’s caring hands be felt and give the strength to move forward.

Week beginning Sunday 3rd April
For Holy Week; may it be a time of knowing the risen Saviour and His love for us through all stages of life. May we remember He knows all hearts and needs.

For our residents; may staff meet their needs respectfully and acknowledge all they achieved in their earlier lives.

May God’s protection be over Cameron House.

Thanks for the longstanding support of the Friends of Cameron House.

Remembering the staff who give tirelessly of their time, energy and enthusiasm to support the residents whilst also facing personal challenges.

For the friends and relatives of residents; that they will feel supported by staff when making challenging decisions.
Balmedie House, Aberdeen
Residential accommodation and day care set in 26 acres of woodland and gardens.

- For the safety of staff and residents and for all their families, and the friends who visit them.

- Father God, we give thanks for the commitment of staff across our service, who work to provide a high standard of care and support. Bless them and the work they do, supporting them in the challenges they can face daily.

- For the Friends Group who work with the staff, supporting the home.

- Thanks for the beauty of Balmedie; for the comfort and warmth within the home and for the wildlife that visits its gardens.

- Remember new residents; as they settle into their new home, and for the residents who have lived at Balmedie House for a while; as they adjust to changes around them.

- In times of stress, hardship and pain may those who offer comfort be blessed with the Lord’s guidance, taking strength from knowing that they do His work: bringing hope, charity and love to all they meet.

- Thanks for the Lord’s loving, caring and guiding hand over Balmedie House.
CrossReach Counselling Services North & West
Offering one-to-one counselling - for adults, children and young people - in a safe and supportive environment in Glasgow, Inverness and Moray.

- For all who are experiencing mental health challenges during this pandemic. May those with power and influence work to provide services accessible to all.

- For all the children, young people and their parents/carers who are distressed and struggling. May they receive the therapeutic support they need.

- For the counsellors who have learned many new skills to be able to offer safe and effective counselling support to clients online and over the phone. Thanks for their commitment, capability and compassion.

- For the Business Support Team, who ensure the delivery of a smooth, professional counselling service. May they know fulfilment in their work.

- For the North and West Clinical Staff Team: May God continue to give them the patience, the skill and the humour to face the complex clinical challenges that they encounter.

- Thanks for all the individuals, churches and groups who support the counselling services through prayer and financial support. May God continue to bless them.

- For God’s blessings on all funding applications; may the teams involved be filled with courage and wisdom.
Lewis Street Project and Dochas, Stornoway

Lewis Street Project offers accommodation and support for mental wellbeing for five adults. Dochas provides support at home for individuals recovering from drug and/or alcohol use.

- That staff will seek the Lord in difficult situations; may staff trust in God for their needs and put Christ first in everything they say and do.

- For rest, a time of refreshing for staff; so that the service and CrossReach as an organisation can continue to support service users well.

- For the continued growth and funding of Dochas so it may continue the valuable work being done in the community.

- For the service users of the Lewis Street Project; may they grow in confidence as they are supported towards independent living.

- For those suffering from the effects of substance use; may God guide them to the service. May God give staff wisdom and strength to meet each service user’s individual needs.
Clashfarquhar House, Stonehaven
A care home for older people also providing Day Care and Respite Care in Stonehaven, overlooking the bay.

- Thanks for the gardeners who maintain the grounds of Clashfarquhar and for the service being situated in such a beautiful location.

- Thanks for the staff team; may they be blessed as they work together promoting the work of CrossReach and improving the quality of life for each resident.

- May God watch over the residents, families and staff and may doctors and nurses help to maintain good health in everyone.

- Remembering the church leaders in Stonehaven and Mearns as they deliver pastoral care to residents and staff.

- Thanks for the senior team at Clashfarquhar; may God provide them with all the skills and knowledge they need to lead the staff team.

- Thanks for the laughter enjoyed in the home on a daily basis; may everyone continue to feel blessed as they work in Christ’s name.

Week beginning Sunday 8th May
General Assembly Week
During the General Assembly in May 1869, the Church of Scotland appointed The Committee on Life and Work and its Convener, Rev Prof Archibald Charteris. This became the Church’s Social Care Council, which operates as CrossReach.

- For over 150 years of social care support delivered by the Church of Scotland.

- Thanks for the generosity of the individuals who made property donations which helped establish the work.

- Thanks for the people who felt called to leave legacies to maintain and expand the social care support provided.

- God’s wisdom and guidance for senior staff and the Social Care Council members as they look to lead the organisation into the next decade and beyond.

- CrossReach is thankful for each of the 1800 staff members who, despite the challenges facing social care providers in 2022, are committed to ensuring the work continues.

- For the many volunteers who make this work possible.

- For the people that support the work of CrossReach today by giving of their time in prayer, through engaging with our social media, by participating in our events and by making donations to our campaigns and work.
The Bungalow, Stonehaven
The Bungalow is a specialist residential care home for adults with profound and multiple learning disabilities. The service users are Abigail, Ashleigh, Scott, Tyler and Nathaniel.

- For everyone who enters the home; may they know God’s strong and gentle presence. May they see God’s love in the care given.

- Thanks for all the provision given to the service; may God’s hand be upon the future of the service and the care of those who use it.

- For those embracing change; may they go forward with courage and great expectation knowing God’s heart is for them.

- Thanks for all the carers in the broader community and across teams in CrossReach; may each receive strength and grace as they go about their work and personal struggles.

- For God’s creation; may those in power hear the voice of the people when making decisions about the planet.

- Remembering the management team; may God continue to guide and bless them in their positions.

- Thanks for answered prayer.
Allarton, Glasgow
A residential service providing support to 14 adults experiencing mental health issues.

- For those suffering from stigma and discrimination; may they be shown kindness, compassion and understanding.

- For those suffering from mental health issues; may they experience relief from their symptoms. May support services receive adequate funding to provide quality care.

- For world leaders; may they come together in solidarity and grace to steward the earth given to us.

- For immigrants and those dispossessed because of war and famine; may world leaders have the best interests for those they govern.

- Comfort for those who have lost loved ones during the pandemic.
The Elms, Edinburgh
Residential care for older people with dementia in a safe and homely environment.

- For the recruitment of staff with a heart for care.
- For strength and health for the staff who are feeling weary.
- That the residents who come to live in The Elms are blessed by their choice.
- For good health for residents, and protection from viruses and illness.
- That staff would find new energy and meaning in their role and stay in post.
Daisy Chain Early Years Project, Glasgow

Play based groups and family support to help families thrive together.

- For the children and families staff have the privilege of walking alongside, that they would know they are loved, valued and are able to thrive.

- For a fantastic staff team, that they would be strengthened and encouraged as they continue to express kindness, compassion and genuine care for all those they walk alongside.

- For good weather, fun and the practical running of summer activities which provide connection, food, play and practical support for the families of Govanhill during this time.

- Thanks for those who work tirelessly in the background to ensure the funding and good management of the project. That funding would continue to be available and we would hear God’s guidance on the best way forward for Daisy Chain.

- For the ongoing work to provide nurture groups within primary schools across Glasgow.

- For the support provided to families who often find themselves in difficult situations while staff try to empower and encourage them to find their strengths and realise their potential.

- For the area of Govanhill; that there would be good relationships between all agencies and community members who are working together to make it a better place for children to grow up.
CrossReach Board and Secretary to the Social Care Council

The CrossReach Board work closely with the Chief Executive and Assembly Trustees to ensure that there is good governance over CrossReach so that the services can continue to provide their vital care and support.

- For all of the CrossReach staff and volunteers who serve with kindness and compassion so that others may live life to the full.

- For the CrossReach Board. May they know courage and wisdom as they make decisions which will shape the future.

- For guidance for those responsible for bringing in legislation for a National Care Service, so that those who need care and support in years to come will access a fair and just system, which caters for their individual choices.

- For those involved in campaigning for climate justice. May they support those working in the care sector to find ways to deliver carbon neutral care.

- For the thousands of people who choose to access CrossReach services every year, may they know Christ’s love as they experience CrossReach’s care.
Heart for Art
Uses creativity to support and encourage people with a diagnosis of dementia and their families. The groups connect people in communities and provide therapeutic art sessions.

- Thanks for the hard working staff at CrossReach; may they have continued health and well-being as they support the people who use CrossReach services.

- Thanks for the Heart for Art groups that have faced significant creative restrictions; may the service continue to be a way of expressing creativity for all who participate.

- Thanks for creation and the gifts and talents bestowed upon us; may we appreciate and develop these talents, always recognising that they come from You.

- Thanks and praise for wonderful volunteers who quietly and faithfully offer their services for the wellbeing and support of those with a dementia diagnosis.

- Thanks for the Heart for Art service and the privilege it is to serve God through creativity. May the Lord continue to guide and bless the service.

- Remembering those who are lonely and isolated; may the Heart for Art service be a place of sanctuary and companionship.
Threshold Support Services, Hamilton
Provides support to people who have learning disabilities and who are on the autistic spectrum in Lanarkshire.

● For the service users who experienced social isolation, mental health issues and loss of routine through COVID-19; may they feel God’s spirit through staff’s constant support.

● For the families of the service users; may they feel supported by the staff and management team.

● For all the staff who continue to show service users and their families committed and dedicated support during difficult and challenging times.

● Thanks for the management and administrative teams who facilitated the service to continue as normally as possible under challenging constraints.

● May God encourage staff to show love, compassion and humility in their daily work regardless of difficult circumstances.

● Thanks to God for His constant strength, love and blessing in the delivery of the service.
Oasis Bankfoot & Tryst Pitlochry Day Care Services
Day care services providing social care, social stimulation and activities for adults over 65 years old.

- Thanks for the re-opening of the Oasis Bankfoot and Tryst services; for all those who worked hard to allow friends to meet again safely.
- Thanks for each meal we sit down to enjoy; may we remember those less fortunate who do not have the bounty of food we are used to enjoying.
- For those experiencing stress; for patience and insight.
- Thanks for the staff in both services; may they know they are appreciated as they support and encourage those around them to stay safe whilst attending the services.
- Thanks for God’s unconditional love, support and guidance and the peace that this brings us each day.
Week beginning Sunday 17th July

**Rankeillor Initiative, Edinburgh**
Edinburgh based temporary supported accommodation flats for people experiencing homelessness.

- Thanks to God for the work of Rankeillor Initiative, for the recent growth in its provision and for the personal growth and achievements of clients. May this work continue into the future.

- Thanks for an established staff team. May the service continue to build a supportive and encouraging team that seeks to develop and improve the service to best support those they work with during what are challenging times.

- For the physical and emotional health of staff working with clients with complex needs; that staff will let God be their strength, wisdom and motivation. May staff honour Him and may clients see Jesus in their action and words, as staff bear witness to a hope that transcends all circumstances.

- For the continuation of good relationships and communication with partner organisations such as the City of Edinburgh Council, local homelessness services and community organisations.

- That clients feel safe and at peace in their accommodation and for the ongoing safety and wellbeing of people who have used the service in the past and have since moved on.

- That residents will find fresh opportunities to build resilience in their lives: social, economic, emotional and spiritual.
**Williamwood House, Glasgow**
A care home for older people living with dementia in Glasgow.

- Thanks for the staff; may God grant them the strength of character to remain committed and focused to the care of the residents.

- For good health and good weather to enjoy the summer with family and friends.

- For new staff; that they would enjoy the variety of their role and the learning available from staff and residents alike.

- Remembering the relatives with thanks for the patience and understanding they showed through one of the toughest years in social care.

- That the residents would experience good health and happiness as they stay at Williamwood House.
Oversteps
A comfortable and happy home providing residential care to 24 older people in Dornoch.

- Thanks for the opportunity and privilege Oversteps care home has in serving God through caring for others in the home.

- May the Lord bless all the committed staff at Oversteps care home for their continued devotion, compassion and support for each other, the residents and for the home.

- Remembering those we have cared for and who are no longer with us. May God give peace, comfort and strength to families and care staff.

- May those who enter the Oversteps home be filled with love, compassion and happiness.

- Remembering those living with dementia; may the Lord continue to guide staff and bless all those who enter the service.
Morven Day Services, Kilmarnock
A day service for adults offering mental health support in East Ayrshire.

- For those that are striving to overcome mental health issues; may they be able to see their steps of recovery, regardless of how small, and to celebrate their achievements.

- Give thanks for places like Morven Day Services which allows people the time and space to re-evaluate and find the person they once were, or to become the person they would like to be.

- For opportunities, resources and new and renewed relationships which help people handle mental health challenges in healthier ways.

- For the staff of the service; May the Lord be their wisdom and strength as they come alongside those they support.

- Remember those in the service who struggle with daily tasks; may they find new coping strategies or put into practice those they have learned; may they feel cared for, included and have a sense of purpose.

- Where there is stigma and isolation through mental health issues, may people find company and support; may they feel known, cared for and listened to without agenda or expectation.
Perth Visitors Support and Advice Centre
Support, advice and friendship for families visiting Perth Prison.

- For the children who come through the doors of the centre; may they feel welcome, understood and accepted as they engage with staff and activities.

- For the peace of God and the gentle power of God’s Holy Spirit moving in this place – for His call to freedom.

- Thanks for the staff and the volunteers; may they have wisdom to deal sensitively with the various needs of the people who use the service.

- For all prisoners, that they can maintain a positive relationship with their families, wherever possible, and remember those who have no visitors.

- Remember the Chaplaincy Centre staff in the prison who are on duty daily to provide support to those of all faiths, and those who have no faith.

- Thanks for the positive partnerships between the prison and the centre who aim to treat visitors with dignity and respect alongside security and protection for all.

Week beginning Sunday 14th August
Employee Representative Group
The Employee Representative Group is an elected group of staff representatives who provide support to the workforce through effective employee voice, representation and negotiate salary and terms and conditions changes for staff.

- Thanks for each representative of the team working within Older Peoples Services, Adult Care Services, Children & Family Services and Central Services, representing and supporting staff.

- For God’s daily blessings on our CrossReach colleagues who have worked tirelessly to care for those who use our services.

- For guidance as the Employee Representation Group work alongside Management colleagues to find the solutions to the challenges that lie ahead.

- For meetings around the country to allow staff voices to be heard.

- For strength for staff who are struggling with personal issues or are unable to be at work because of illness.

- For guidance as the Employee Representative Group looks to the future and embeds its new structure and name to help engage with staff and promote the views and voices of the workforce.

- For support and guidance for each member of the Employee Representative Group team appointed to work together and commitment to achieve the best for staff.
Threshold Glasgow
Support at home and day opportunities for adults with learning disabilities. The service aims to empower and include all who are part of their great team: customers, staff and families.

- For God’s guiding hand on Threshold Glasgow as it continues to develop. For wisdom and an open mind as new and established staff work together.

- Remembering with thanks retired staff member John Duncanson.

- For staff past and present who are ill; may they know God’s comforting hand at this time.

- For the service co-ordinators; may they be a source of support to the service leader.

- Thanks for those who organise service user holidays and the fun they bring.

- For patience, wisdom and strength through times of uncertainty; may Your footsteps be seen in the sand when we look back over these times.

- Pray for peace: “Peace. It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.” Unknown writer.
CrossReach Central Services
Including Finance, Human Recourses, Organisational Development and Senior Management staff.

- For the staff at CrossReach as they meet individuals, families and carers facing challenging circumstances; may they be granted wisdom and empathy to ensure that issues are acknowledged and concerns heard. May they respond with compassion and care.

- Remembering CrossReach colleagues who are ill or in pain and those supporting loved ones who are hurting; may they be surrounded by God’s peace and comfort.

- Thanks for staff across the whole organisation; may they be kept safe as they work to improve the lives of those that are being supported and cared for.

- Thanks for the volunteers across the organisation; may they be blessed for the work done in Your name.

- Thanks for the HR & OD team who provide support to operational managers and staff in the recruitment, development and employment of the workforce.

- That those who feel called to work within social care will apply to join the CrossReach family.
Cumnor Hall, Ayr
Cumnor Hall is a specialist care home supporting up to 31 people living with dementia.

- Thanks as we approach Autumn and the joy the new colours of the season brings.
- For all Cumnor Hall staff; keep them safe as they carry out the work You have given them to do
- For justice for those in need in the world around us; may everyone feel wanted and loved.
- May all the visitors and relatives who come into Cumnor Hall and other CrossReach services enjoy their visits.
- May staff experience God’s joy in their hearts and may this help to make others feel happy, secure and content.
The Walter & Joan Gray, Scalloway
The Walter & Joan Gray Care Home provides residential, respite and Day Care services to older people in the community.

- Thanks for peace, fun and friendship experienced in the home when, at times, family are unable to visit.

- For the residents; for the life stories they share that enrich all those around them and for the different characters they each have.

- For amazing staff; may they be blessed with energy, patience and enthusiasm as they go about their shift. May staff feel appreciated and valued.

- For relatives and friends of residents; may they know how much their visits are valued and may these visits be full of God’s grace and love.

- Thanks for the Walter & Joan Gray and its place in the community; may the staff reflect God’s compassion to those they meet and serve each day.
Week beginning Sunday 25th September

**Queen’s Bay Lodge, Edinburgh**
A happy and relaxing home providing residential care to older people in Edinburgh.

- May everyone in the service have a sense of God’s love and peace each day.

- Thanks for each of the staff members who make up the team at Queen’s Bay lodge; may the Lord continue to give them the strength to carry out this work in His name.

- For the families of our residents; may they be able to rest knowing their loved ones are in good hands as we support them together.

- Thanks for God’s eternal love, meeting us as we are.

- For the volunteers who generously give their time to support the home with activities and fundraising events. The service gives their grateful thanks.

- Thanks for the changing seasons and the enjoyment that each one brings to our daily lives.

- Thanks for each and every blessing, in these we see God’s love.
Fundraising and Engagement
The team that raises funds and co-ordinates events to support the work of CrossReach.

- Thanks for all the people that have supported and for those that continue to support, the vital work of CrossReach.

- Donating to CrossReach literally changes and saves lives; may this love in action continue to reach those who are most vulnerable and in need.

- That planned events would bring a sense of family to all those who take part.

- For inspiration and guidance on new ways to engage supporters and to source grant and trust funding schemes.

- Thanks for the churches that support CrossReach in so many ways; prayer, raising funds, events, raising awareness.

- Thanks for the churches that work in partnership with CrossReach providing venues for services and events.
The Kirkhaven Project
Providing move-on accommodation for homeless men and women aged 18-65 who have experienced mental health issues, substance dependency or challenging behaviours.

- Thanks for Harvest and seedtime and all the blessings received from God’s hand.
- May all know that God hears and answers prayers; may we learn to trust God in everything we do.
- May all anxieties be cast upon the Lord. He is our refuge and strength. His compassion never fails.
- May those whose lives are in the midst of addiction know God’s love. May they come to have the life in abundance promised by Jesus.
- For hope; may each day be lived with the knowledge of hope the gospel brings.
- Thanks for care given diligently each day to those in need. May all trust in the Lord with all their hearts.
- May we listen to God as He speaks to us each day so lives are enriched.
Bellfield, Banchory
A residential home for 34 older people, set in the picturesque town of Banchory in Royal Deeside.

- May God keep staff and residents well through winter months.

- Thank you God for Bellfield, for the friendship and comfort it brings. (JR, resident).

- Thanks to God for the staff; may He lift their spirits in times of need.

- Thanks for the Friends Group, for their time and support given to residents and staff.

- We are grateful to the staff for making our family and friends feel welcome and supported in Bellfield. (LG, resident).

- Thanks for the beautiful gardens that bring joy to the residents and the volunteer gardeners who maintain them.

- Thanks for the local community and all the gifts and support it gives to Bellfield.
CrossReach Perinatal Services
Perinatal counselling and therapy to families expecting a baby or with an infant up to two years old in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Moray and the surrounding areas. Counselling can be offered face-to-face, over the phone and online.

- For staff to continue to be resilient, adaptable and creative in supporting pregnant women and their families.

- For anxious parents and anxious babies; may they be reassured, soothed, nurtured and cared for in the service. May they heal, recover and thrive as they emerge from the difficulties of having had babies during lockdown and the ongoing pandemic.

- For the creche team; may they become a strong team, confident in running creche services for the counselling clients and their babies.

- Thanks for relief and volunteer staff who provide essential support in the service through their skills and dedication.

- For increased awareness of the service in the local community; may those who require the service know how to access it and get the support needed.

- For ongoing wisdom for staff; may they meet the emotional and mental health needs of clients.

- For the whole perinatal team and colleagues in Business Support who play an important role in supporting clients and staff.
Glasgow Day Opportunities
Offering support, friendship and outings for older people living at home in Glasgow.

- For God’s protection and guidance as staff go about their daily work. May there be understanding around each challenge that arises.

- For those who use the service and remain in their own homes; may their experience of the service be positive and may they feel safe, protected and listened to.

- Thanks for the partnerships with other organisations who provide care and support to those who use the service.

- Thanks and gratitude for the support from Central Services at Charis House which enables the continued work of the service.

- Thanks for a dedicated staff team who, through God’s grace, overcame many challenges through the pandemic.
CrossReach Residential Recovery Service

Formerly Rainbow House, CrossReach Residential Recovery Service supports people who are committed to living drug and alcohol free.

- For those looking for recovery from substance use; may they feel safe and supported through their individual journeys.

- May those who are supported grow in self-esteem and find security through their recovery. May they be able to maintain abstinence and live joyful lives free from pain and addiction.

- For the staff team and their loving care to those they support; may they feel supported in their work by the leadership team.

- Thanks for the Peer Mentor volunteers who give their time to the service, often after having gone through it themselves. May their passion and dedication be a great example to those supported by the service.

- That the service continues to be a safe and stable place where people are listened to and not judged, no matter what their background is.
CrossReach Tayside Support Services, Dundee

A community service supporting people who wish to move on from substance use, working through a community of recovery and also recovery cafes.

- That those who need help in Dundee would find it, and that barriers to accessing Tayside Support Services would be removed from those that need it.

- For physical, psychological and emotional resilience and strength for staff.

- For fruitful partnership working with other agencies; may those who use the service fully benefit from these.

- For healing and transformation for the service users; may they reach their full potential.

- For wisdom for staff as they work with people with complex needs.

- That staff would reflect CrossReach values in their daily contact with others.
Cunningham House, Edinburgh
Supported hostel accommodation for men and women experiencing homelessness in Edinburgh.

- For the Community Spirit Project that looks to give back to the community.
- For confidence for residents as they begin to rebuild their lives after a challenging year.
- For new staff; may they fit in well and find their feet quickly and easily.
- For the whole staff team; may they retain good health and motivation.
- Thanks for Cunningham House; may it be a place where residents settle and build good relationships with staff.
- For residents that move on; may their new stage of life be met with hope and confidence.
- For new residents; may they settle in well and build new and positive relationships with other residents and staff.
Whinnieknowe Care Home, Nairn
Whinnieknowe is a care home for 24 older people overlooking the Nairn River and Cawdor Hills.

- For help to take all worries to the Lord; may it be remembered that He can guide us.

- For strength to look after the residents; may there be happy memories made in the service.

- May the Lord give strength to staff as they care for the frail and elderly.

- For joyful and happy spirits as Christmas approaches.

- May the Lord keep residents safe; may His presence be in the home as daily tasks are carried out. May this be of comfort to all.
Beechwood House, Inverness
Beechwood House offers residential rehabilitation, community outreach and social care to people affected by substance use.

- For God’s blessing on all who come through the doors of Beechwood House and for His presence in the service.

- For guidance and wisdom for the decisions made about the service and those who use the service.

- Thanks for the committed and faithful volunteers who offer counselling and spiritual care to those who use the service.

- That those who use the service at Beechwood House would find hope for a changed and better life.

- Thanks for those who have sustained a life free from alcohol and drugs.

- Thanks and gratitude for a committed staff team who have worked tirelessly through challenging times, giving care and support to those who use the service.
Polmont Prison Visitors Centre

Polmont is Scotland’s Young Offenders prison for men (16-21) and some women. The Visitor Centre offers a warm welcome, refreshments, support and advice. The Visitors Centre also supports children visiting their parents in custody, with activities and opportunities for positive, interactive play.

- For the families of those in prison experiencing the difficult realities of having a loved one in prison; stigma, financial hardship and loneliness. May the Visitor Centre provide them with the support needed.

- For the children of those in custody who miss their parent; may the work of CrossReach build bonds between families despite the separation. May children benefit from regular, positive parental contact.

- Remembering prison staff and their challenging role; may working relationships with CrossReach make prison visiting at Polmont a more positive experience.

- Remembering the staff and volunteers; that they would have wisdom, patience, creativity and resilience to provide necessary support to visitors and children coming to the Centre.

- For the mental health of those in custody; that the right support would be received at the right time and that opportunities offered are taken up.

Week beginning Sunday 11th December
Cale House, Inverness
Homeless accommodation, for up to two years, for adults preparing for their own tenancies.

- Give thanks for the gift of this day; may each day be lived according to God’s will.

- May God help staff to do what is pleasing to Him and what is good for those they serve at Cale House.

- May the staff at CrossReach discover the joy of reaching out to people, bringing hope to those they work with and to the wider community to which the services belong.

- May God bless the staff with wisdom and grace as they minister to those He brings in to the service. May the prayers of the staff bring wholeness and hope for the future.

- For fairness; may all people be treated as brothers and sisters in Christ.

- Thanks for God’s blessings; may the gifts bestowed upon Cale House be used for the betterment of all people.

- For the staff; that they would receive the strength and wisdom to find the best solutions to the challenges that arise daily in their work.
CrossReach Counselling East
CrossReach Counselling East provides a wide range of therapeutic support and counselling for individuals or couples, children and young people and those affected by substance use. Support is delivered from our two city centre premises at Queen Street and Palmerston Place as well as over the phone and online.

- Remembering those with poor mental health and well-being who can find Christmas a very difficult time.

- Remembering those who are estranged from family and friends.

- That peace may be granted to those with unresolved traumatic experience.

- For the families who attend the service; may they find hope.

- Remembering with thanks the staff and volunteers; for their compassionate and caring response to those in need.

Week beginning Sunday 25th December
Gaberston House, Alloa

Gaberston House is a residential service for adults with mental health issues, based in tranquil private grounds. They also provide outreach support in the community.

- Thanks to God for His daily provision and good relationships; may all those we work with be blessed.

- For blessing and provision to meet the present and future needs of the service. For God’s help to grow the service.

- For blessings on those struggling with mental health, feelings of isolation, loneliness and low mood. May God lift and encourage them and may they know His peace.

- Thanks for staff; may the team be built through successful recruitment and may each member of staff be blessed in their work, training and lives.

- Thanks for support from Central Services and the local community; may they be strengthened and equipped to continue their work.
St Margaret’s House, Polmont
St. Margaret’s House is a 36 bed specialist care home for people living with dementia.

- 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.

- That residents of St. Margaret’s will find strength, encouragement, support and good health.

- That God will continue to bless the care given by all who work for CrossReach, whether as volunteers or staff.

- May all who receive care know God’s peace and joy in their lives.

- Thanks for all those who uphold the service in prayer.

- For the families of residents that have experienced the loss of a loved one; may they experience God’s comfort and peace.
Residential Care & Education
Erskine Waterfront Campus, Renfrewshire is a purpose built campus for children and young people to realise their potential skills, interests and strengths through building relationship. Our Children’s Houses provide homely and therapeutic environments which allow children & young people to thrive and grow.

- For staff mental health and well-being; may staff be able to spend time taking care of their own mental health and well-being.

- That the parents of day pupils would receive help and support from the school and other agencies.

- That the corporate parents would feel rejuvenated and refreshed in their roles.

- For strong communication between families and school.

- For the pupils; may they know they are loved and cared for and that they would experience God’s fatherly love through their time at Erskine Waterfront Campus.
The Dick Stewart Project, Glasgow
Criminal justice supported accommodation. The service offers support with independent living skills for long-term prisoners leaving prison.

- That God would continue to shine His light upon the Dick Stewart Service.

- For the service users; may they continue to receive God’s protection and guidance in their lives.

- For protection over the families of those who use the service.

- For continued protection from viruses and illness; may God guide those involved in treatment and prevention.

- For the continuation of good relationships with Commissioners; may they see the benefits of the Dick Stewart Service.

- For the leadership team in CrossReach; may God give them wisdom as corporate decisions are made.

- Thanks for the beauty of God’s creation; may all those involved in making environmental decisions seek God’s wisdom on how to protect the world from climate change.
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
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.

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